



Our Ref.: NCP GB8-020 MYPoW/DSI

Rome, 1 April 2019

NOTIFICATION

Invitation to submit views and other information on “Digital sequence information” (Extended deadline: 17 May 2019)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the previous notification NCP GB8-016 MYPoW/DSI, available at this link: <http://www.fao.org/3/CA2701EN/ca2701en.pdf>.

As specified in the notification, the Governing Body of the International Treaty at its Seventh Session, decided to consider at its forthcoming Eighth Session the potential implications of the use of “digital sequence information” (DSI) on genetic resources for the objectives of the International Treaty, and to consider it for inclusion in the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Governing Body (MYPoW) at that meeting.

The Governing Body invited Contracting Parties, other governments, relevant stakeholders and individuals with relevant expertise on the matter to provide information to the Governing Body, including on:

- terminology used in this area;
- actors involved with DSI on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA);
- the types and extent of uses of DSI on PGRFA, such as: characterization; breeding and genetic improvement; conservation; identification of PGRFA;
- the relevance of DSI on PGRFA for food security and nutrition.

Based on requests received from stakeholders, the deadline for providing information is hereby extended to **17 May 2019**.

I would be grateful if all submissions could be provided through: pgdfa-treaty@fao.org. All submissions, as received, will be made available at this link: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/overview/mypow/dsi/en/>

I will also compile the views received and make them available to Contracting Parties, so to inform discussions on the topic at the Eighth Session of the Governing Body.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Nnadozie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kent Nnadozie
Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture

