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## International Year of Pulses 2016

### Executive Summary

1. Following resolution 6/2013 of the 38<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference, the UN General Assembly, at its 68<sup>th</sup> session declared 2016 as the International Year of Pulses (IYP).
2. The main objective of the IYP is to raise awareness of the contribution of pulses to food security and nutrition. Pulses are important food crops and offer significant nutritional and health advantages due to their high protein and essential amino acid content as well as being a source of complex carbohydrates and several vitamins and minerals.
3. The Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development (OPC), has set up a Secretariat that will lead the IYP implementation process, in collaboration with an International Steering Committee (ISC). The IYP-SC consists of representatives and alternates from FAO members, academia, civil society, private sector, cooperatives and producer organizations, as well as representatives from FAO technical divisions, IFAD and WFP. The IYP-SC will hold preparatory meetings throughout 2015 and on a monthly basis throughout 2016.
4. The IYP Website was launched in March 2015. It will be gradually updated with content related to IYP celebrations and activities, technical papers, articles and multimedia materials.

### Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference may wish to take note of the information related to the IYP, to recognize requirements regarding its preparation and implementation, and provide guidance and recommendations for its observance.

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