



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

Benefit-sharing Fund: 2008 Call for Proposals

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is pleased to inform Contracting Parties of the opening of the Call for Proposals for this biennial cycle (2008-2009) under the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Treaty.

The Governing Body awards grants to organizations based in the countries which are Contracting Parties and that work towards maintaining and increasing the use of genetic resources for food and agriculture, in accordance with the objectives of the Treaty.

Applications should be maximum 2-3 pages long. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2009.

The maximum grant size per project at this time is 50,000 USD. For this period, the Second Session of the Governing Body has established the following priorities for projects to be funded:

- 1) Information exchange, technology transfer and capacity-building;
- 2) Managing and conserving plant genetic resources on-farm;
- 3) The sustainable use of plant genetic resources.

Applications must be submitted through the national authorities of a country that is a Contracting Party to the Treaty, i.e. through the National Focal Points or through the Permanent Representatives to FAO.

Information regarding priorities, eligibility criteria, how to apply for a grant, deadlines and the process overview has been posted at the Website of the Treaty. The Call is attached to this notification.

I will remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

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

Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture





Call for Proposals 2008

Information on applications can be found online at <http://www.planttreaty.org>

Applications for the Funding Programme of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Governing Body of the Treaty invites applications from organizations based in the countries which are Contracting Parties to the Treaty, for grants within the framework of the priorities detailed in Appendix D.1, taking into account the eligibility criteria and the procedures detailed in Appendices D.2 and D.3 of the Report of Governing Body at its Second Session. The maximum grant size for project at this time is 50,000 USD.

How to Apply for a Grant

The Governing Body awards grants to organizations that work towards maintaining and increasing the use of genetic resources for food and agriculture, in accordance with the objectives of the Treaty.

All applications must be submitted through the national authorities of a Contracting Party to the Treaty, i.e. through the National Focal Points or through the Permanent Representatives to FAO. See below the list of National Focal Points and Permanent Representatives.

For this period the Second Session of the Governing Body has established the following priorities: 1) Information exchange, technology transfer and capacity-building, 2) Managing and conserving plant genetic resources on-farm, 3) The sustainable use of plant genetic resources. It is strongly recommended that you read the applicable eligibility criteria, selection criteria, pre-proposal and full proposal outlines and all other essential information in the Treaty web site before preparing a submission.

Deadlines

The Governing Body awards grants on a biannual cycle. Applicants seeking grants can submit a pre-proposal by the following date: **15 January 2009**.

What happens after you submit a pre-proposal?

First we will notify you by e-mail of the receipt of the pre-proposal. Subject to the deliberations of the Bureau of the Governing Body, the Treaty Secretariat endeavours to send an initial response to all submissions of pre-proposals by 18 February 2009. If you have not received a response by that time, please contact the Secretariat.

Should the request meet the eligibility criteria of the Treaty and fall within the priorities established by the Governing Body and be found valid for this call for proposals, it will be considered for funding.

Full Proposals

The Governing Body accepts full proposals only when provided at the invitation of its Secretariat. It is during the preparation of the full proposal that you will be required to provide detailed information about your organization, such as its founding instruments, governance and financial documentation. The deadline for submissions of full proposals from approved pre-proposals is **18 March 2009**. The date of the final review for approval of full proposals is **31 May 2009**.

Questions on Submissions

Many common questions can be answered by viewing our Frequently Asked Questions page. If you have other questions or difficulties in submitting a request for funding, you may contact us by e-mail at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org or by phone at (39) 0657053554. Please type “Application Question” in the subject line of the e-mail.

Submission of Pre-proposal

All applications must be submitted through the national authorities of a Contracting Party to the Treaty, i.e. through the National Focal Points or through the Permanent Representatives to FAO. Therefore, please select the relevant National Focal Point or Permanent Representative from the list below and send your application to them with copy to the Secretariat of the Treaty at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org or by fax (39) 0657056347. Applications will then be sent by the national authorities to the Secretariat of the Treaty.

Process Overview

Submission of pre-proposals	15 January 2009
Screening and response to pre-proposals	18 February 2009
Submission of full proposals	18 March 2009
Approval of full proposals	31 May 2009

-List of Contracting Parties: <http://www.fao.org/Legal/treaties/033s-e.htm>

-List of National Focal Points: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/nfp/focalpoints.pdf>

-List of Permanent Representatives accredited to FAO: <http://adintersys.fao.org/BluebookOnline/jsp/>

-Eligibility criteria, selection criteria, pre-proposal and full proposal: http://www.planttreaty.org/funding_en.htm