



Our Ref.: NCP GB9-05-Farmers' Rights - Submissions

4 March 2020

## NOTIFICATION

**Invitation to update previous submissions on best practices/asures of implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty,**  
**or**  
**submit views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to update previous submissions they made on views, best practices and measures for implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty, as well as Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders who could not make any submissions previously to submit their views, best practices and measures for implementing Farmers' Rights so that these may be included in the inventory.

Contracting Parties and stakeholders are encouraged to use the [Template](#) endorsed by the Governing Body in making the submissions<sup>1</sup>.

You will recall that, at its Seventh Session, the Governing Body established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Farmers' Rights with the Terms of Reference to "produce an inventory of national measures that may be adopted, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights", and "based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.

During the last biennium, the AHTEG made significant progress in carrying out the tasks assigned to it, and reported to the Governing Body at its Eighth Session. At its Eighth Session, the Governing Body<sup>2</sup>: *decide[d] to reconvene the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for the 2020-2021 biennium in order to complete its tasks based on the Terms of Reference established at its Seventh Session, and invite[d] Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organization, to submit or update views, experiences and best practices for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, for inclusion in the Inventory.*

To facilitate the timely consolidation of such inputs for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group at its third meeting in July 2020, I would appreciate receiving such information by **30 April 2020** through: [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org).

All submissions will be published on the website of the International Treaty:  
<http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/farmers-rights/submissions-by-the-contracting-parties-and-stakeholders/en/>

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty through:

**Mr. Mario Marino**

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<sup>1</sup> Template: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4907en/ca4907en.docx>

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 6/2019: <http://www.fao.org/3/nb784en/nb784en.pdf>



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

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

**Kent Nnadozie**  
Secretary  
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for Food and Agriculture