



The importance of recognizing the International Treaty in the CBD's Protocol on access and benefit-sharing

Side event during the CBD Resumed Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, Montreal, July 2010

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13.15 – 14.45
Room 7A, Level 3

Panelists will address the importance of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for achieving food security. They will highlight interdependence of countries on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA), providing data on global patterns of movement of PGRFA under the Treaty's multilateral system of access and benefit-sharing. Overall, the panelists will underscore the importance of the CBD ABS Protocol clearly recognizing the Treaty.

Adel El-Beltagy, Chair of the Agricultural Research and Development Council (ARDC), Egypt; Former Chair of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR). *The International Treaty's multilateral system of access and benefit-sharing: Impact on food security.*

Maria José Sampaio, Policy Advisor, Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation (Embrapa) – Ministry of Agriculture, Brazil. *Countries' dependence on 'exotic' genetic resources for food and agriculture: The case of Brazil.*

Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton, Head, T.T. Chang Genetic Resources Center, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Baños, Philippines. *International movements of PGRFA facilitated by the CGIAR Centres under the Treaty.*

Tom Payne, Head, Wheat Genetic Resources, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico. *Case studies of PGRFA accessed and distributed through the multilateral system as facilitated by the CGIAR Centres.*

Michael Halewood, Head, Policy Research and Support Unit, Bioversity International, Rome, Italy. *The importance of recognizing the Treaty in the CBD ABS protocol.*

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