

## ***149th Session of the FAO Council (CL 149)***

### ***Side Event: The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture***

***Thursday 19 June, 13:00-14:30, Iran Room***

The side event is linked to the 10th anniversary of the entry-into-force of the Treaty (29 June 2004) and will provide an opportunity to reaffirm the important contributions that the Treaty makes for addressing the challenges posed to the global food security and sustainable agriculture in the context of climate change, which is one of the main thematic areas identified in the Sustainable Development Goals.

**About the event:** The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: Conservation and Innovation.

**Purpose:** The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) promotes and supports the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from their use. This year marks the 10th anniversary of its entry-into-force, reaffirming the commitment by the Treaty community to global food security and sustainable agriculture, particularly in the context of climate change.

Refreshments will be available outside the Iran room from 14:15 onwards

**Responsible office:** AGDTD / Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

**Languages:** English, French and Spanish

**Presentations:**

- **The International Treaty:** an international instrument for policy coordination to strengthen the long-term sustainability and resilience of food crop production worldwide  
(Mr Matthew Worrell, Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA)
- **The importance of the International Treaty for exchanging information and genetic resources for plant breeding and food security**  
(Mr. Ren Wang – Assistant Director General – FAO)
- **The Treaty’s Benefit-sharing Fund and its Global Information System as valuable contribution to farmers in developing countries**  
(Mr Shakeel Bhatti, Secretary of the ITPGRFA)
- **The Global Crop Diversity Trust:** an essential element of the Treaty’s Funding Strategy in relation to conservation and availability of crop diversity in genebanks  
(Mr Luigi Guarino, Senior Scientist, Global Crop Diversity Trust)

**Additional Information:** <http://www.planttreaty.org/>

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