



**Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations**



**International Treaty  
on Plant Genetic Resources  
for Food and Agriculture**

## RESOLUTION 4/2023

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY

#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** Articles 13.2, 13.3, 18 (in particular 18.4) and 19.3f of the International Treaty;

**Recalling** Resolution 3/2019 through which the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty for the period 2020 to 2025 was adopted, in order to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under this Treaty, and through which it decided to make the Committee a standing Committee;

**Recalling** its previous Resolutions on the Funding Strategy, in particular, Resolution 4/2022;

1. **Welcomes** the report of the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee or Committee) and the progress made in implementing the Funding Strategy since its adoption.

#### PART I: FUNDING STRATEGY

2. **Recalls** that the first three years of the Funding Strategy 2020–2025 were implemented mostly during the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly affected the global policy, fiscal and operational environment, and **thinks** the Committee for the recommendations for updating the Funding Strategy to effectively respond to the situation and, to new and emerging issues.
3. **Decides** to revise the timeline of the Funding Strategy from 2020-2025 to 2020-2027 to enable the Treaty to build upon the opportunities and momentum arising from the recent adoption of the GBF, and to enable the Funding Committee to support the finalisation of the process for the enhancement of the Multilateral System in the next biennium.
4. **Requests** the Funding Committee to continue to play a leading role in advancing the implementation and monitoring of the Funding Strategy in order to provide the necessary strategic guidance as well as operational oversight of relevant processes and activities relating to the Funding Strategy;
5. **Invites** FAO to prioritize the delivery of programmes and projects supportive of implementation of the Treaty, and to support the nexus between biodiversity and climate change, in particular, through its involvement in the Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund, as appropriate, and to actively contribute to the work of the Committee;
6. **Recalls** that the Global Crop Diversity Trust is an essential element of the Funding Strategy and **thinks** it for the significant efforts made to engage with the Committee as an active observer, providing inputs to the work of the Committee, and collaborating with the Treaty Secretariat on a number of resource mobilization and communication initiatives;
7. **Notes** with concern, the absence or low participation of some regions in the meetings of the Funding Committee, and **urges** Regional Groups and Contracting Parties to consider both expertise and availability in nominating members to the Committee.
8. **Decides** that the costs of the meetings of and the relevant preparatory work for the Funding Committee shall be included in the Core Administrative Budget as may be adopted by the Governing Body, supplemented by any voluntary contributions made available for that purpose, and requests the

Secretary to include such costs into the Core Administrative Budget that is presented to the Governing Body for approval at its Regular Sessions;

9. *Invites* Contracting Parties and donors in a position to do so to support the work of the Committee, in particular for the participation of developing countries.

## PART II: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

10. *Encourages* Contracting Parties to mobilize resources from various sources to meet the targets of the Funding Strategy;
11. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the approved Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy, and *requests* the Committee to continue to provide regular updates to the Governing Body on its implementation;
12. *Thanks* Germany, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America for their financial contributions during the period 2022–2023 to the Fund for Agreed Purposes of the International Treaty and other funds under the direct control of the Governing Body, and *encourages* other Contracting Parties and donors to also make financial contributions to the Fund to further support the implementation of the International Treaty;
13. *Further thanks* the European Union, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland for their financial contributions in support of the fifth cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund, and *invites* them, through its ongoing discussions with the Secretariat, to further enhance this relationship with a view to establishing a longer term strategic partnership with the International Treaty in areas of common interest;
14. *Welcomes* the further user-based payments to the Benefit-sharing Fund, and *stresses* the ongoing need for ensuring an enhanced and predictable flow of resources to the Fund;
15. *Thanks* the French Inter-professional Organisation for Seeds and Plants (SEMAE) and the Federation of Seed Industry of India for their generous contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund and *invites* the private sector and others to make or continue making and increasing financial contributions in order to meet the targets of the Funding Strategy;
16. *Recalls* that text regarding a target range for the Benefit-sharing Fund remains bracketed in paragraph 36 of the Funding Strategy, and *notes* the need to resolve this matter;
17. *Emphasizes* the importance of continuing the work on resource mobilization, communication, promotion and the International Treaty's branding and media presence to enhance funding for, and the visibility of the Benefit-sharing Fund and the Fund for Agreed Purposes of the International Treaty, in particular, and for the Funding Strategy.

## PART III: BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS

18. *Thanks* the Funding Committee for providing guidance to the operations of the Benefit-sharing Fund during the biennium and, in particular, for its work in launching the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund and finalising the project selection, which contributes to the realization of the programmatic approach for the Fund, as adopted by the Governing Body;
19. *Welcomes* the report on the Benefit-sharing Fund for the 2022-2023 period submitted to the Governing Body, and *stresses* the importance of communicating the results of the on-going projects under the Fourth Cycle and the expected results of the Fifth Cycle within the framework of the broader communication strategy of the International Treaty, and in this regard *requests* the Secretariat to continue to hold regional on-line briefings to update Contracting Parties and stakeholders on progress and relevant developments, as well as to receive feedback.

## PART IV: MONITORING, LEARNING AND REVIEW

20. *Invites* Contracting Parties, international mechanisms, funds, bodies, stakeholder groups and other international organizations to provide information to the Secretary to assist the Funding Committee in undertaking regular reviews of the Funding Strategy and *requests* the Funding Committee to continue

to work in collaboration with the Compliance Committee so as to agree the best way to integrate information in existing reporting formats;

21. ***Calls*** upon Contracting Parties to share information about the results of the further integration of PGRFA in national budgets and priorities with the Secretariat for the development of strategic tools that National Focal Points and others can use to leverage new resources;
22. ***Invites*** relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, stakeholder groups and other international organizations to provide information to the Secretariat that will enable the Funding Committee to better leverage funding from all sources for Treaty implementation and the delivery of non-monetary benefit-sharing.
23. ***Stresses*** the importance of finalizing and testing the methodology for measuring non-monetary benefit-sharing and requests the Funding Committee to give attention to this matter early in the biennium 2024–2025.