



The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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Overview of Initiatives Involving the International Treaty and UPOV

**Symposium on Possible Interrelations between the
International Treaty and the UPOV Convention,
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Overview of main areas

- Non-monetary benefit-sharing
- Global Information System
- Farmers' Rights
- Information initiatives: side events, workshops
- Mutual attendance of meetings: Governing Body, ACSU, High-level Roundtable, Farmers' Rights Global Consultation; UPOV Council, UPOV Consultative Committee

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Non-monetary benefit-sharing

- Article 13.2(a)-(c): **Information exchange, access to and transfer of technology, capacity-building**
- GB Resolution 1/2013, para. 2: Thanks the Council of UPOV for the **practical support that has been provided to the International Treaty in the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing initiatives by the Office of UPOV**, following the decision of its Council
- Access to **PLUTO** for research project

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Technology Transfer Platform

- **Objectives:** establish a 'one-stop shop' for coherent technology packets, based on the understanding of technology co-development and transfer pathways;
- **Vision:** stakeholders are empowered to utilize technologies for the conservation, characterization, evaluation and use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
- current **Presidency:** Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD);
- **UPOV: technical advisory partner.**

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The Global Information System and UPOV

- **Vision:** integrate and augment existing systems to create the global entry point to information and knowledge for strengthening the capacity for PGRFA conservation, management & utilization
- Multiple **tools and initiatives:** EasySMTA, Capfitogen
- E.g.: 3000 high-density rice genome maps included by International Rice Research Institute for global food security
- Mutual interest in speaking about and learning from each others information systems, such as **PLUTO**, to facilitate use of plant genetic resources in plant breeding

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Farmers' Rights - interrelations

- **GB Resolution 8/2013:** "... to jointly identify possible areas of interrelations among their respective international instruments."
- **GB Resolution 5/2015:** "... to jointly, and including through a participatory and inclusive process, as appropriate and subject to availability of resources, finalize the process for identification of possible areas of interrelations between their respective instruments and the Treaty"

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Farmers' Rights - Consultations

- Small Group Workshop, Geneva (QUNO)
- Regional Consultation, Africa
- Electronic Consultation, Treaty Secretariat
- Global Consultation, Bali, September 2016 (Indonesia, Norway, Italy and Switzerland)

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Workshop on the Treaty and UPOV

- **Workshop** on Treaty implementation and **benefits and opportunities of both the Treaty and the UPOV Convention**
 - Dubai, December 2015
 - Organized by the **Ministry of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates**, supported by the **FAO Sub-regional Office for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States and Yemen**

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Thank you!

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