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NOTIFICATION

Electronic Consultation on Farmers' Rights

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is pleased to announce the opening of the Electronic Consultation on the Implementation of Article 9 - Farmers' Rights.

At its Sixth Session, the Governing Body adopted Resolution 5/2015, Implementation of Article 9, Farmers' Rights. The Governing Body "*request[ed] the Secretariat to engage Contracting Parties and relevant organizations to take initiatives to gather information at national, regional and global levels for exchanging views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.*" The Governing Body also "*encourage[d] the Secretariat to conduct active outreach on the extent of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty to relevant stakeholders as another necessary measure to advance the implementation of these rights.*"

As requested by the Governing Body, to follow up the implementation of Resolution 5/2015, the Secretariat has prepared an electronic survey which is aimed to gather views, perceptions, options and approaches and possible strategies and options for the implementation of Farmers' Rights. The survey is also aimed to gather inputs for the preparation of a study on lessons learned.

The results and outcomes of the electronic survey will be presented at the Global Consultation of Farmers' Rights in September 2016, hosted and organized by the Governments of Indonesia and Norway.

The survey, available in English, French and Spanish, will take 30 minutes approximately to complete and will be online until 30 June 2016.

English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/global_survey_FR_en

French: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/global_survey_FR_fr

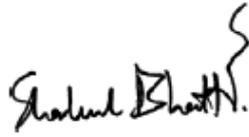
Spanish: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/global_survey_FR_es

I highly appreciate and encourage your participation and contribution. Please feel free to distribute the link to this questionnaire among potential respondents in your network.



Thank you very much in advance for your participation and for your continued support to the work of the International Treaty.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shakeel Bhatti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent vertical stroke on the right side.

Dr Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
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