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# COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

#### Seventh Session

Rome, 7–9 March 2023

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

#### 1. Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and *Rapporteur*

The Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources (Working Group) shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and *Rapporteur* from among the representatives of its Members at the beginning of the session. Relevant information is contained in document **CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/1**. The Statutes of the Working Group and its composition are given in the document **CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/1/Inf.1**.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

The provisional agenda is contained in the document **CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/2**. A provisional timetable is provided in the *Appendix* to the present document, which provides annotations to the provisional agenda. The list of documents for this session is contained in the document **CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/2/Inf.1**.

#### 3. Preparation of *The Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*

The Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its Eighteenth Regular Session, requested FAO to present the draft *Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (Second Report) for review by the Working Group at its Seventh Session and then for consideration by the Commission at its Nineteenth Regular Session.<sup>1</sup>

The document *Preparation of The Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (**CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/3**) presents a summary of activities undertaken for the preparation of the Second Report, the current status of the preparatory process, preliminary findings and next steps, for consideration by the Working Group. The draft Second Report is provided in the document *Draft*

<sup>1</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 66.

*Documents can be consulted at [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)*

*Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/3/Inf.1).*

The Working Group is invited to take note of progress made in the preparation of the Second Report. It is also invited to review the draft Second Report and to provide guidance to the Commission regarding its finalization.

**4. Implementation and review of the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources***

At its Eighteenth Regular Session, the Commission invited countries to strengthen their efforts to implement the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (Global Plan of Action), to contribute, through their National Focal Points (NFPs), to the development and testing of the new global information system on forest genetic resources, and to continue providing data on these resources. It requested FAO to continue coordinating and supporting the implementation of the Global Plan of Action, in collaboration with regional networks on forest genetic resources and relevant international organizations. The Commission further requested FAO to continue its efforts in developing the new global information system on forest genetic resources.<sup>2</sup>

The document *Implementation and review of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/4)* summarizes the activities FAO has undertaken since the Commission's last session to support the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. It also proposes a process for reviewing the Global Plan of Action. The document *Preliminary Second Report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/4/Inf.1)* presents in detail the progress made by countries in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action.

The Working Group is invited to take note of the activities reported in support of the implementation of the Global Plan of Action and the preliminary Second Implementation Report. It is also invited to consider the process proposed for the review of the Global Plan of Action and to provide guidance to the Commission regarding the future implementation of the Global Plan of Action.

**5. The role of forest genetic resources in mitigation of and adaptation to climate change**

The Working Group is invited to consider the role of forest genetic resources in mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. More specifically, it is invited to consider, in response to the Commission's request,<sup>3</sup> next steps with regard to the review of the *Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Integration of Genetic Diversity into National Climate Change Adaptation Planning*,<sup>4</sup> taking into account the need to address the vulnerabilities of genetic resources for food and agriculture (GRFA) to climate change and relevant international agreements.<sup>5</sup> The Working Group is further invited to review and revise, as appropriate, draft questions on climate change and forest genetic resources, as shortened, simplified and pre-tested by the Commission Secretariat at the request of the Commission.<sup>6</sup>

Next steps for the review and possible revision of the Voluntary Guidelines are discussed in the document *Climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/5)*. The updated questionnaire is attached to the same document. An overview of FAO activities

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<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraphs 62-63.

<sup>3</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 20.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fao.org/3/a-i4940e.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 20.

<sup>6</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 19.

on climate change is given in the document *FAO's work on climate change (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/5/Inf.1)*.

## 6. Access and benefit-sharing for forest genetic resources

The Working Group is invited to consider access and benefit-sharing (ABS) for forest genetic resources. It is invited to:

- review a typology of ABS country measures reflecting the importance of forest genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, their special role for food security and their distinctive features, prepared at the request of the Commission;<sup>7</sup> and
- take note and provide comments on a questionnaire prepared in response to the Commission's request for a report on the practical application and effects of ABS country measures to the different subsectors of GRFA and associated traditional knowledge.<sup>8</sup>

The document *Access and benefit-sharing and genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/6)* provides an overview of relevant developments under other international agreements and instruments, and introduces the typology of ABS country measures, for review by the Working Group. The populated typology is provided in the document *Access and benefit-sharing and genetic resources for food and agriculture: Typology of country measures (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/6/Inf.1)*. The Working Group may also wish to take note of and provide comments on the draft questionnaire developed for the preparation of the report on the effects of ABS measures. The draft questionnaire is contained in the document *Draft questionnaire on the implications of access and benefit-sharing measures for the use and exchange of genetic resources for food and agriculture and for benefit-sharing (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/6/Inf.2)*.

## 7. Digital sequence information and forest genetic resources

The Working Group is invited to consider the role of digital sequence information (DSI) for the sustainable use and conservation of forest genetic resources and for the sharing of benefits. The Working Group may wish to take into account relevant developments under the Convention on Biological Diversity and in other fora and consider their potential implications for forest genetic resources.

The document *Digital sequence information and genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/7)* provides information on how DSI is generated, stored, accessed and used for research and development related to GRFA, and summarizes relevant developments that have taken place in other fora, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, prior to 15 November 2022. The document draws on a study commissioned by the Commission Secretariat contained in the document *The role of digital sequence information for the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/7/Inf.1)*.

As requested by the Commission, its Secretariat held a global workshop on DSI and GRFA, to raise awareness among relevant stakeholders of the role of DSI for the conservation and sustainable use of GRFA and the sharing of benefits derived from them, address the state of the art of DSI on genetic resources, present possible implications that related technologies might have for research and development related to GRFA, and consider the challenges associated with accessing and making full use of DSI. The workshop was held virtually on 14 and 15 November 2022 in collaboration with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, CAB International and the CGIAR Genebank Initiative. The webcast of the workshop is available online.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 26.

<sup>8</sup> CGRFA-18/21/Report, paragraph 27.

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.fao.org/cgrfa/meetings/dsi\\_workshop\\_2022/en/](https://www.fao.org/cgrfa/meetings/dsi_workshop_2022/en/)

## **8. Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

Since 2007, the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) has guided the work of the Commission in the implementation of its mandate.<sup>10</sup> The document *Strategic plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: review and update (CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/8)* reviews progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the MYPOW, since the Commission's Sixteenth Regular Session. It also contains the draft updated Strategic Plan spanning the Commission's next five sessions.

The Working Group is invited to review the progress made in the implementation of the MYPOW and to review and revise, as appropriate, the draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2023–2031 and the MYPOW, as given in *Appendix I* to the document.

## **9. Any other matters**

## **10. Adoption of the report**

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<sup>10</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Report, *Appendix E*.

**APPENDIX  
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working document</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7 March 2023</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
10.00– 13.00	1	Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and <i>Rapporteur</i>	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/1
	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/2 CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/2 Add.1
	3	Preparation of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/3
<b>Tuesday, 7 March 2023</b>			
<b>afternoon</b>			
14:30– 17:30	4	Implementation and review of the <i>Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/4
	5	The role of forest genetic resources in mitigation of and adaptation to climate change	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/5
<b>Wednesday, 8 March 2023</b>			
<b>morning</b>			
10.00– 13.00	6	Access and benefit-sharing for forest genetic resources	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/6
	7	Digital sequence information and forest genetic resources	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/7
<b>Wednesday, 8 March 2023</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
14:30– 17:30	8	Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA/WG-FGR-7/23/8
	9	Any other matters	
<b>Thursday, 9 March 2023</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
14:30– 17:30	10	Adoption of the report	