

Consultative Committee

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1. The purpose of this document is to report on the first meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Experts Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA).
2. The Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA was held in Kigali, Rwanda, from October 30 to November 3, 2017.
3. At its Seventh Session, through Resolution 7/2017 (available at the ITPGRFA website <http://www.fao.org/3/a-mv102e.pdf> and reproduced in Annex I to document CC/95/10 "Interrelations with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)"), the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA decided to establish an *Ad Hoc* Technical Experts Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG) to:
 - i) Produce an inventory of national measures that may be adopted, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty; and
 - ii) Based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.
4. By letter of April 18, 2018 from Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the ITPGRFA, UPOV was invited to nominate an expert to attend the meetings of the AHTEG. Members of the Union were informed of this invitation by means of UPOV circular E 18/048, of May 1, 2018, which reported that the Office of the Union intended to nominate an expert to participate in the meetings of the AHTEG.
5. The first meeting of the AHTEG was held from September 11 to 14, 2018 in Rome, Italy. The adopted report of the first meeting of the AHTEG, document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18, is available at <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1099122/>.
6. Under item 5 of the agenda "Implementation of Farmers' Rights", the AHTEG agreed to utilize the structure for the inventory as provided in Appendix 4 of the Report (see Annex I to this document). The AHTEG agreed that, in accordance with its Terms of Reference, the inventory would only focus on measures and practices that had been or are in the process of being implemented. It also agreed that there should be a brief introductory part, explaining the nature of the inventory, its purpose and how it was developed (see document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18, "Report", paragraph 15).
7. The AHTEG requested the Secretariat the ITPGRFA, to insert the information on national measures, practices and examples received so far into the structure given in Appendix 4 (see Annex I to this document) and using the Template for collecting information on examples as given in Appendix 5 of the Report (see Annex II to this document). In this process, the Secretariat of the ITPGRFA may consider the need to use categories, taking the discussions of the AHTEG into account. The AHTEG also requested the Secretary of the ITPGRFA to put the Template, as given in Appendix 5, on the ITPGRFA's website as a suggested template for further collection of submissions to be presented to the next meeting of the AHTEG (see document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18, "Report", paragraph 16).

8. The AHTEG requested that the Secretary of the ITPGRFA prepare a working document, for its next meeting, on possible alternatives to developing options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights. The document would explain what could be understood by "options" and how they differ from guidelines (see document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18, "Report", paragraph 18).

9. The Secretary of the ITPGRFA informed the AHTEG that its next meeting is, tentatively, scheduled for the week of 20 May 2019, subject to the availability of financial resources. The Office of the Union plans to attend that meeting (see document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18, "Report", paragraph 20).

10. The AHTEG will report back to the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA on its work for further consideration at its Eighth Session, to be held in 2019. The Secretary of the ITPGRFA will communicate the date and place of the Eighth Session. The Office of the Union plans to attend that Session.

11. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note:*

(a) the report on the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Experts Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA);

(b) the information concerning the second meeting of the AHTEG, tentatively, scheduled for the week of 20 May 2019, as set out in paragraphs 8 to 10, of this document.

[Annexes follow]

Structure of the inventory

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Technical	Administrative	Legal, etc				
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[Annex II follows]

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Template for collecting information on examples

Basic information:

- Title of measure/practice
Name(s) of country/countries in which the measure/practice is taking place
- Responsible institution/organization
(name, address, website (if applicable), e-mail address, telephone number(s) and contact person)
- Type of institution/organization (categories)
- Collaborating/supporting institutions/organizations/actors, if applicable
(name, address, website (if applicable), e-mail address, telephone number(s))

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMPLES

Mandatory information:

- Brief history (including starting year), as appropriate
- Core components of the measure/practice (max 200 words)
- Short description of the context and the history of the measure/practice is taking place (political, legal and economic framework conditions for the measure/practice) (max. 200 words)

Other information, if applicable:

- Objective
- Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmer
- Location(s) and geographical outreach
- Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice
How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture? Please describe the achievements of the measure/practice so far (including quantification)
(max 200 words)
Other national level instruments that are linked to the measure/practice
- Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice?
- Other issues you wish to address, that have not yet been covered, to describe the measure/practice

LESSONS LEARNED

- Describe lessons learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices
(max 250 words).
- What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable)
(max 200 words)
What would you consider conditions for success, if others should seek to carry out such a measure or organize such an activity?
(max 100 words)

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Link to further information about the measure/practice