



# The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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## Item 3 of the Draft Provisional Agenda

### FIRST MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Rome, Italy, 8-9 November 2012

### Provisional Annotated Agenda and Timetable

#### ITEM 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ACSU-PGRFA) was established by the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture at its Fourth Session, in March 2011 by Resolution 7/2011. The first meeting of the Committee will be held at FAO, Rome, Italy, from 8 to 9 November 2012. The opening session will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 8 November 2012, in the India Room.
2. The meeting will be conducted in English.

#### ITEM 2. Election of the Co-Chairs of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

3. The Committee will comprise up to two members nominated by each Region. Two Co-chairs, one from a developing and one from a developed country Contracting Party, will be elected from the members of the Committee.

#### ITEM 3. Adoption of agenda and timetable

4. The present document contains the Provisional Annotated Agenda and the Provisional Timetable, for consideration by the Committee. Document IT/ACSU-1/12/1 contains the Provisional Agenda for the first meeting of the Committee. Under this item the Committee is invited to adopt its Agenda and the Timetable.

#### ITEM 4. The Stakeholders' consultation

5. In Resolution 7/2011 the Governing Body requested the Secretary to establish a consultation process "*to gather information to identify and elaborate elements of a Programme of Work (PoW), involving a wide range of stakeholders and relevant international organizations*".

6. The Secretariat has prepared, in collaboration with FAO, a survey. The survey, in the form of a questionnaire will be sent by e-mail to a list of more than 650 stakeholders involving Contracting Parties of the Treaty, National Focal Points of the Treaty and of the Global Plan of Action (GPA), United Nations Agencies, other units of FAO, all members of the Inter-sessional Committees of the Treaty, non-governmental organizations, civil society's organizations, the International Agricultural Research Centers, agricultural associations/federations/foundations and the private sector.

7. The questionnaire will be accessible in English from the page <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/su-consultation2012>.

8. The outcomes will be summarized in an information document that will be distributed in the Fifth Session of the Governing Body.

9. Under this item of the Agenda, the Committee is invited to evaluate the draft questionnaire and advise on:

1. The main research elements and questions;
2. How to further promote the participation of relevant stakeholders;
3. The period of time the questionnaire should be online.

**ITEM 5. Elements for the Definition of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of PGRFA(PoW)**

10. Resolution 7/2011 has also foreseen the elaboration of a draft programme of work on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

11. The PoW should be an instrument able to show the importance of the sustainable use of PGRFA. It should prioritise work on the interpretation of Sustainable Use (Art 6.2 of the Treaty); describe which of the GPA activities match these objectives and clarify the linkages between conservation, sustainable use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights.

12. Under this item of the Agenda the Committee is invited to consider the document *Elements for the definition of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use (PoW)*.

**ITEM 6. Development of a Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA**

13. In Resolution 7/2011, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to further explore the development of a toolbox on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in order to assist Contracting Parties in the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty.

14. A toolbox for sustainable use of PGRFA should be conceptualized as one-stop shop from which institutions or individuals can draw selectively from a common, comprehensive set of instruments, to tailor solutions to individual needs.

15. Under this item of the Agenda, the Committee is invited to consider the document *Development of a Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA* as a basis for discussion.

**ITEM 7. Farmers' Rights: compilation of submissions received and report of the Regional Workshops**

16. In Resolution 6/2011, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to convene regional workshops on Farmers' Rights, subject to the agreed priorities of the Work Programme and Budget and to the availability of financial resources, aiming at discussing national experiences on the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, involving, as appropriate, farmers' organizations and other stakeholders.

17. In the same resolution, it requested the Secretary to compile the submissions referred to in paragraph 17 above, and the reports of the regional workshops for consideration by the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use, and to disseminate relevant information through the website of the International Treaty, where appropriate.

18. Under this item of the Agenda, the Committee is invited to consider the document *Farmers' Rights: compilation of submissions received and report of the Regional Workshops*.

**ITEM 8. Other business**

19. Under this item, the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture may address any other business that is relevant to its work.

**ITEM 9. Adoption of the report**

20. Under this agenda item the Committee will adopt its Report.

**PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Thursday, 8 November 2012</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
10:00-10:30	1	Opening of the meeting	
10:30-10:45	2	Election of Co-chairs for the first meeting of the Committee	IT/ACSU-1/07/2
10:45- 11:00	3	Adoption of Agenda and Timetable	IT/ACSU-1/07/1 IT/ACSU-1/07/2 IT/ACSU-1/07/Inf. 1
11:00-13:00	4	The Stakeholders'consultation	IT/ACSU-1/12/3
<b>Thursday, 8 November 2012</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
14:30-17:00	5	Elements for the definition of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of PGRFA (PoW)	IT/ACSU-1/12/4
<b>Friday, 9 November 2012</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
9:00-11:00	6	Development of a Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA	IT/ACSU-1/12/5 IT/ACSU-1/12/Inf. 4
11:00-13:00	7	Farmers' Rights: compilation of submissions received and report of the Regional Workshops	IT/ACSU-1/12/6 IT/ACSU-1/12/Inf. 3
<b>Afternoon</b>			
14.00-16.00		Drafting of the report	
16:00-17.00	8	Other business	
	9	Adoption of the report	