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NOTIFICATION

Online survey exploring the possibility of establishing a Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is pleased to announce the opening of the online survey on exploring the possibility of establishing a Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

At its Seventh Session, the Governing Body of the International Treaty, through Resolution 6/2017, requested *'the Secretary, in collaboration with other stakeholders, and subject to the availability of financial resources, to: [...iii] explore the possibility of establishing a Joint Programme on biodiversity in agriculture for sustainable use of PGRFA involving relevant international organizations and other stakeholders, with a view to enhancing the mission and goals of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and its Supporting Initiatives beyond 2019 through the establishment of a long-term programme 2020-2030, for consideration by the Governing Body at its next session.'*

In May 2018, the Secretariat of the International Treaty, in collaboration with the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) of Bari, organized an informal meeting of experts, to explore the possible elements of a Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable Use of PGRFA, and produced a background document.

The background document formed the basis of this online survey and it is available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/Sustainable_Use/Joint_ProgrammeSU.pdf, for your reference.

The online survey is available in:

English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/su_consultation

French: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/su_consultation_fr

Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/su_consultation_es

It will take no more 20 minutes to complete approximately, and will be online until 12 October 2018.



For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty:

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Any queries or requests for further information may also be addressed to the same contact.

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
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for Food and Agriculture