



Our Ref.: NCP GB11-007–MLS inclusion by natural/legal persons

Rome, 31 October 2024

NOTIFICATION

Briefing note on the voluntary inclusion of material in the Multilateral System by natural and legal persons *and* invitation to provide input

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to Resolution 2/2023, Implementation and Operation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing,¹ I am pleased to inform you that the **briefing note for natural and legal persons interested in including material in the Multilateral System is now available** in English, French and Spanish on the website of the International Treaty at <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/f508218c-cb1b-436d-8523-c610351a2747>.

I am also pleased to **invite Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to share experiences they have made with the voluntary inclusion of germplasm by natural and legal persons** in the Multilateral System, as well as any suggestions for possible additional measures to facilitate or encourage such inclusions.

The inputs could comprise information on the number of accessions included in the Multilateral System by natural and legal persons, for example by making them available to national or international genebanks. For an overview of previously received information on the matter, please refer to the documents, [IT/GB-9/22/09.1.2 Rev.1](#) (*Report on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and other Reviews and Assessments under the Multilateral System*), especially paras. 31 to 52, and [IT/GB-9/22/09.1/Inf.1 Rev.1](#) (*Compilation of Submissions on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and on the Reviews and Assessments under the Multilateral System*).

I would appreciate receiving your inputs no later than **30 November 2024**, preferably by using the template attached, the .docx version of which can be downloaded [here](#).

For any query or request for further information, please contact us at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

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

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Secretary

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture

¹ <https://www.fao.org/3/no026en/no026en.pdf>, para. 3.

TEMPLATE

Input on the inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System by natural and legal persons:

Name:

Organization:

Email:

Country:

Relevant Articles of the International Treaty:

Article 11.3 – Contracting Parties also agree to take appropriate measures to encourage natural and legal persons within their jurisdiction who hold plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex I to include such plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System.

Article 11.4 – Within two years of the entry into force of the Treaty, the Governing Body shall assess the progress in including the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture referred to in paragraph 11.3 in the Multilateral System. Following this assessment, the Governing Body shall decide whether access shall continue to be facilitated to those natural and legal persons referred to in paragraph 11.3 that have not included these plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System, or take such other measures as it deems appropriate.

Possible elements for input:

- Measures taken in your country to encourage natural and legal persons who hold Annex I PGRFA to include those resources in the MLS;
- Information on natural or legal persons in your country that included Annex I PGRFA in the MLS: name(s), crops, accession numbers, etc.;
- Aggregate number of accessions made available by natural and legal persons in your country;
- Possible difficulties for natural and legal persons to include Annex I PGRFA in the MLS;
- Possible difficulties in encouraging natural and legal persons to include Annex I PGRFA in the MLS;
- Possible suggested measures to be considered by the Governing Body to encourage natural and legal persons to include material in the Multilateral System;
- Others.

Comments: