

**Joint Initiative  
of the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture  
under the Memorandum of Cooperation between them**

Under their Memorandum of Cooperation the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) are launching a Joint Initiative of cooperation, including in particular the following activities.

1. Support to the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP) and its harmonious implementation with the ITPGRFA and its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (MLS)
  - a. Expanded Joint Capacity Building Activities with expanded stakeholder participation and scope
  - b. Continuation of preparation of joint materials on ABS for harmonious implementation of NP and ITPGRFA and its MLS
  - c. Continued coordination and sharing of expertise on information management for access and benefit-sharing (ABS), as already developed by ITPGRFA-MLS and as far as useful for implementation of NP Clearing House, including sharing and secondment of expertise
  - d. Facilitation of greater interaction between memberships, including through joint expert meetings and discussions
2. Joint initiative for on-farm conservation, sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA) and protected areas
  - a. Joint research and publication on Aichi target of sustainability in agriculture and matching the sustainability targets of the ITPGRFA and the Strategic Plan and Aichi targets
  - b. Sharing of results relevant for CBD from the Programmatic Approach of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on PGRFA for keeping farmers ahead of climate change and conserving PGRFA on-farm
  - c. Joint case studies on on-farm conservation and management of PGRFA and its facilitation through relevant ABS agreements
  - d. Development of joint components in the sustainable use work programmes of the CBD and ITPGRFA
  - e. Activities on traditional knowledge related to PGRFA and Farmers' Rights
3. Joint initiative for the promotion of the importance of biodiversity and plant genetic resources for food and agriculture for food security under a changing climate
  - a. Joint awareness raising events, including at High-level Round Tables, COP11, UN General Assembly, etc
  - b. Joint promotion material
  - c. Joint communication work
  - d. Increased presence and contribution of the ITPGRFA Secretariat to CBD events and SCBD to ITPGRFA events

