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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



FIFTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture calls on consortia of farmers, researchers and others to submit pre-proposals for the fifth cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund.

The funding cycle has at least USD 7 million available for projects that will be working on innovations to enhance plant diversity management in farmers' fields and local value chains in the next four years.

Projects will benefit small-scale farmers in developing countries, especially those most vulnerable to climate change and food insecurity.

The Call for Proposals is open **from 22 May 2022 through 29 July 2022**. More information and application details can be found here:

<https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/benefit-sharing-fund/fifth-cycle>



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Focus of projects

For its fifth funding cycle, the Benefit-sharing Fund invites proposals for single and multi-country projects that align with the overall objective of the Fund. The awarded projects will demonstrate the benefits that plant genetic resources bring to farmers, with a special emphasis on support to on-farm and *in situ* management, farmer-to-farmer exchanges, local seed value chains, and a better flow of plant genetic resources from *ex situ* collections to farmers and back.

To respond to complex challenges related to agriculture, and the management of plant genetic resources, the fifth funding cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund places a special emphasis on knowledge management, learning and communication. Projects will participate in a *Community of Practice* to share lessons and build on each other's knowledge and innovations. Closely connected to knowledge and learning, project and programme level visibility activities will be key to disseminate knowledge products and good practices to a larger group of stakeholders.

Who can apply?

Governmental and non-governmental organizations, including farmers' organizations, genebanks and research institutions, as well as regional and international organizations based in developing countries that are Contracting Parties to the International Treaty are invited to apply for grants under the Benefit-sharing Fund. The list of eligible countries and the eligibility criteria are available on the International Treaty website (link below).

How to apply?

Applications, in the form of pre-proposals, must be submitted through the National Focal Points or the FAO Permanent Representatives by 29 July 2022.

Helpdesk

For questions and further support, please contact the Helpdesk service (available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish): BSF-Call-for-Proposals@fao.org

For more information, please visit:

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