

Side Event

Realizing Farmers' Rights



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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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13:15-14:45 Iran Room (B-016)



Norwegian Ministry
of Agriculture and Food



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*This event is organized by the Governments of Norway, Italy,
India and the Secretariat of the International Treaty*



**Light lunch/snacks will be served outside Iran Room
from 12:45 hrs**

PROGRAMME

Contracting Parties of the ITPGRFA recognized the enormous contribution that the local and indigenous communities and farmers of all regions of the world, particularly those in the centres of origin and crop diversity, have made and will continue to make for the conservation and development of plant genetic resources which constitute the basis of food and agriculture production throughout the world.

At its Seventh Session, the Governing Body of the International Treaty decided to establish the “Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights” (AHTEG). The AHTEG is expected to “produce an inventory of national measures that may be adopted, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers’ Rights”, and “based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers’ Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.”

The establishment of the AHTEG represents a milestone in the discussion on Farmers’ Rights in the Governing Body sessions, underlining the importance the Governing Body is given to support and facilitate the implementation of Article 9, and to provide advice to Contracting Parties with regard to the process and practical options for implementation.



Moderator: *Ms Svanhild-Isabelle Batta Torheim*, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway

Introduction and Opening Remarks, Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary, ITPGRFA

Panel Discussion

Progress on the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights, Ms. Svanhild Isabelle Batta Torheim, (Co-Chair of the AHTEG), Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway

Implementation of Farmers’ Rights in Italy and experiences in Europe made by the CSOs, Mr. Riccardo Bocci, Rete Semi Rurali, Italy

Realizing Farmers’ Rights: Examples from Nepal and Ethiopia, Results from an evaluation of a programme funded by the Development Fund, Ms. Regine Andersen, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway

The CSO Network and the implementation of Farmers’ Rights, Ms. Normita Ignacio, Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)

Conservation and sustainable use of farmers’ varieties/landraces, Ms. Bonnie Furman, AGPM, FAO

Summary Reflections and Closing

