

174th Session of the FAO Council

Item 14: Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 17-21 July 2023)

I am pleased to present the Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

The Conference, at its last session, mandated the Council to consider the Commission's Report for endorsement (C 2023/REP, paragraph 41).

The Council is invited to endorse the Report, to adopt the resolution on *The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* and to endorse two new subsidiary bodies the Commission established at its last session.

The Commission held its 19th Regular Session from 17 to 21 July 2023; its Report is contained in document CL 174/13.

The Commission considered at this session draft reports on the state of the world's plant and forest genetic resources, reviewed the implementation of its global plans of action on aquatic, animal, forest and plant genetic resources, and addressed specific functional groups of microorganism and invertebrate genetic resources.

The Commission also considered various cross-sectoral matters, including the role of genetic resources for food and agriculture in mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, and endorsed a draft resolution on *The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework*. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹ was adopted in December of last year by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The draft resolution is contained in Appendix C to the Report, for consideration by the Council.

In accordance with its Statutes, the Commission established two new subsidiary bodies and invited the Council to endorse them. Subject to the availability of extra-budgetary resources, the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Microorganism and Invertebrate Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Ad Hoc Expert Team on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture should meet before the Commission's next session.

Ms Deidré A. Januarie, Chairperson of the of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

¹ [CBD/COP/DEC/15/4](#)