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INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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I. INFORMAL DIALOGUE

Building Linkages to Strengthen On-Farm Management of Farmer's Varieties/Landraces: Community Seed Banks

24 July 2018

Red Room (1st floor, building A)

1. On 24 July 2018, an Informal Dialogue, entitled *Building linkages to strengthen on-far management of farmer's varieties/landraces: Community Seed Banks* will be held in the Red Room (1st floor, Building A) at FAO Headquarters, from 10:00 to 17:00 hours.
2. The Informal Dialogue will precede the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Working Group). It will consider networking approaches by community seed banks (CSB) for preserving farmer's varieties/landraces and discuss CSB's possible contributions to shaping an effective global network for on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. The programme of the Informal Dialogue will be published on the Working Group's website as it becomes available. Interpretation will be available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

II. REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

25-27 July 2018

3. The following rooms have been put at the disposal of the regions so that they may meet, prepare their positions, and discuss between Regions as of 8:30 am on 25 July 2018. The rooms will be at the disposal of the Regional Groups throughout the Ninth Session of the Working Group (25-27 July 2018).

Groups	Room
Africa	Nigeria Room (C283)
Asia	Pakistan Room (A127)
Europe	Lebanon Room (D209 bis)
Latin America and the Caribbean	Mexico Room (D213 bis)
Near East	G77 Room (A129)
North America	Espace Gabon (A025)
South West Pacific	Cuba Room (B224)

III. NINTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

25-27 July 2018

Red Room (A122)

4. The Ninth Session of the Working Group will open on **25 July 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** at FAO Headquarters; the session will end in the afternoon of 27 July 2018. The Session will take place in the Red Room.
5. The provisional agenda is available on the Working Group's website: <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/thematic-sitemap/theme/seeds-pgr/itwg/9th/en/>. Pre-session documents will be published on the website, as they become available.

IV. REGISTRATION

Registration Procedure

6. Access to FAO premises and participation in the meeting requires registration. All participants are requested to forward their names, official titles and addresses by email to ITWG-PGRFA@fao.org, together with a recent passport-size digital photograph.

Photo requirements: the photo must be in colour, featuring a frontal view of head and shoulders, similar to a passport photo; it must have a light or neutral background and show very little of the background above and on either side of the head (no hats, sunglasses, or accessories that obscure the face). The photo must be in digital JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) format and should also have a width to height ratio of approximately 3:4. In other words, a photo that is 2 cm wide should be approximately 2.5 cm high.

Contact person:

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Access to FAO

7. Enter the FAO premises by the main entrance on Viale Aventino and continue to the Visitor Centre, where you must undergo security check. Make sure to bring a valid identification document (passport or other type of official identification card with a photograph). Then, proceed to the Turkish Registration Centre immediately to the left as you enter Building "A", in order to collect your building pass which will be valid for the duration of the meeting and must be worn at all times. The registration desk will be open as of Tuesday, 24 July 2018 from 8:30 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:00 and for the duration of the Working Group Session.

8. Lost building passes should be reported without delay to the FAO Security Office.

V. ACCOMODATION

9. The Secretariat is not in a position to assist participants in making hotel reservations. For your information, please find below a selection of hotels in the vicinity of FAO:

<p>HOTEL S. PRISCA Largo Manlio Gelsomini, 25 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 5741917 E-mail: hsprisca@hotelsantaprisca.it www.hotelsantaprisca.it</p>	<p>THE CORNER TOWNHOUSE Viale Aventino, 121 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 87811930 E-mail: booking@thecornerrome.com www.thecornerrome.com</p>
<p>HOTEL VILLA SAN PIO Via Santa Melania, 19 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 570057 E-mail: info@aventinohotels.com www.aventinohotels.com</p>	<p>HOTEL DOMUS AVENTINA Via di Santa Prisca, 11/b 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 5746135 E-mail: info@hoteldomusaventina.com www.hoteldomusaventina.com</p>
<p>HOTEL SAN ANSELMO Piazza Sant'Anselmo, 2 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 570057 E-mail: info@aventinohotels.com www.aventinohotels.com</p>	<p>HOTEL AVENTINO Via San Domenico, 10 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 570057 E-mail: info@aventinohotels.com www.aventinohotels.com</p>

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<p>HOTEL LANCELOT Via Capo d'Africa, 47 00184 Rome Tel. +39 06 70450615 E-mail: info@lancelothotel.com www.lancelothotel.com</p>	<p>VILLA ROSA DOMINICAN SISTERS (B&B) Via delle Terme Deciane, 5 00153 Rome Tel. +39 06 5717091 E-mail: VillaRosaRome@gmail.com http://dominicansisters.wix.com/villarosaconventrome</p>

VI. FACILITIES AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Banking and currency exchange facilities

10. *Banca Intesa San Paolo* (ground floor, building B), and *Banca Popolare di Sondrio* (ground floor, building D) are open from Monday to Friday, from 08:30 to 16:30 hours. Cash dispensers (ATM) are located at the entrance of the banks (ground floor, Buildings B and C) and post office (ground floor, Building B).

