Farmers' Rights
Global Consultations Conference

23–25 November 2010, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PROGRAMME

SPONSORS:

The Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio)
Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food
The Development Fund, Norway
Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

ORGANIZERS:

Fridtjof Nansen Institute, FNI (Norway)
Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, IBC (Ethiopia)

HOST:

Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, IBC (Ethiopia)

Before the Conference

Saturday 20 November

Evening: The first participants arrive

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Sunday 21 November

12:30 Lunch at Harmony Hotel for early arrivals

18:30 Dinner at Harmony Hotel for early arrivals

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Monday 22 November: Optional field trip to consult with farmers

Program for the field trip:

- 11:00: Bus departs from Harmony Hotel.
- Lunch at Kuriftu Resort & Spa, Debre Zeyt
- Meeting with farmers at Chefe-Donsa (80 km east of Addis Ababa)
- Visiting participatory research project on climate change adaptation/mitigation where female farmers are actively participating in the entire research process.
- Visiting farms with chickpea and grasspea fields and seeing the harvests of wheat, barley, teff, and lentils (depending on available time)
- 18:00: Arrival at Harmony Hotel

18:30 Dinner at Harmony Hotel

DAY 1: Tuesday 23 November – Plenary

Chairs of the Conference:

- *Dr. Abera Deressa,* Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia
- *Dr. Regine Andersen*, Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Farmers' Rights Project, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway

09.00: **Welcome address** by *Dr. Kassahun Embaye*, A/Director General of the Institute of Biodiversity Conservation (IBC), Ethiopia, on behalf of the organizers.

09.05: **Opening address** by *H. E. Mr. Sileshi Getahun*, State Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia

09.20: **Words from the Secretariat** by *Mr. Kent Nnadozie*, Treaty Support Officer, Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA).

09.35: **Introduction about the conference**, its background and objectives by *Dr. Regine Andersen*, Senior Research Fellow of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway, and Director of the Farmers' Rights Project.

09.50: **Presentation round** with exchange on hopes and expectations for the conference

10.25: Tea and coffee break

10.45: **Presentation of the results of the global e-mail consultations on Farmers' Rights** that have been carried out prior to this conference, by *Dr. Regine Andersen,* Senior Research Fellow of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway, and Director of the Farmers' Rights Project.

11.15: **Discussion with emphasis on key issues to take into account in the conference**

12.00: Lunch break

13.15: **The realization of measures to protect traditional knowledge** (Art. 9.2.a)

- Overview of typical national measures (laws, regulations, policies, programmes) relevant for the protection of traditional knowledge in the context of Farmers' Rights and brief on international developments in this regard, by *Dr. Juliana Santilli*, Lawyer / public prosecutor, Instituto Socioambiental / Federal Prosecutor´s Office, Brazil (8-10 minutes)

- The story of the Potato Catalogue from Huancavelica, Peru, in brief, by *Dr. Maria Mayer de Scurrah*, President, Grupo Yanapai, Peru (5 minutes)

- Farmers' views on what needs to be done and challenges regarding the protection of traditional knowledge in the context of Farmers' Rights, by *Mr. Regassa Feyissa*, Director, Ethio-Organic Seed Action (EOSA), Ethiopia (5 minutes)

- Identifying major obstacles to, and options for, realizing Farmers' Rights related to the protection of traditional knowledge: Discussion

14.15: Tea/coffee break

14.30: **The realization of Farmers' Rights to fair and equitable benefit sharing** (Art. 9.2.b)

- Overview of typical national measures (laws, regulations, policies, programmes, projects) relevant for the realization of Farmers' Rights to fair and equitable benefit sharing, by *Ms. Wilhelmina Pelegrina*, Executive Director, SEARICE, the Philippines (5 minutes)

- Brief on the benefit sharing fund of the International Treaty, and the results from the Bogor meeting on non-monetary benefit sharing, by *Mr. Kent Nnadozie*, Treaty Support Officer, Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (8-10 minutes)

- Success stories from Nepal, by *Dr. Shreeram Prasad Neopane*, Executive Director of Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD), Nepal (5 minutes)

- A farmers' views on what needs to be done and challenges regarding Farmers' Rights to participate equitably in benefit sharing, by *Mr. Tejo Pramono*, Staff member, La Via Campesina, Indonesia. (5 minutes)

- Identifying major obstacles to, and options for, realizing Farmers' Rights to fair and equitable benefit sharing: Discussion

