



**PROGRAMME OF WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND GENETIC RESOURCES FOR  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (2013 -2017)<sup>1</sup>**

Recognizing that the Commission’s Programme of Work does not prejudice efforts under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to address climate change, and that the Programme of Work will refrain from providing policy prescriptive recommendations; the Programme of Work has two objectives:

- A. Promote the understanding of the roles and importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture in food security and nutrition and in ecosystem function and system resilience in light of climate change.
- B. Provide technical information to enable countries to understand the role of genetic resources for food and agriculture in climate change mitigation and adaptation, as appropriate.

**2013**

<p><u>Tools and technologies</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of technical material on genetic resources for food and agriculture and climate change to facilitate the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) and national adaptation plans (NAPs), as well as awareness-raising material for planners, policy makers and farming communities.</li> <li>• Conduct a survey on the theme of “Lessons learned about ways and means to conserve and use genetic diversity to build resilience to climate change in food and agriculture systems”.</li> <li>• Organize expert meeting to finalize results of the survey.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Strategies and policies</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide formal submission to the UNFCCC on the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture with respect to climate change.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC (November 2013, Poland).</li> <li>• Respond to invitation from the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee to provide information.</li> <li>• Provide material and information in support of training workshops on adaptation.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at, or providing documentation to, the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> As adopted by the Commission’s Fourteenth Regular Session (CGRFA-14/13/Report, *Appendix D*) and revised by the Fifteenth Regular Session (CGRFA-15/15/8, *Appendix II*; CGRFA-15/15/Report, para. 35).

## 2014

<u>Tools and technologies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compile information on hotspots of biodiversity for food and agriculture under particular threat from climate change.</li> <li>• Commission's intergovernmental technical working groups to develop guidelines for the integration of genetic-diversity considerations into climate change adaptation planning (NAPs, NAPAs).</li> </ul>
<u>Strategies and policies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in activities of the work plan of the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, as relevant.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at, or providing documentation to, CBD SBSTTA 18.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at CBD COP 12.</li> </ul>

## 2015

<u>Tools and technologies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation, translation, publishing and distribution of technical and awareness-raising material (e.g. <i>Guidelines to support the integration of genetic diversity into national climate change adaptation planning</i>; <i>Coping with climate change - The roles of genetic resources for food and agriculture</i>; further develop the Commission's web site on climate change)</li> <li>• Organization of regional workshops on the integration of GRFA into adaptation planning</li> </ul>
<u>Strategies and policies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming and awareness-raising activities</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event, or delivering a submission, at UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation, COP 21 or other relevant events</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at, or providing documentation to, CBD SBSTTA 19 or other relevant events</li> </ul>

## 2016

<u>Tools and technologies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation, translation, publishing and distribution of technical and awareness-raising material</li> </ul>
<u>Strategies and policies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstreaming and awareness-raising activities</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event or submission at UNFCCC COP 22 or other relevant events</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event or document at CBD SBSTTA 20.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of a side event at CBD COP 13.</li> </ul>

## 2017

- Report to the Commission, at its Sixteenth Session, on progress in the implementation of the Programme of Work for consideration of possible future work.