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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE COMMISSION'S MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (2014-2023)

ANNEX TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2023

The Commission, at its last session, adopted the Strategic Plan 2014-2023 for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture as the strategic framework for its work. It requested that an updated draft annex be presented to its Bureau for its consideration.¹

The Commission Bureau, at its meeting on 5 and 6 September 2013, welcomed the updated draft annex containing the Implementation Plan for the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work 2014-2023 (the Plan), as given in this document. The Plan will be annexed to the Strategic Plan 2014-2023.

¹ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 113.

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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE COMMISSION'S MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME
OF WORK (2014-2023)**

ANNEX TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2023

1. This plan for the implementation of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work (the Plan) aims to enable the Commission to organize its work to achieve and follow-up to the major outputs and milestones contained in the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW).

2. The Plan covers the implementation period of the Commission's Strategic Plan from 2014 to 2023. It proposes five tables, including issues to be addressed and activities to be undertaken for the preparation of each of the regular sessions of the Commission that is foreseen to be held during this period.

3. Given the dynamic environment in which the MYPOW is being implemented, where new and emerging issues continuously need to be taken into account, the MYPOW is reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis.

4. The issues and activities proposed in the tables of the Plan will be reviewed and updated in accordance with the revisions to the MYPOW.

5. In view of the difficulty to plan activities that would need to be undertaken in the long term, no activities have been proposed for a number of issues in the tables for the preparation of the Commission's Eighteenth and Nineteenth Regular Sessions. These tables will be completed when realistically possible.

6. The implementation of the Plan will greatly depend on the support provided by FAO's Programme of Work and Budget, and on the mobilization by FAO of extra-budgetary resources, as well as on partnerships with and contributions of other international organizations.

PREPARATION OF CGRFA-15 (2015)

SECTORAL / CROSS- SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-15
<i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance preparation of <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>, including issues related to the internalization of the ecosystem approach to biodiversity management in agriculture, forestry and fisheries and to the key roles of micro-organisms and invertebrates
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources</i> • Prepare document on the implementation and possible updating of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources • Develop draft guidelines on animal identification, traceability and performance recording • Prepare study on the nature of ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds
Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance preparation of <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>, including the finalization, distribution and use of guidelines for the preparation of country reports, and report on progress made • Prepare document on the possible establishment of an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on AqGR
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft implementation strategy for the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources • Prepare synthetic account of <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>
Plant Genetic Resources (PGRFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture • Develop draft guidelines for national strategies for PGRFA • Prepare options paper on global network(s) for <i>in situ</i> conservation and on-farm management: structure, functions and financial implications • Develop draft guide for national seed policy formulation • Initiate preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's PGRFA</i>
Micro-organisms and invertebrates	Issues of relevance to micro-organisms and invertebrates in food and agriculture will be examined in preparation of <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>
Access and Benefit-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile Draft Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture • Compile voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and standards in relation to ABS for all subsectors of GRFA • Develop explanatory notes to the distinctive features of GRFA • Develop a matrix illustrating international practices, initiatives and instruments of relevance to the subsectors of GRFA in the context of ABS
Biodiversity and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft guidelines for mainstreaming biodiversity into policies, programmes and national and regional plans of action on nutrition
Application and integration of biotechnologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate information on the most recent application and integration of biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable utilization of GRFA
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the implementation of the Commission's Programme of Work on Climate Change and Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and prepare progress report
Targets and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare document on targets and indicators for biodiversity for food and agriculture (including, the application of PGRFA indicators, the status of preparation of composite PGRFA indices, and food and nutrition

SECTORAL / CROSS- SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-15
	<p>indicators)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance work on targets and indicators to monitor the state of the world's forest genetic resources and the status of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources • Prepare progress report on the use of the Reporting format for monitoring the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for PGRFA
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather detailed information on the human and financial resources available to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work • Prepare annex to The Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2014-2023 to facilitate the implementation of the MYPOW • Invite international instruments and organizations (including the International Treaty on PGRFA, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the CGIAR) to report on their work in supporting the activities of the Commission and collate their inputs • Prepare document on new developments in FAO with regard to the status of observers • Prepare document including information on possible criteria for the composition of the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups

PREPARATION OF CGRFA-16 (2016/ 2017)

