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NOTIFICATION

Call for Proposals 2014: Benefit-sharing Fund

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce the decision of the Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty to open the Third Call for Proposals under the Benefit-sharing Fund for the biennium 2014-2015. The Third Call is expected to invest more than USD 10 million in projects globally.

The focus of the Third Call for Proposals is to provide financial resources for a targeted set of programmes, projects and activities of high potential impact as to help farmers adapt to climate change through the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

The Call comprises two windows: Window 2 will provide financial support for the implementation of immediate action projects, whereas Window 3 will specifically support the co-development and transfer of technologies as well as capacity building and information exchange activities.

Any governmental or non-governmental organization, including farmers and farmers' organizations, genebanks and research institutions, as well as regional and international organizations, based in eligible countries that are Contracting Parties to the International Treaty, may apply for grants under the Benefit-sharing Fund until **5 May 2014, 24:00** Rome time. The text of the Call for Proposals and the Submission Forms are online at: <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/bsfcall3>

At the opening of this Call, 7 March 2014, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the European Union and the Government of Norway who have each made significant financial investments in support of this Call.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

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

Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary of the Governing Body
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture

