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NOTIFICACIÓN

Anuncio de un proyecto de creación de capacidad para los países en desarrollo sobre la aplicación del Tratado Internacional y en particular su Sistema Multilateral de Acceso y Distribución de Beneficios,
y
Convocatoria de Expresiones de Interés

Estimado/a Señor/a,

Tengo el honor de informar a las Partes Contratantes de la puesta en marcha por *Bioversity International* de un proyecto de fortalecimiento de las capacidades. El proyecto apoyará la investigación y el fortalecimiento de la capacidad de los países en las actividades relativas a la aplicación del Tratado Internacional, con un enfoque en temas de política relacionados con el Sistema Multilateral de Acceso y Distribución de Beneficios (SML).

El proyecto está financiado por la generosa contribución del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de los Países Bajos (DGIS) a *Bioversity International*, que será el organismo de ejecución del proyecto.

El proyecto se beneficiará de los mecanismos de coordinación institucional que se establecieron a través del Programa Conjunto de Fortalecimiento de Capacidades creado por el Tratado, la FAO y *Bioversity International* (véase la notificación "NCP GB3 Creación de capacidad" de 13 de Noviembre de 2008; la Resolución 8/2009 y la Resolución 8/2011). La Secretaría del Tratado Internacional se encarga de la coordinación general del Programa Conjunto a fin de asegurar sinergias positivas con otras iniciativas de importancia sobre creación de capacidad, incluyendo aquellas sobre la entrada en vigor y la aplicación del Protocolo de Nagoya sobre Acceso y Participación en los Beneficios.

Durante esta fase, habrá donaciones iniciales de hasta cincuenta mil dólares EEUU (50.000 dólares EEUU) por país destinatario para actividades que duren de 1 a 2 años.

Se adjunta a la presente notificación una nota descriptiva completa del proyecto (Anexo 1) y una plantilla para detallar las expresiones de interés (Anexo 2), preparadas por *Bioversity International*.

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Me gustaría llamar su atención sobre el hecho de que *Bioversity International* seguirá siendo la única entidad responsable de la selección de los países receptores, en base a los criterios que se establecen en la descripción del proyecto, así como de la ejecución técnica del proyecto.

Las Partes Contratantes interesadas están invitadas a presentar expresiones de interés antes del **16 de septiembre de 2011**, por correo, fax o e-mail a la siguiente dirección:

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Bioversity Internacional informará regularmente al Órgano Director sobre los avances en la implementación del proyecto y, si es necesario, sobre cuestiones que surjan en la prestación de asistencia técnica y que requieran orientación política.

Por favor, acepte el testimonio de mi más alta consideración.



Shakeel Bhatti
Secretario
Tratado Internacional sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos
para la Agricultura y la Alimentación





Annex 1

Strengthening National Capacities to Implement the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and in particular its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

Project description

With funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (DGIS) **Bioversity International** is supporting research and capacity strengthening activities in countries concerning the implementation of the International Treaty, with a focus on the multilateral system of access and benefit-sharing (MLS).

This project builds upon the Genetic Resources Policy Initiative (GRPI), a six-year project which supported research and capacity-building activities for policy-making related to genetic resources.

Outputs

The expected outputs of the project include:

- A critical density of people in each participating country, representing a wide range of perspectives, will have advanced technical expertise concerning the Treaty and how it should be implemented in their country. They will have the capacity to address how the MLS interfaces with other international and national laws that apply in the country (e.g., the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol);
- Raised awareness among a range of stakeholders about the potential for them to take advantage of the Treaty and the MLS in particular;
- Enhanced clarity about the status of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) in the country vis-à-vis the MLS and who needs to be involved in considering requests for access to those materials;
- Draft policies, legislation and administrative guidelines, as appropriate, to implement the MLS, taking into consideration the special circumstance of the country; and
- Enhanced understanding of challenges and opportunities related to complementary benefit-sharing components, including information exchange, and transfer of technologies 'under fair and most favourable terms'.

At the country level, project activities should be guided by an oversight committee that include representatives of relevant government agencies and different stakeholder groups.