SECTORAL / CROSS-SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-16
<i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft report on <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare document on possible follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i> (to be submitted to the CBD after CGRFA-16 to facilitate the revision of The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020)
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft of The (Second) Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for discussion and adoption (depending on the outcome of CGRFA-15) • Prepare FAO progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources • Prepare brief report on the status and trends of animal genetic resources
Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft report on <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare document on follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>, including options on the elements to (further) develop related to the <i>Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries</i> to maintain a broad genetic basis and to ensure sustainable use and conservation of aquatic species and their wild relatives within national jurisdiction
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources
Plant Genetic Resources (PGRFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture • Assess the status and impact of genetic reserves for <i>in situ</i> conservation of priority crop wild relatives and traditional cultivars • Prepare assessment study on the application and impact of the Genebank Standards and on the development of crop-specific standards • Advance preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's PGRFA</i>, including the development of a process for collecting national data, and report on progress made
Micro-organisms and invertebrates	<p>Issues of relevance to micro-organisms and invertebrates in food and agriculture will be reflected in the draft report on <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i></p>
Access and Benefit-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on status of implementation of Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Biodiversity and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop/innovative existing survey methods and guidelines for dietary consumption to capture information on the role of food biodiversity in food security and nutrition and to assist countries to generate consumption data for biodiversity • Prepare progress report on the development and use of FAO/INFOODS Food Composition Database for Biodiversity
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report to review, assess, and if relevant update the implementation of the Programme of Work on Climate Change and GRFA
Targets and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and analyze lessons learnt from the implementation of targets and indicators
MYPOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the MYPOW and assess the need to review the MYPOW, including the cross-sectoral matters the Commission would like to address in the light of new developments in the area of GRFA
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare report on the status and needs of human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work

SECTORAL / CROSS-SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite international instruments and organizations (including the International Treaty on PGRFA, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the CGIAR) to report on their work in supporting the activities of the Commission and collate their inputs

PREPARATION OF CGRFA-17 (2018/ 2019)

SECTORAL / CROSS-SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-17
<i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare implementation strategy for follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare synthetic account of <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of The (Second) Global Plan of Action • Prepare brief report on the status and trends of animal genetic resources
Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop elements related to <i>The Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries</i> and associated tools for assessing their implementation, aimed to maintain a broad genetic basis and to ensure sustainable use and conservation of aquatic genetic resources • Prepare synthetic account of <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft outline, timeline and budget and develop process for collecting national data to support the preparation of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources
Plant Genetic Resources (PGRFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of The Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources • Advance preparation of <i>The Third Report on State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> (including collection of national data) and report on progress made • Prepare document on the implementation and possible updating of the Second Global Plan of Action for PGRFA
Micro-organisms and invertebrates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Access and Benefit-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare review of existing access and benefit-sharing instruments and their impact on GRFA and define future ABS work
Biodiversity and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare study to assess the impact of mainstreaming biodiversity into policies, programmes and national and regional plans of action on nutrition on the conservation and use of GRFA
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Targets and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the development and use of targets and indicators for biodiversity for food and agriculture
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and assess impact of the State of the World Reports and, when relevant, of their Global Plans of Action • Prepare report on the status and needs of human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work • Invite international instruments and organizations (including the International Treaty on PGRFA, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the CGIAR) to report on their work in supporting the activities of the Commission and collate their inputs

PREPARATION OF CGRFA-18 (2020/ 2021)

SECTORAL / CROSS-SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-18
<i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft outline, timeline and budget and develop process for collecting national data to support the preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare Synthesis progress report to provide a global overview of progress made to implement The (Second) Global Plan of Action • Prepare FAO progress report on the implementation of The (Second) Global Plan of Action and of its Funding Strategy • Prepare brief report on the status and trends of animal genetic resources • Prepare International organizations progress report
Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the elements of the <i>The Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries</i> and associated tools aimed to maintain a broad genetic basis and to ensure sustainable use and conservation of aquatic genetic resources
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources • Advance preparation of <i>The Second Report on State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i> (including collection of national data) and report on progress made • Prepare document on the implementation and possible updating of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources
Plant Genetic Resources (PGRFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of draft of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare draft Third Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, if relevant
Micro-organisms and invertebrates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Access and Benefit-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Biodiversity and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Targets and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
MYPOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report/ periodic assessment/ review of the MYPOW.
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare report on the status and needs of human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work • Invite international instruments and organizations (including the International Treaty on PGRFA, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the CGIAR) to report on their work in supporting the activities of the Commission and collate their inputs

PREPARATION OF CGRFA-19 (2022/ 2023)

SECTORAL / CROSS-SECTORAL MATTERS	ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION OF CGRFA-19
<i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare progress report on the implementation of the follow-up to <i>The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</i>
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> and report on progress made • Prepare document on the implementation and possible updating of the (Second) Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources • Prepare FAO progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources • Prepare brief report on the status and trends of animal genetic resources
Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft outline, timeline and budget and develop process for collecting national data to support the preparation of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> • Prepare review of the implementation of the elements of <i>The Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries</i> and associated tools aimed to maintain a broad genetic basis and to ensure sustainable use and conservation of aquatic genetic resources
Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i> • Prepare draft Second Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources, if relevant • Prepare FAO progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Forest Genetic Resources
Plant Genetic Resources (PGRFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the implementation of the (Second or Third) Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources
Micro-organisms and invertebrates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Access and Benefit-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Biodiversity and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Application and integration of biotechnologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate information on the most recent application and integration of biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable utilization of GRFA
Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Targets and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on previous recommendations by the Commission on this matter.
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare report on the status and needs of human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work • Invite international instruments and organizations (including the International Treaty on PGRFA, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the CGIAR) to report on their work in supporting the activities of the Commission and collate their inputs