



Our Ref.: NCP GB10-006 Invitation and Agenda

31 May 2023

## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Tenth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

**Rome, Italy, 20 - 24 November 2023**

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Tenth Session of the Governing Body will be held in Rome, Italy, from 20 to 24 November 2023 and will be preceded by regional and inter-regional consultations on 18 and 19 November 2023. The invitation letters have been dispatched through the FAO official channels of communication.

The Governing Body is convened under the provisions of Article 19 of the International Treaty and is open to all Contracting Parties to the International Treaty and to observers. Expenses incurred by representatives of Contracting Parties, when attending sessions of the Governing Body, or subsidiary bodies, as well as the expenses incurred by observers at sessions, shall be borne by their respective governments or organizations. Extra-budgetary funds have, however, been made available to the Secretariat for the purpose of supporting one representative of developing country Contracting Parties, if they so request. Countries wishing to avail themselves of such support should inform the Secretariat at the earliest possible and no later than 28 July 2023, and provide the name and full contact details of their representative.

The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The Provisional Agenda is online and other working and information documents will be made available on the International Treaty website: <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1618930/>

The Secretariat would appreciate being informed, by 28 July 2023, of the name(s) of the delegate(s), alternate(s), expert(s) and adviser(s) of each Contracting Party or, in the case of Non-Parties, the name(s) of the observer(s) designated to participate in the Session. Online registration for countries is available through the password-protected FAO Members Gateway: <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/en/>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the Gateway. Please note that online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph.

Observers, including international organizations, designated to attend the meeting are requested to forward their names, official titles and addresses by e-mail to: [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org) together with a recent passport-size digital photograph.

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Each Contracting Party is requested to kindly submit the credentials of delegate(s), alternate(s) and expert(s) and adviser(s) designated to attend the Session to the Secretariat of the International Treaty, insofar as possible, not later than 28 July 2023. The credentials for national delegations should indicate which member is the delegate, the alternate and adviser(s) and should be submitted to the International Treaty Secretariat by e-mail ([PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org)) to the attention of:

**Mr Kent Nnadozie**  
Secretary  
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture  
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Please note that credentials of Members and Associate Members of the Organization shall be valid if they:

- i. bear the signature of, or are signed on behalf of, one of the following authorities: Head of State, Head of Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs or Minister for the Department concerned;
- ii. are letters signed by an Ambassador, Chief of Mission or Chargé d'Affaires, which contain a phrase confirming that they are acting upon instruction from their governments;
- iii. are "Ordres de Mission" if specific mention is made of the current session and if they are signed by the Minister concerned;
- iv. are Notes Verbale; and
- v. are scanned copies of the original credentials.

An example of credentials is attached to the official invitation letter and can be provided upon request.

Before travelling, participants should check visa requirements with the competent Italian Consulate. It is the responsibility of participants to request their visa applications personally, arrange for an appointment and present all the necessary documentation to the Italian Consulate. Participants who do not need an entry visa to enter Italy should ensure that their passports are valid for at least six months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen area.

Any queries or requests for information should also be addressed to the Secretariat of the International Treaty at the e-mail address: [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org).

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



**Kent Nnadozie**  
Secretary  
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources  
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