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 Sustainable Use on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

At its Fifth Session (Oman, 2013), the Governing Body adopted Resolution 7/2013 and the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PoW) and its Supporting Initiatives. As part of the implementation of the PoW the Secretariat has prepared, under the supervision of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of PGRFA, a survey to gather a set of prospective tools to develop the Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA. The responses will be analysed and reported in a synthesis document at the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty in October 2015.

The survey, available in English, French and Spanish, will take 30 minutes to complete approximately and will be online until 24 May 2015. We highly appreciate and encourage your participation and contribution. Please feel free to distribute the link to this questionnaire among potential respondents in your network:


You can find more information at the Treaty’s website or by email at [ITPGRFA-Consultation-Sustainable-Use@fao.org](mailto:ITPGRFA-Consultation-Sustainable-Use@fao.org). 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.

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1 [www.planttreaty.org/content/resolution-72013-implementation-article-6-sustainable-use-plant-genetic-resources](http://www.planttreaty.org/content/resolution-72013-implementation-article-6-sustainable-use-plant-genetic-resources)