



# The International Treaty

## ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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### NOTIFICATION

#### **Second Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing**

Geneva (Switzerland), 8 – 11 December, 2014

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to announce that the Second Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing (Working Group) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 9 to 11 December 2014. Arrangements are being made to allow delegates and stakeholders to hold regional and inter-regional consultations on 8 December 2014.

The Meeting is convened in accordance with the Terms of Reference adopted by the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, at its Fifth Session in September 2013, through Resolution 2/2013, *Implementation of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty*.<sup>1</sup> The up-to-date list of Members of the Working Group can be found here: <http://www.planttreaty.org/node/5838/>

At its first meeting Working Group decided that arrangements for the participation of observers at its subsequent meetings should be similar to those followed for the first meeting. It distinguished the following categories for processing future requests: Contracting Party Observers, Stakeholder groups, and silent observers (including non-Contracting Parties, Intergovernmental organizations, and the academic sector).

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<sup>1</sup> The Resolution 2/2013 is available at: <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/resolution-22013-implementation-funding-strategy-international-treaty>



The Meeting will be conducted in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

The documentation for the Second Meeting will be made available at International Treaty website: <http://www.planttreaty.org/node/6114/>

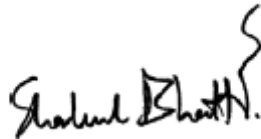
Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, with the exception of those representatives from developing country Working Group Members. Support will be provided for the participation of nominated representatives of Working Group Members which are developing countries. The support will cover travel costs and full board accommodation for the representative of each developing country Working Group Member.

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

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



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