



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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Item 3 of the Draft Provisional Agenda
THIRD MEETING OF THE <i>AD HOC</i> TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
Vienna, Austria, 24 and 25 October 2016
Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable

1. Introduction

1. This Annotated Provisional Agenda provides the proposed structure for the discussions and deliberations of the third meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ACSU). Due to budget constraints, the ACSU will hold, as in the past, only one meeting during the current biennium. It is therefore suggested that the focus of the meeting be on the outputs that will be presented to the Seventh Session of the Governing Body.
2. In establishing the Terms of Reference of the ACSU, the Governing Body stipulated that the Committee will provide advice to the Secretary on:
 - implementation of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives;
 - cooperation with other international processes and institutions in the field of sustainable use of PGRFA;
 - identification of additional activities and synergies within the Programme of Work and between the Programme of Work and other areas of work of the Treaty;
 - elaboration of the current gaps in conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA through the support of Contracting Parties and donors;
3. In order to convey comprehensive information to the ACSU members, agenda items and sub-items will be introduced by a concise presentation on the various activities carried out by Contracting Parties and other stakeholders who are implementing the Programme of Work. The present document lists the different inputs, organized per agenda item.
4. The present document also contains a proposed timetable for consideration and approval of the ACSU.

2. Opening of the meeting, election of the Co-chairpersons and adoption of the agenda and timetable,

5. After the formal opening of the meeting, the Secretariat will briefly introduce the proposed organization of the meeting. The ACSU will be invited to elect two Co-Chairpersons from among its members. The practice is to elect the Co-Chairpersons with a regional balance, i.e. one from G-77 countries and one from OECD countries.
6. The ACSU will be invited to consider the provisional agenda and the indicative timetable, in order to adopt the Agenda of the meeting and organize its work.

3. Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of PGRFA

7. At its Sixth Session, held in Rome in October 2015, the Governing Body adopted Resolution 4/2015¹ on the “Implementation of Article 6, Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources”. The Resolution endorsed the Programme of Work (PoW) on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2016-2019) which included the decision to reconvene the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of PGRFA.
8. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat prepared the document IT/ACSU 3/16/3 as initial report on progress of activities requested by the Governing Body. The ACSU will be invited to appraise the activities and programmes carried out by different Contracting Parties and stakeholders, based on the following components of the PoW:
 - Report on activities, projects and programmes for the achievement of sustainable use of PGRFA;
 - Progress in development the Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA;
 - Activities in the Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies (Platform);
 - Implementation of relevant activities in Resolution 5/2015 on Farmers’ Rights
9. Representatives of Contracting Parties, FAO and other International Organizations will be asked to illustrate their activities of relevance to the vision, mission and goals of the Programme of Work. Relevant information documents have been prepared on the:
 - Progress in the Development of the Toolbox for Sustainable Use of PGRFA, IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf. 2;
 - Contribution of the Benefit-Sharing Fund projects of the Treaty to the Sustainable Use of PGRFA, IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf. 3;
 - Contribution of the Global Information System to the Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf. 4;
 - Activities implemented by International Organization on Sustainable Use of PGRFA IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf.5
10. The ACSU will be invited to consider the information provided under this agenda item, in particular to review progress with implementing the Programme of Work and its supporting components, and advise the Secretariat as to the steps to be taken for the further advancement in preparation of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bl143e.pdf>

4. Identification of interrelations between the International Treaty, especially its Art. 9, and relevant instruments of UPOV and WIPO

11. In Resolution 5/2015, the Governing Body requested the Secretary “to continue engaging, in a mutually supportive manner with the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to jointly, and including through a participatory and inclusive process, as appropriate and subject to availability of resources, finalize the process for identification of possible areas of interrelations between their respective instruments and the Treaty” (Paragraph 12).

12. Document IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf.6 “Interrelations between the International Treaty and relevant instruments of UPOV and WIPO” provides a brief update on activities undertaken since the Sixth Session of the Governing Body for the implementation of this request, including information about the “Symposium on possible interrelations between the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the International Treaty) and the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention)” that will be held on 26 October 2016 at UPOV Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

13. The ACSU is invited to provide further advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Paragraph 12 of Resolution 5/2015, considering the advice the Secretary has received from the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body as presented in document IT/ACSU-3/16/Inf.6.

5. Other business

14. Under this agenda item, the ACSU may address any other business as may be requested in the meeting.

6. Adoption of the Report

15. This agenda item is for the approval of the Report of the meeting, which the Secretariat will make available in-session.

7. Proposed indicative timetable

Time	Agenda Item	Title	Working Documents
Monday, 24 October 2016			
09:30-09:45	1	Opening of the meeting	
09:45-10:00	2	Election of Co-chairs for the third meeting of the ACSU	
10:00-10:10	3	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	IT/ACSU-3/16/2
10:10-11:00	4	<p>Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives (2016-2019)</p> <p>4.1 Report on progress of activities requested by the Governing Body to Contracting Parties</p> <p><i>Presentation: "The Second Global Plan of Action and relevant reporting formats" – FAO-AGPM²</i></p> <p>4.2 Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA</p> <p><i>Presentation: "'Progress in defining the functions and contents of the Toolbox on Sustainable Use for PGRFA"</i></p>	IT/ACSU-3/16/3
11:00-11:15		Coffee break	
11:15-13:00		4.1 and 4.2: discussion	
13:00-14:00		Lunch	
14:00-15:20		<p>4.3 Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies within the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing</p> <p>➤ <i>Presentation: "Outcomes of the Platform Partners meeting (Vienna- 22 October 2016")</i></p> <p>4.4 Implementation of relevant activities in Resolution 5/2015 on Farmers' Rights</p> <p>➤ <i>Outcomes of the Electronic Stakeholder Consultation on Farmers Rights</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Outcomes of the Global Consultation on</i></p>	

² Food and Agriculture Organization - Plant Production and Protection Division (FAO AGP)
http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/agp-home/en/?no_cache=1

		<p><i>Farmers Rights (Bali- 27-30 September 2016)</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Joining efforts to develop capacity for the full implementation of Farmers' Rights: the Joint Capacity Building Programme</i></p>	
15:20-17:00		4.3 and 4.4: discussion	
17:00-17:15		Wrap up	
Tuesday, 25 October 2016			
09:30-10:45		Continued discussion on agenda item 4: "Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives"	
10:45-11:00	5	Interrelations between the International Treaty, especially its Art. 9, and relevant instruments of UPOV and WIPO	
11:00-11:15		Coffee break	
11:15-12:00	5	Discussion	
12:00-12:30	6	Other business	
12:30-13:30		Lunch	
14:30-15.30	7	Adoption of the Report	