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TENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

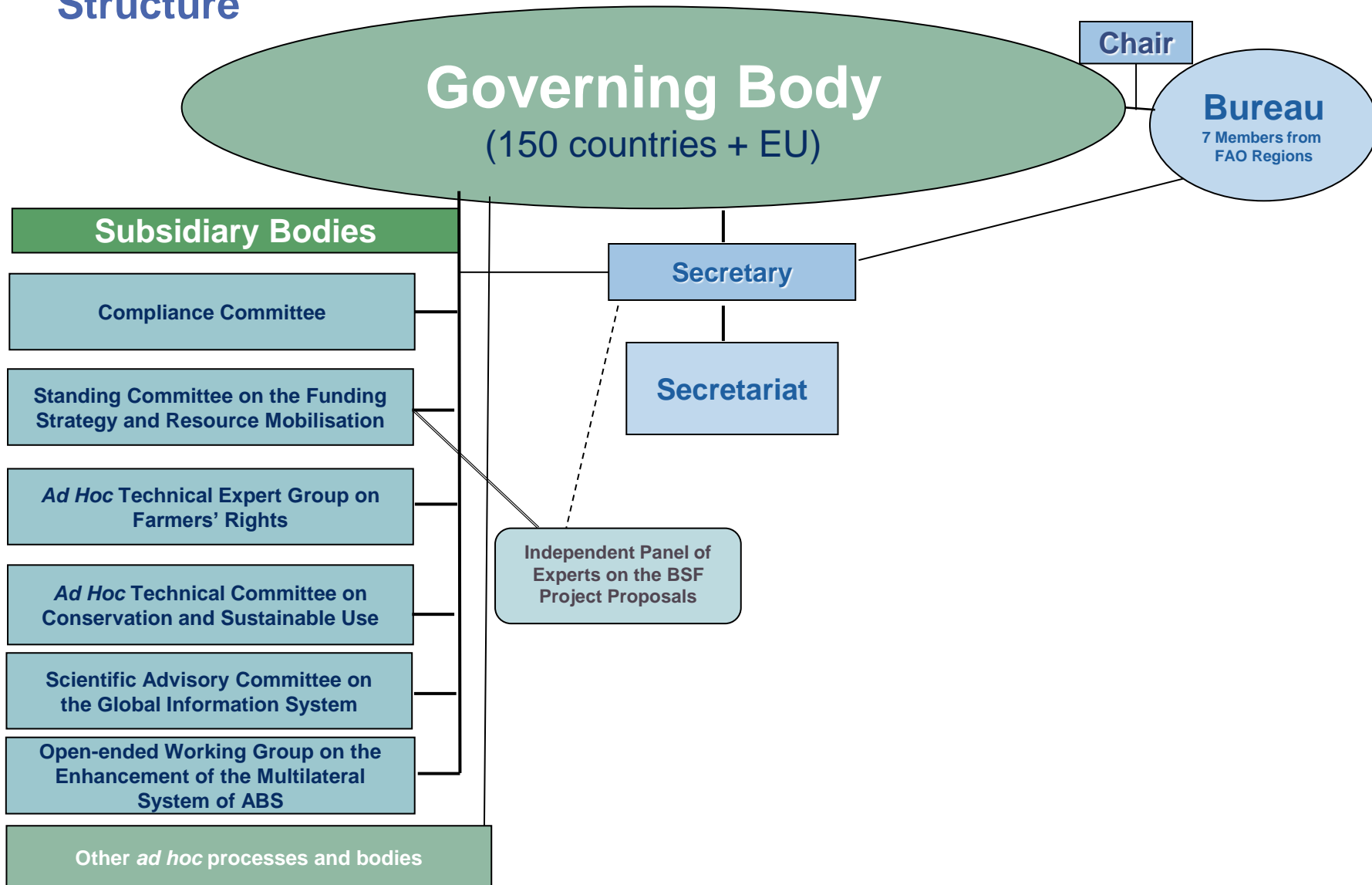
Main Outcomes & Follow-ups

Kent Nnadozie
ITGPRFA Secretary
13 February 2024





Governance Structure



Overview of the Priority items on the Agenda of GB-10

- Multilateral System:
 - Operations
 - Restart of Negotiations on Enhancement, including possible expansion of Annex I
- Funding strategy
- Global Information System
- Conservation and Sustainable Use
- Farmers' Rights
- Digital Sequence Information
- International Cooperation



