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The International Treaty ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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NOTIFICATION
Announcement of workshop in the Near East Region
Strengthening national capacities on plant genetic resources in the context of the Global Information System of the International Treaty

Dear National Focal Point of the Near East Region,

The Secretariat is pleased to announced the organization of the workshop "*Strengthening national capacities on plant genetic resources in the context of the Global Information System of the International Treaty*" that will be held in Giza, Egypt, from 9 to 11 May 2017.

The workshop is organised in collaboration with the National Genebank of Egypt and coordination with the Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA) and ICARDA.

The objective of the workshop is to provide an overview of the Programme of Work on the Global Information System (GLIS) on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and contribute to the ongoing efforts for the establishment of a regional coordination mechanism for PGRFA documentation and information sharing.

The activities of GLIS aim at supporting the work of genebank curators, plant breeders, geneticists and in situ/CWR experts working on documentation and information sharing of PGRFA material or bioinformatics, as well as information specialists. This first workshop will provide an opportunity to advance in the assessment of existing capacities, activities and on the current needs. The meeting will be conducted in English. The provisional agenda for the workshop is attached.

We would be grateful if you could nominate up to two participants from your country. Thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Germany, the Secretariat will be able to fund one participant, covering travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance. You are invited to submit the name and the contact details of the nominees to pgrfa-treaty@fao.org with an indication of the participant to be funded **before 31 March**.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Dr Kent Nnadozie

Secretary *a.i.*
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