Activities

National partners will conduct a survey of baseline factors relevant to the country's implementation of the MLS. They will also undertake complementary research and capacity building activities. Some of these may be identified right away and others may be identified through the survey of baseline factors. Examples of research activities include:



- Analyses of existing laws and policies in the country to determine if there is currently legal space to implement the MLS. Identification of options to create requisite space and facilitate interface with other existing, relevant national laws;
- Development of draft policies, laws, guidelines, as appropriate, taking into consideration the particular situation of the country;
- Analyses of whether different PGRFA in the country are in the management and control of the national government and in the public domain. Identification of options for encouraging voluntary inclusion of PGRFA in the MLS;
- Analyses of PGRFA flows within, into and out of the country; analyses of PGRFA users' experiences and perspectives regarding access to germplasm; and
- Analyses of benefits and costs of participating in the MLS.

During this phase, initial grants of up to 50,000 USD will be available for activities lasting 1-2 years.

Eligibility

Expressions of interest are to be submitted either by national Treaty Focal Points or representatives from government departments responsible for coordinating national implementation of the Treaty.

Selection criteria

1. Project relevance
 - a. How will the project contribute to enhanced conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, benefit sharing, and to food security, in the country concerned?
 - b. What is the impact of the project on the implementation of the Treaty's multilateral system of access and benefit-sharing?
 - c. Does the project complement other International Treaty-related activities in the country, (including information sharing, technology transfer, conservation and sustainable use), if there are any?
2. Feasibility
 - a. Is the proposed activity feasible in terms of resources and timing?
 - b. Are the types of activities most effective towards achieving the project's expected results?
3. Participation and collaboration
 - a. Do the project's activities ensure effective participation of different users of PGRFA?
 - b. Does the project promote collaboration between different governmental departments and with other stakeholders (including farmers, private sector, networks, etc) dealing with genetic resources?



- c. Does the project forge links with other activities in the country related to access and benefit sharing, for example, efforts to implement the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol?
- d. Does the project have the potential to synergize with other ongoing relevant capacity building initiatives?

For the purposes of overall project administration and management efficiencies, as well as to explore potential regional synergies for implementation of the MLS, geographical proximity between selected countries will be taken into consideration.

Selection process

Bioversity will assemble a technical committee to review expressions of interest. Expressions of interest should be submitted using the template herewith attached (Annex 2) and sent to the address provided below. The strongest candidates will be asked to develop full proposals.

Contact details for further information and for submission of formal expressions of interest

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Deadline for submission: 16 September 2011.



Annex 2

Template for expressions of interest

Strengthening National Capacities to Implement the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and in particular its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

NB: The expression of interest should not exceed 5 pages in length (plus annexed budget). Longer documents will not be considered. Applications in English are preferred. Otherwise, applications may be made in French or Spanish.

I. PROPOSED PROJECT TITLE

II. NAME OF APPLICANT

Implementing government agency:

Name of Treaty focal point:

Contact person:

Address:

Country:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:



III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (maximum 2 pages long, single space)

A. BACKGROUND

B. OBJECTIVES

C. INTENDED BENEFICIARIES

D. ACTIVITIES *(for example: establish oversight committee; inception workshop; baseline study; research; capacity building; developing draft policies, laws, guidelines; consultative processes, etc.*

E. OUTPUTS *(products directly resulting from the planned-for activities)*



F. OUTCOMES (*How are the outputs expected to be used within the country to lead to desirable outcomes? How will the project ensure those uses?*)

G. PARTNERSHIPS AND LINKS

G.1. Involvement of key organizations and stakeholder groups. (where possible list names of individuals and organizations)

G.2. Links to other relevant activities and actors in the country related to implementation of the Treaty, CBD/Nagoya Protocol or other relevant international agreements.

H. TIMING

Duration (months):

Starting date (month/year):

I. BUDGET IN USD/RESOURCES

For example:



Item	Quantity/ duration	Rate per unit (US\$)	Total US\$
<i>National Experts</i>			
<i>Researchers</i>			
<i>Administrative assistance</i>			
<i>Travel costs</i>			
<i>Workshops</i>			
<i>Publications and distribution</i>			
Total			

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