Enhancement of the Multilateral System (MLS)

- Agreed on the basis for work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the MLS, with Michael Ryan (Australia) and Sunil Archak (India) as Co-Chairs.
- Endorsed the suggestion of the Working Group to use the **June 2019 draft package** as a starting point for its further work.
- Requested the Co-Chairs to give early attention to the three identified “hotspots”: **DSI/GSD, Expansion of Annex I, and Payment Structure and Rates.**
- Invited the Co-Chairs to publish an updated indicative timeline and a package of relevant information in relation to the process.
- Took note of CBD COP Decision 15/9 and urged the Working Group to take this decision and related developments into account when addressing the issue of DSI/GSD.



Digital Sequence Information (DSI/GSD)

- Invited the Working Group on the Enhancement of the MLS to examine possible ways to address DSI/GSD in the package of measures, taking into account developments at the CBD and other relevant initiatives.
- Welcomed and acknowledged the technical assistance undertaken by the CGIAR centres to reduce the existing capacity gap regarding generation, access to, and use of DSI/GSD.
- Invited CPs and others to promote technology transfer on mutually agreed terms, training and capacity development, and scientific cooperation.



DSI/GSD 2/2

- Acknowledged that there is not yet an agreed definition of DSI/GSD.
- Welcomed CBD COP Decision 15/9, which includes an agreement that the benefits from the use of DSI on GRs should be shared fairly and equitably.
- Encouraged CBD parties to consider how a solution for benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on GRs can be mutually supportive of and adaptable to the Treaty.
- Requested the Secretariat to continue monitoring developments in all relevant international fora, and continue coordinating with the CBD and CGRFA Secretariats in activities related to DSI/GSD.



Funding Strategy

- Decided to revise the timeline of the Funding Strategy from 2020-2025 to 2020-2027.
- Invited FAO to prioritize the delivery of programmes and projects that support the implementation of the Treaty.
- Noted with concern the absence or low participation of some regions in the meetings of the Funding Committee.
- Invited relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, stakeholder groups, and other international organizations to provide information to the Secretariat
- Noted the launch of the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund (BSF) supporting 28 projects with over USD 10 million.



Global Information System

- Decided to reconvene the Scientific Advisory Committee on Article 17 (SAC-GLIS) with the same ToRs;
- Requested the Secretariat to promote capacity building for the improvement of national databases;
- Requested the Secretariat to provide a report to the SAC-GLIS and GB-11 on relevant updates on documentation and information exchange of PGRFA in the context of the GBF;
- Requested the Secretariat to advance the exchange of relevant information and links with the CBD Clearing House Mechanism;
- Requested the Secretariat to follow up on implementation of the recommendations of the SAC-GLIS and to provide a summary report to GB-11.



Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA

- Reconvened the Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use with new terms of reference;
- The Committee will develop a mechanism to identify the status of parties' implementation of Articles 5 and 6;
- The Committee will also provide inputs and begin drafting voluntary guidelines on possible approaches to address the bottlenecks identified in the background study;
- The GB called on parties and other donors to provide additional financial resources for the implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of the Treaty.



Farmers' Rights

- Welcomed the publication of Options for Encouraging, Guiding and Promoting the Realization of Farmers' Rights;
- Convened the **Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights** and requested the Secretariat to carry out and finalize the assessment of the state of implementation of Article 9;
- Invited the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on MLS Enhancement to take account of implications for farmers' rights in developing solutions for enhancing the MLS;
- Further requested the Secretariat to strengthen collaboration between the Treaty and other units and partners that work for the promotion of farmers' rights.



