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Dear Dr. Bhatti,

Re: Notification regarding the contribution of Rwanda to Multilateral System of the ITPGRFA

Rwanda became a Contracting Party to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) in October 2010, and is in the course of implementing the Treaty to its fullest. With this letter, Rwanda would like to inform you of the materials that for Rwanda are in the Multilateral System for Access and Benefit-sharing of the Treaty, based on Article 11 of the Treaty.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, Rwanda wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in Rwanda have been included in the Multilateral System. Information on the composition of the collection can be found at the National Information Sharing Mechanism for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture: <http://www.pgrfa.org/gpa/advancedsearch.jsp>, choosing RWA under the country tab. User procedures to order samples will become available as soon as possible.

Please find the list of crops included in the annex. The inclusion regards the following collections:

1. The collections held by the Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB) in the various agriculture research centres of the Board throughout Rwanda. Further data about specific varieties can be requested with the heads of crop programmes and at a later stage with the national genebank. Requests for material can be directed to the Deputy Director General, Research: Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB), PO Box 5016, Kigali, Rwanda: infos@rab.gov.rw ; www.rab.gov.rw
2. The bean, Irish potatoes and rice collections held by the Higher Institute of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry (ISAE) located in Musanze, Rwanda. Further data about specific varieties can be requested with the Faculty of Agriculture and Rural Development. Requests for material can be directed to the Dean of the Faculty: PO Box 210, Musanze, Rwanda; isaeinfos@isae.ac.rw ; www.isea.ac.rw

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Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

I wish you success.

Yours Sincerely,

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Director General

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- **Deputy Director General for Reseach, RAB**



Annex I: List of crops from Rwanda under the Multilateral System

Food crops

Existing in Rwanda Y/N	Crop	Genus	Observations
Y	Brassica complex	<i>Brassica</i> et al.	Genera included are: <i>Brassica</i> , <i>Armoracia</i> , <i>Barbarea</i> , <i>Camelina</i> , <i>Crambe</i> , <i>Diplotaxis</i> , <i>Eruca</i> , <i>Isatis</i> , <i>Lepidium</i> , <i>Raphanobrassica</i> , <i>Raphanus</i> , <i>Rorippa</i> , and <i>Sinapis</i> . This comprises oilseed and vegetable crops such as cabbage, rapeseed, mustard, cress, rocket, radish, and turnip. The species <i>Lepidium meyenii</i> (maca) is excluded.
Y	Citrus	<i>Citrus</i>	Genera <i>Poncirus</i> and <i>Fortunella</i> are included as root stock.
Y	Carrot	<i>Daucus</i>	
Y	Strawberry	<i>Fragaria</i>	
Y	Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>	
Y	Barley	<i>Hordeum</i>	
Y	Sweet Potato	<i>Ipomoea</i>	
Y	Apple	<i>Malus</i>	
Y	Cassava	<i>Manihot</i>	<i>Manihot esculenta</i> only.
Y	Banana / Plantain	<i>Musa</i>	Except <i>Musa textilis</i> .
Y	Rice	<i>Oryza</i>	
Y	Beans	<i>Phaseolus</i>	Except <i>Phaseolus polyanthus</i> .
Y	Pea	<i>Pisum</i>	
Y	Potato	<i>Solanum</i>	Section <i>tuberosa</i> included, except <i>Solanum phureja</i> .
Y	Eggplant	<i>Solanum</i>	Section <i>melongena</i> included.
Y	Sorghum	<i>Sorghum</i>	
Y	Triticale	<i>Triticosecale</i>	

Y	Wheat	<i>Triticum</i> et al.	Including <i>Agropyron</i> , <i>Elymus</i> , and <i>Secale</i> .
Y	Cowpea et al.	<i>Vigna</i>	
Y	Maize	<i>Zea</i>	Excluding <i>Zea perennis</i> , <i>Zea diploperennis</i> , and <i>Zea luxurians</i> .

Forages

Existing in Rwanda Y/N	Genera	Species
Y	<i>Canavalia</i>	<i>Ensiformis</i>
Y	<i>Lotus</i>	<i>corniculatus</i> , <i>subbiflorus</i> , <i>uliginosus</i>
Y	<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>albus</i> , <i>angustifolius</i> , <i>luteus</i>
Y	<i>Medicago</i>	<i>arborea</i> , <i>falcata</i> , <i>sativa</i> , <i>scutellata</i> , <i>rigidula</i> , <i>truncatula</i>
Y	<i>Trifolium</i>	<i>alexandrinum</i> , <i>alpestre</i> , <i>ambiguum</i> , <i>angustifolium</i> , <i>arvense</i> , <i>agrocicerum</i> , <i>hybridum</i> , <i>incarnatum</i> , <i>pratense</i> , <i>repens</i> , <i>resupinatum</i> , <i>rueppellianum</i> , <i>semipilosum</i> , <i>subterraneum</i> , <i>vesiculosum</i>
Y	<i>Andropogon</i>	<i>Gayanus</i>
Y	<i>Dactylis</i>	<i>Glomerata</i>
Y	<i>Phleum</i>	<i>pretense</i>
Y	<i>Tripsacum</i>	<i>Laxum</i>