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## COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### Eleventh Regular Session

Rome, 11-15 June 2007

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**I. SPECIAL EVENT ON *EMERGING ISSUES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE: TOWARDS A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK***

**9 June 2007**

**Iran Room (B116), 9:30-18.00 hours**

1. On 9 June 2007, the special event, *Emerging issues in the management of genetic resources for food and agriculture: Towards a Multi-Year Programme of Work*, will be held in the Iran Room (B116) at FAO Headquarters. The FAO Headquarters Complex is located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, in front of the Circo Massimo. It can be reached by car, bus (No. 60, 75, 81, 118, 160, 271, 628,) and metro line B (Circo Massimo stop).

This event will introduce elements that could be considered appropriate for the draft Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) and offers delegates and observers an opportunity to discuss the MYPOW in detail with relevant experts. The discussion will provide additional insight into the possible structure and contents of the Commission's future programme of work. Each sector and each cross-sectorial issue will be introduced through short presentations by experts in the field. The programme of the Workshop is available at <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/cgrfa11.htm>.

**II. REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

**10 June 2007**

2. The following rooms have been put at the disposal for the regions, so that they may meet, prepare their positions, and discuss between Regions. Each room is equipped with a computer with Internet connection, and basic stationery. Interpretation is not provided.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Room</b>
Africa	Philippines Room (C277/C281)
Asia	Malaysia Room (B227)
Europe	German Room (C 269)
Latin America	Mexico Room (D211)
Near East	Lebanon Room (D209)
North America	Nigeria Room (C215)
South West Pacific	Espace Gabon (building A, ground Floor)
NGOs	Cuba Room (B224)

**III. ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**11-15 June 2007**

**Green Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor, A Building)**

**Regular Session**

3. The Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will open on Monday morning at 10:00 on 11 June 2007 in the Green Room at FAO Headquarters and will end on Friday afternoon, 15 June 2007.

A provisional time-table of the meeting is given in the document, *Draft provisional annotated agenda* (CGRFA-11/07/2) which can be found at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/cgrfa11.htm>.

### Regional Meeting Rooms

4. For the duration of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission, the following rooms have been put at disposal for the Regions, as well as NGOs. Each room is equipped with a computer with Internet connection, and basic stationary.

Region	Room
Africa	Philippines Room (C277/C281)
Asia	Malaysia Room (B227)
Europe	German Room (C 269)
Latin America	Mexico Room (D211)
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### Side events

5. Side-events may be scheduled during lunch hours and, with the exception of Friday 15 June, in the evening after the closing of the afternoon sessions.

Requests for side events should be submitted by fax or email to Álvaro Toledo (fax: +39.06.570.54497; e-mail: [alvaro.toledo@fao.org](mailto:alvaro.toledo@fao.org)). Please note that side events may be rescheduled to facilitate the needs of the Regular Session of the Commission.

### Reception

6. A reception for participants will be held on Monday 11 June 2007 at 18.00 hrs, in the Aventino room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Building B.

## IV. REGISTRATION, CONTACTS AND SERVICES 9-15 JUNE 2007

### Registration

7. Registration will take place at the Registration Counter located on the ground floor next to the main entrance of the FAO building. Registration will commence on Saturday, 9 June 2007, at 8:30, and will continue the following days from 9:00 to 13.00 and from 15.00 to 18:00, with the exception of the Sunday, 10 June 2007, when the Registration Counter will be closed.

**Please bring a valid official identity document with you.**

### Assistance to delegates from developing countries

8. With funds made available by donors, assistance is being provided to a limited number of delegates from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly from least-developed countries. They will be provided daily subsistence allowance during their stay in Rome. For this purpose, a special counter will be set up.

### Important contacts

9. For assistance or any request, please contact:
- Meetings Assistance: Ms. N. Bramucci (extension 53248) and Ms. S. Jesi-Galletti (extension 54981); e-mail: [cgrfa@fao.org](mailto:cgrfa@fao.org).
  - Documentation: Ms. P. Señor (extension 53248 and 56924); e-mail: [cgrfa@fao.org](mailto:cgrfa@fao.org).

**Telephone, telefax, printing and Internet facilities**

10. The Slovak Business Centre (building B, ground floor; extension 57090) will be available throughout the period for Internet, printing, fax and photocopying services.

Internet facilities are available to participants in the FAO David Lubin Library on the ground floor of building A, from 08:30 to 17:00 hrs.

FAO is also providing a free **Wireless Internet Service (WiFi)** for conference attendees. The service is available in and around the Green Room where the Commission's plenary sessions will be held, and in and around several other meeting rooms. In order to use the service, you need a laptop or PDA which has Wireless LAN capabilities, conforming to **802.11b** or **802.11g** standards. There will be a prompt for username and password. The username is *visitor*. For the current password, please contact the documentation desk in front of the Green Room.

**Catering facilities**

11. From Mondays to Fridays, the FAO Headquarters Complex offers a variety of dining and snack bar facilities where delegates may sit down for a meal, or order a quick snack and beverage. These facilities are closed during the weekend.

Several vending machines with assorted refreshments are located on the premises, and especially on the Second Floor of Building B and the Ground Floor of Building B.

**Medical services**

12. The Medical Services Division provides emergency medical assistance to participants and Members of missions accredited to FAO. For medical emergencies, participants may dial 30 from all in-house telephones or 06-570-53400 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex. For all other medical services, delegates may call extension 53577 from all in-house telephones (06-570-53577 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (First Floor, Building B) during the working hours of the Organization.