Overview of Initiatives Involving the International Treaty and UPOV

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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

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.
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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