Compliance

- Extended the deadline for the second reporting cycle to **1 October 2024**;
- Invited the Compliance Committee to use its report to GB-8 as the baseline for identifying progress and constraints;
- Invited all parties **to continue submitting or updating their national reports** regardless of the deadline of reporting cycles.



FAO Contribution

The GB invited FAO to...

- Continue its support to the ITPGRFA;
- Continue providing assistance with the implementation of the Treaty at the national level;
- To support efforts to increase the membership of the Treaty;
- Take into consideration new developments within the Treaty when developing its own strategies and plans;
- To support Contracting Parties to integrate biodiversity for food and agriculture into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.



Cooperation with the CGRFA

- Finalizing the reports on the state of the world's plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (SOW PGRFA);
- Updating the Second Global Plan of Action for PGRFA;
- Revising information and early warning systems;
- Collaborating on issues related to seed policies, laws, and regulations;
- Implementing and monitoring the Second Global Plan of Action for PGRFA;
- Assembling relevant information for measuring and monitoring benefit-sharing;
- Addressing access and benefit-sharing (ABS) and digital sequence information (DSI)/genetic sequence data (GSD) on PGRFA.



Cooperation with Crop Trust & the Convention on Biological Diversity

- Recommended that the Crop Trust continue sustaining and expanding its cooperation with the Treaty on mobilizing resources;
- Emphasized the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity, and coherence between the Treaty, the CBD, and other biodiversity-related conventions;
- Welcomed the establishment of the GBF Fund and requested the Secretariat to follow developments in its implementation;
- Noted the previous work and ongoing CBD processes in relation to its gender plan of action and programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to Indigenous Peoples and local communities.



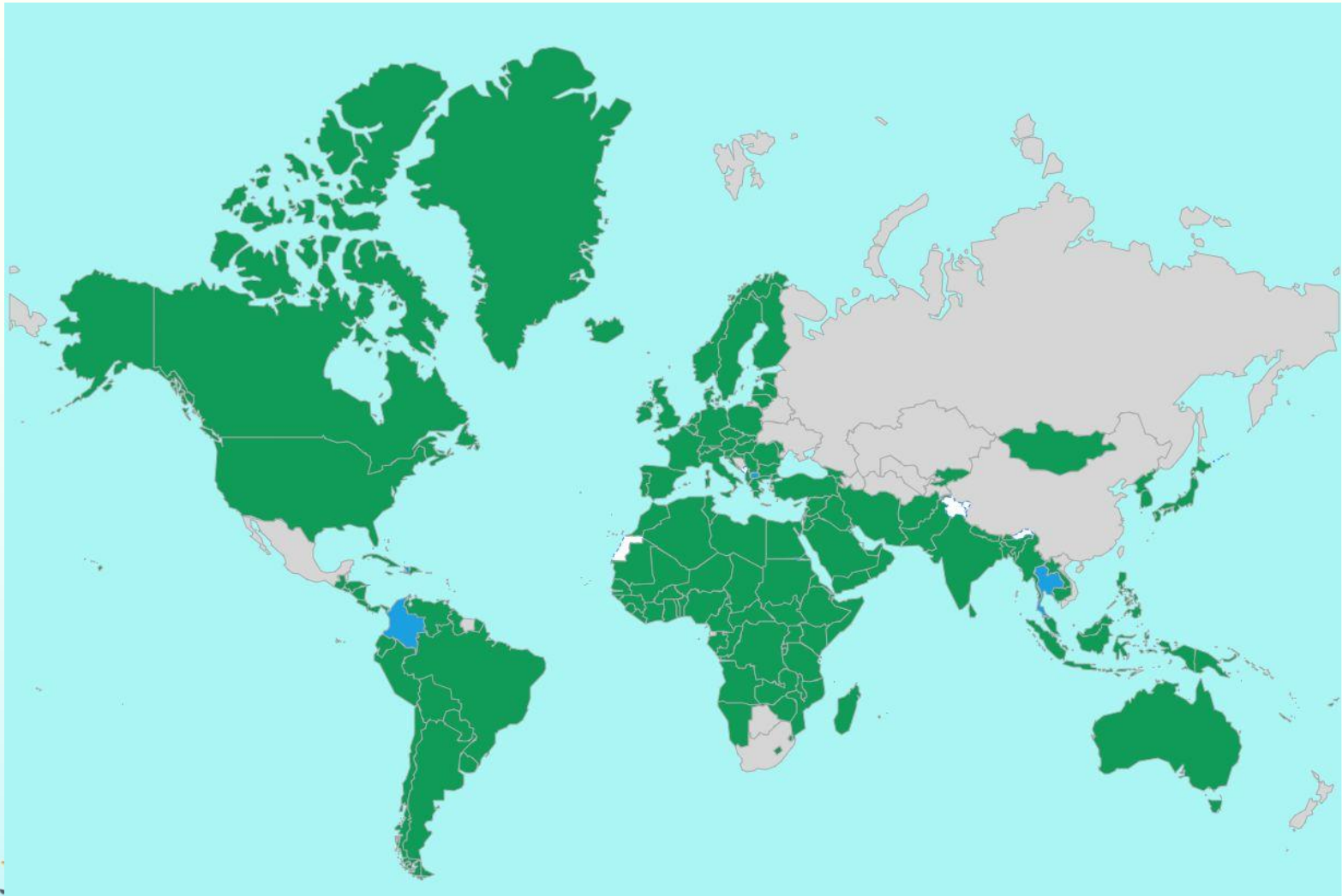
International Cooperation for Vine and Olive Genetic Resources

