



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



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

## RESOLUTION 13/2023

### COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** Article 1.2 of the International Treaty, as well as Article 19.3 (g) and (l), which provide for the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with, as well as take note of the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP), and the provisions of Article 20.5, which requires the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

**Recalling** Resolution 13/2022 regarding cooperation with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat;

**Acknowledging** the need for continued capacity building support to Parties, especially developing countries, for the mutually supportive implementation of the International Treaty, the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol;

1. **Takes note, with appreciation** of the recent developments and ongoing processes under the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol that are of relevance to the International Treaty;
2. **Requests** the Secretary to continue monitoring and participating in the relevant processes related to the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, in order to promote practical, harmonious and appropriate interfaces among them, both nationally and internationally;
3. **Emphasizes** the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity and coherence as well as avoiding duplication between the International Treaty and the CBD, and with other biodiversity-related conventions, in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF);
4. **Takes note** of the Bern Process on cooperation and coordination among Parties of the biodiversity-related conventions and its contribution to the effective and efficient implementation of the GBF;
5. **Recalls** that, at its Ninth Session, it welcomed relevant reports of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and recognized their importance to the mandate and work of the International Treaty, and **emphasizes** the importance of including plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, where relevant;
6. **Welcomes** the adoption of a strategy for resource mobilization to support the implementation of the GBF and **requests** the Secretary to keep the Standing Committee for the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (Funding Committee) regularly informed of relevant developments in this area and report back to the Governing Body, at its Eleventh Session;
7. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and **requests** the Secretary to follow developments in the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and to keep the Funding Committee informed regularly and report back to the Governing Body, at its Eleventh Session;
8. **Thanks** the COP to the CBD for its invitation to the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to develop strategic guidance, in accordance with CBD COP Decision XIII/21, for

the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, and **requests** the Funding Committee to assess the efficiency and practicality of providing further strategic guidance on this area and, if appropriate, to develop, with the support of the Secretariat, elements of advice concerning the funding of the objectives and priorities the Treaty, consistent with the mandates of the Global Environment Facility, and **requests** the Secretary to transmit the elements of advice, if developed, to the sixteenth meeting of the CBD COP, consistent with COP decision XV/15;

9. **Takes note** of the previous work and ongoing processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity in relation to its “Gender plan of action” and “Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities” that are of relevance to a gender responsive approach and supportive of the implementation of the International Treaty, in particular Article 9;
10. **Thanks** the Secretariat for the activities undertaken to enhance cooperation, coordination and complementarity among the biodiversity-related conventions and **requests** the Secretary to continue this engagement during the next biennium;
11. **Commends** the Secretariat for its efforts to cooperate with the Secretariat of the CBD and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue exploring with the Secretariat of the CBD, practical means and activities to further enhance this cooperation, including by renewing the Memorandum of Cooperation and continue to develop joint initiatives between the two Secretariats, and to report to the Governing Body;
12. **Requests** the Secretary to cooperate with the Executive Secretary of the CBD by providing information on developments and practical implementation experiences within the International Treaty;
13. **Requests** the Secretary to explore measures that will facilitate the mainstreaming of issues related to plant genetic resource for food and agriculture (PGRFA) into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in line with programme priorities that relate to PGRFA;
14. **Welcomes** the on-going collaboration between the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD in the development of indicators on benefit-sharing under the GBF and the monitoring process on the achievement of SDG Target 15.6 “Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed” and **requests** the Secretary to report back to the Governing Body at each Session on any relevant developments regarding such collaboration;
15. **Welcomes** the engagement of the Secretariat of the International Treaty in capacity development activities on harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the Treaty and the CBD, and its Nagoya Protocol, and **requests** the Secretary to continue engaging in such activities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
16. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD in collaborating with the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, the ABS Capacity Development Initiative and other partners to bring together stakeholders and experts involved in the implementation of the International Treaty, the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue facilitating such interaction on the mutual supportiveness and harmonious implementation of the instruments, and to report the outcomes of such activities to the Governing Body;
17. **Requests** the Secretary to continue reporting on cooperation with the CBD at each Session of the Governing Body;
18. **Further requests** the Secretary, in keeping with paragraph 17 of Resolution 13/2022 to continue following processes within the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol concerning “digital sequence information / genetic sequence data” (DSI/GSD) on genetic resources and providing information on relevant International Treaty activities and collaborate and, as appropriate, coordinate with the Secretariat of the CBD on issues related to DSI/GSD on genetic resources in order to promote coherence and mutual supportiveness between the respective conventions and implementing processes, and report to the Governing Body at its next Session.