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## NOTIFICATION

### Country reports for The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

I am pleased to bring to the attention of all national focal points of the International Treaty, the issuance of the Circular State Letter by FAO regarding the preparation of country reports for *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report).

You will recall that the Governing Body of the International Treaty, through Resolution 9/2019, invited Contracting Parties to cooperate with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) in the preparation of *The Third Report* in order to facilitate the updating of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second GPA). It also requested the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration and coordination with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence and synergies, among others, with regard to the preparation of *The Third Report* and the implementation of the Second GPA.

The Commission, at its Sixteenth Regular Session, endorsed a revised timeline for the preparation of *Third Report* and decided that it be presented to its Nineteenth Regular Session that will be held in 2023.

In this context, the Circular State Letter invites National Focal Points of the Commission to report, by **31 December 2020**, on the implementation of the Second GPA between July 2014 and December 2019. In addition, they should provide a summative narrative of the progress made between January 2012 and December 2019, and the remaining gaps and constraints. The Circular State Letter is attached to this notification and is also available at:

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/wiews/docs/C\\_AGP\\_30\\_e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/wiews/docs/C_AGP_30_e.pdf).

Guidelines to assist country reporting and the user manual for the WIEWS Reporting Tool have been made available at <http://www.fao.org/pgrfa/>. For further assistance, please contact [wiews@fao.org](mailto:wiews@fao.org)



The rolling GPA is a supporting component of the International Treaty, under Article 14, while Article 17.3 requires Contracting Parties to cooperate with the Commission in its periodic reassessment of the state of the world's plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in order to facilitate the updating of the rolling Global. The preparation of the related national reports is also of relevance for various aspects of reporting obligations under the International Treaty and their submission will additionally facilitate the preparation or the update of the national reports on the implementation of the International Treaty, which are due by 1 October 2023.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Nnadozie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Kent Nnadozie**  
Secretary  
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources  
for Food and Agriculture



Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Country reports for *The Third Report on the State of the World's  
Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) established in accordance with Article VI.1 of the Constitution of the Organization. The Commission is an intergovernmental forum for discussion and negotiation by governments on matters related to biodiversity for food and agriculture.

The Commission, at its Sixteenth Regular Session (Rome, 30 January – 3 February 2017) endorsed a revised timeline for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report) and decided that it be presented to its Nineteenth Regular Session that will be held in 2023.

In this regard, and further to Circular State Letter dated 18 June 2019 (ref. [C/CBD-10](#)), Commission Member Countries and other Countries are reminded to contribute to the preparation of the Third Report. More specifically, Countries are invited to:

- (1) **Nominate a National Focal Point for Plant Genetic Resources**, if they have not yet done so. The National Focal Point should be tasked with the coordination of the country report. Name, official title and address, including telephone, fax numbers and e-mail address of the National Focal Point should be communicated to: [views@fao.org](mailto:views@fao.org);
- (2) **Report by 31 December 2020** on the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second GPA); the reporting period spans from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2019; and
- (3) **Provide by 31 December 2020 a summative narrative** of the progress made in the implementation of the Second GPA since 1 January 2012 and of the remaining gaps and constraints identified.

Country reports should be submitted by National Focal Points through the Reporting Tool of the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS), which can be accessed on the FAO website at [www.fao.org/pgrfa](http://www.fao.org/pgrfa). The WIEWS Reporting Tool has been adapted to reflect the revised list of indicators and includes new sections for the summative narratives, as agreed by the Commission at its last session.

Country submissions may be made in any of the UN languages, preferably in English, French or Spanish.

Guidelines to assist country reporting and the user manual for the WIEWS Reporting Tool have been made available on the aforementioned webpage.

This communication is sent to addressees of all FAO Members, as prescribed in the official channels of communication of FAO, as follows:

**For ACTION/INFORMATION, as appropriate:**

- Main Addressees (Ministers for Foreign Affairs or Agriculture or other addressees selected by the Government);
- Permanent Representatives to FAO/Embassies.