- Signed a Letter of Intent with the **International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV)** to collaborate on the conservation and sustainable use of vine and grape genetic resources.
- GB welcomed ongoing discussions between the Secretariat and the **International Olive Council (IOC)** to strengthen collaboration.
- Requested the Secretary to continue discussions with IOC and with the countries that hold international olive collections to establish effective cooperation and report at the GB-11.
- Formal communication from the Spanish Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to commence negotiations to bring the Olive collections in Cordoba under the Treaty.



Membership

150 + the European Union



MYPOW, Programme of Work and Budget

- Adopted the MYPOW 2024-2029.
- Adopted the Treaty's Work Programme and the Core Administrative Budget for the biennium 2024-2025.
- Agreed special support for the formal meetings of the Working Group on the enhancement of the MLS.
- Amended Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, to establish term limit for the Tenure of the Secretary of the Treaty
 - 4 yrs, in the first instance, with possible renewal for further 4yrs.



Follow-ups

<https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/notifications/en/>

- **Notification** on major follow ups by Contracting Parties in relation to the GB Report and Resolutions;
- Early contributions to the **Core Administrative Budget** and Special Funds;
- Secretariat available to provide further information and support as needed.



Calendar of meetings and events

<https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/en/>

- 21 February – 1st **Bureau Meeting**
- 16-18 April – **MLS Working Group** – FAO HQ
- 24-26 June – **AHTEG-FRs** – FAO HQ
- 16-20 Sept - **MLS Working Group** – FAO HQ
- May-Sept: Five regional workshops on the update of the GPA-2 with the CGRFA
- Other meetings, workshops, virtual sessions, etc., to be confirmed after Bureau meeting.





- More than 600 participants attended GB-10;
- 37 Working Documents + the Report for the Session;
- 17 Information Documents & 9 Reference Documents for the Session;
- 21 Intersessional Meetings of various formats, sizes and location, in preparation for the Session
 - Over 35 Working & 20 Info Docs for Intersessional processes.





- **Mr. Alwin Kypse** (Switzerland) was elected as chair for the Eleventh Session (GB-11)
- Eleventh Session to be convened GB-11 in the last quarter of 2025.





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Thank you for your attention!

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