



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**



**International Treaty
on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture**

RESOLUTION 9/2023

CONTRIBUTION OF FAO TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Resolution 9/2022 and other previous Resolutions on the Contribution of FAO to the implementation of the International Treaty;

1. *Thanks* FAO for the financial and administrative support it provides to the Secretariat of the International Treaty and to the implementation of the International Treaty, and *invites* FAO to continue its support to the International Treaty;
2. *Emphasizes* the importance of FAO's continued assistance with the implementation of the International Treaty at the national level, including through the provision of technical, capacity building and operational support where appropriate to the International Treaty and its mechanisms, such as the Benefit-Sharing Fund;
3. *Invites* FAO to recognize the importance of the implementation of the Treaty at the national level, through different FAO programs and initiatives, such as through the Decade for Family Farming and the National Action Plans of Family Farming, given their catalytic role.
4. *Invites* FAO to continue supporting the efforts to increase the membership of the International Treaty by undertaking concrete measures to promote ratification by FAO Member Countries that have not yet done so, with a view to making it a universal agreement;
5. *Further invites* FAO to continue its active support to and consider funding the needs of the International Treaty as a key international instrument for the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 15 and the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), including by raising awareness of the importance of the implementation of, and compliance with, the International Treaty at the highest national levels through the FAO country, sub-regional and regional offices;
6. *Welcomes* progress made in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan, and *notes* the important role of the Strategy as coordination mechanism for activities through which FAO supports countries in integrating biodiversity, including the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food and agriculture and other components of biodiversity of relevance to food and agriculture, into relevant programmes, policies and legislation;
7. *Invites* FAO to take into consideration new developments within the International Treaty in the review and updating of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors by the FAO Council and to integrate the relevant components of the International Treaty into the implementation of initiatives and strategies, with a view to providing additional channels for the International Treaty to contribute to addressing complex social, economic and environmental challenges of agrifood systems in a globally equitable, inclusive and sustainable manner;
8. *Encourages* FAO to support Member Countries, upon request, to integrate biodiversity for food and agriculture in the updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plans, and in doing

so to emphasize opportunities for strengthening implementation of the International Treaty, and ***calls upon*** donors to support FAO in this important work and to jointly mobilize resources with the International Treaty;

9. ***Takes note*** of the current efforts of the FAO Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment to enhance synergies and mutual support among its component teams in order to improve synergies in delivering on and contributing to the overall Strategic Objectives of FAO.
10. ***Requests*** the Secretary to continue pursuing collaboration with units and instruments within FAO, including on outreach, resource mobilization and private sector engagement;
11. ***Invites*** FAO to continue providing a comprehensive report at each Session on its contributions to the implementation of the International Treaty and ***requests*** the Secretary to continue providing updates on the status of implementation of the above invitations extended by the Governing Body of the International Treaty to FAO, as well as on ongoing and new collaborations and partnerships within FAO.