Catering facilities and vending machines

11. The FAO Cafeteria, located on the 8th floor of building B, is available to participants from 12:00 to 14:30 hours.

12. The FAO Restaurant, located on the 8th floor of building C, is open from 12:00 to 14:30 hours. The Restaurant offers two types of services: a traditional restaurant service (fixed menu: fish € 25 or meat € 22; only with reservation 24 hours in advance) and an open buffet (fixed price € 9). For reservations, please call ext. 56823 (+39 06 57056823 from outside FAO).

13. Snack bars on the premises, are:

- Polish bar "A" (ground floor, building A), 7:30-17:00 hours
- Aventino bar "B" (8th floor, building B), 9:00-17:00 hours
- Blue bar "C" (8th floor, building C), 8:00-15:00 hours
- Eden bar "D" (ground floor, building D), 7:30-17:00 hours

14. Vending machines with assorted refreshments are located at various points throughout the premises, including on the 2nd floor of building A and the ground floor of building B next to the post office.

Electricity

15. In Italy the current is 220 volts, plug type is European standard.

Emergency telephone numbers in Rome in case of an emergency outside FAO headquarters

16. The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency outside FAO Headquarters:

- Police (Carabinieri): 112
- State Police (Polizia): 113
- Fire (Vigili del Fuoco): 115
- Medical Emergency/Ambulance: 118

Internet access, Wi-Fi, printing, photocopies, fax

17. Computers with internet facilities are available in the FAO David Lubin Library in room A012 (ground floor, building A), from Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 17:00 hours.

18. FAO provides a free Wireless Internet Service (Wi-Fi) for meeting attendees. This service is available in meeting rooms and in the atrium.

19. To connect to this service, detect the network “guest_internet”, open a browser and try to connect to an Internet site. You will be prompted for a username and a password, which you will be provided with during the meeting.

20. The Slovak Business Centre (ground floor, building B; extension 57090) is available for Internet, printing, fax and photocopying services.

Medical services (1st floor, building B)

21. For medical emergencies, dial 30 from all in-house telephones. For all other medical services, call ext. 53577 from in-house telephones (06 57053577 from outside FAO Headquarters).

Postal Service

22. The Italian Post Office, located on the ground floor, building B, is open from Monday to Friday, from 08:30 hours to 15:00 hours.

Local Transportation

23. Public transportation in Rome is managed by the *Azienda per i Trasporti Autoferrotranviari del Comune di Roma* (ATAC). Tickets for public transport (€1.50 for a standard ticket valid for one metro ride or 100 minutes on all buses; €7.00 for a 24-hour ticket; €12.50 for a 48-hour ticket; €18.00 for a 72-hour ticket; €24.00 for a weekly ticket) should be purchased in advance and are available from self-service ticket machines and at ticket offices in underground stations, tobacco shops and newspaper kiosks.

24. There are three underground metro lines in Rome: Line A, Line B and Line C. The stops are marked by a red and white “M” sign. The Metro stop for FAO is “Circo Massimo” (Line B). For further information on the routes and schedules of public transportation, please consult ATAC’s website: <http://www.atac.roma.it/>

Connections to/from Fiumicino Airport:

Rail:

- Direct non-stop train **Leonardo Express** to/from Termini Station (central station), every day from 6:36 a.m. until 11:36 p.m.: €14
- **FL1 rail line regional trains** to/from Stazione Ostiense (convenient for participants staying nearby FAO premises), every day from 5:57 a.m. until 11:27 p.m.

Buses:

- For further information on bus lines, including to Ostiense, please visit: <http://www.adr.it/pax-fco-autobus>

Security

25. The FAO Security Office (ext. 54427), located in room B062, operates from 8:00 to 17:00 hours; after 17:00 hours contact the Security Guards in building A: ext. 53145 (06 57053145 from outside FAO Headquarters).

Taxis

26. Participants are advised to use licensed taxis with meters. Taxis from the City of Rome are white, can be recognized by the sign "TAXI" on the car top, and must have an identifying license number on the doors, the back and inside the car. Surcharge fares are applied for baggage, night runs and on Sundays and holidays.

Fixed fares are set for journeys to/from airports as follows:

- From Fiumicino Airport to the fixed-rate-zone (inside Aurelian walls) and vice versa: € 48.00
- From Fiumicino Airport to Ciampino Airport and vice versa: € 50.00
- From Fiumicino Airport to Tiburtina Station and vice versa: € 55.00
- From Fiumicino Airport to Ostiense Station and vice versa: € 45.00
- From Ciampino Airport to the fixed-rate-zone (inside Aurelian walls) and vice versa: €30.00
- From Ciampino Airport to Tiburtina Station and vice versa: € 35.00
- From Ciampino Airport to Ostiense Station and vice versa: € 30.00

The Main Reception (Ground Floor, Building A) can assist participants in requesting a taxi. Participants can also call Radio Taxi Service: Tel. 06 3570 / 06 4994.

Telephone

27. FAO switchboard operator: Tel. +39 06 57051.

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