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## NOTIFICATION

**Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on  
Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture  
New Dates  
19 – 24 September 2022, New Delhi, India**

Dear Madam/Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the notification [NCP GB-Sp1 Invitation](#) issued on 5 October 2021, by which the Secretariat had informed about the postponement of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body to May 2022 and the consequent convening of the First Special Session in December 2021 to adopt the *interim* budget for 2022.

After the First Special Session, the Bureau of the Ninth Session had reassessed the situation in the context of the continuing uncertainties related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts and constraints, and concluded that the circumstances strongly indicate that the organization of an in-person meeting in May 2022, in New Delhi, India, may not be advisable or practicable.

Following further consultations with the Host Government of India, I have the honour to inform that the Bureau, after reviewing possible alternative scenarios, agreed to further postpone the Ninth Session to **19 – 24 September 2022** in New Delhi. The Session will be preceded by two days of regional and inter-regional consultations on 17 and 18 September 2022.

The Bureau and the Secretariat would like to express their appreciation to the Government of India for its flexibility and continuing strong commitment toward the hosting of the Ninth Session. Under the guidance of the Bureau, the Secretariat continues working with the Indian Government on the preparations for the Session and will publish additional information on arrangements in due course.

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty at [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org)

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

**Kent Nnadozie**  
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