15.45: **The realization of Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making** (Art. 9.2.c)

- Overview of typical national measures (laws, regulations, policies, programmes, projects) relevant for the realization of Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making and a brief on the state of participation worldwide, by *Mr. Patrick Mulvany,* Senior Policy Advisor, Practical Action, United Kingdom (5-8 minutes)

- Success stories from Southern Africa, by *Mr. Nyasha Chishakwe*, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT), Zimbabwe (5 minutes)

- A farmers' views on what needs to be done and challenges regarding Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making, by *Mr. Terry Boehm*, President, National Farmers Union (NFU), Canada (5 minutes)

- Identifying major obstacles to, and options for, realizing Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making: Discussion

16.45: Tea/coffee break

17.00: **Rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed** (Art. 9.3)

- Overview of typical national measures (laws, regulations, policies, programmes, projects) relevant for the realization of Farmers' Rights to save use, exchange and sell farm-saved seed, and revisiting the 2009 e-consultation on Farmers' Rights in this regard, by *Dr. Robin Pistorius*, Advisor to the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands (8-10 minutes)

- Results from the EU project Farm Seed Opportunities, by *Mr. Riccardo Bocci,* Coordinator, Italian Association for Organic Agriculture (AIAB), Italy (5-8 minutes)

- Success stories from Norway, by *Ms. Bell Batta Torheim,* Advisor, Development Fund, Norway (5 minutes)

- A farmers' views on what needs to be done and challenges regarding the rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed, by *Ms. Heike Schiebeck*, Farmer and Board Member, ÖBV – Via Campesina Austria (5 minutes)

- Identifying major obstacles to, and options for, realizing Farmers' Rights to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed: Discussion

18.30: **Summarizing key findings** from today's consultations, feed-back and introduction to the regional meetings next day, by the co-chairs (ending at 19.00)

19.30: Dinner at Harmony Hotel

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DAY 2: Wednesday 24 November 2010 – Regional consultations

We divide into 4 regional groups with chairs *from* the ITPGRFA-Bureau (where possible):

1. Africa Region. Chair: *Dr. Kassahun Embaye*, A/Director General, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Ethiopia. Co-chair: *Mr. Zachary Muthamia*, Head, National Genebank of Kenya, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, Kenya (Secretary: *Dr. Gemedo Dalle Tussie*, Director, Genetic Resources Transfer and Regulation Directorate, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation (IBC), Ethiopia)
2. **Asia and Near East Regions**. Chair: *Mr. Lim Eng Siang*, Honorary Fellow, Bioversity International, Regional Office for Asia, the Pacific and Oceania, Malaysia. Co-chair: *Dr. Muhamad Sabran*, Head of Collaboration and Public Relation Division, Indonesian Agency for Agriculture Research and Development, Indonesia . (Secretary: *Mr. Kamalesh Adhikari*, Research Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & environment (SAWTEE), Nepal)
3. **Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries**. Chair: *Ms. Maria Cecilia Vieira*, Environment Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil / ITPGRFA Bureau. Co-chair: *Dr. Modesto Fernandez Diaz-Silveira*, Senior Officer for Environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Cuba. (Secretary*: Mr. Robert Lettington*, Legal advisor, Asociación Quechúa-Aymara para Comunidades Sostenibles (ANDES) / Lecturer, Kenyatta University School of Law, Peru/Kenya)

4. **Europe and North America Regions**. Chair: *Ms. Pernilla Malmer*, Senior Advisor, Swedish Biodiversity Center (Swedbio). Co-Chair: *Mr. Patrick Mulvany*, Senior Policy Advisor, Practical Action, UK. (Secretary: *Ms. Tone Winge*, Researcher, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway)

Each group will have the following programme:

09.00: Welcome words from the chair and presentation of the programme. Exchange of views on how best to ensure a fruitful discussion process. Discussion of organizational matters and other questions to the programme as required.

09.15: The rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed (Art. 9.3)
- National measures in the region affecting Farmers' Rights to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed: Joint listing of typical measures (laws, regulations, polices etc.)
- Achievement and success stories from the region: Exchange among the participants on the achievements made in the different countries, and on specific success stories
- Challenges, gaps and needs regarding the realization of rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange and sell farm saved seed: Discussion
- Recommendations to the Governing Body regarding further steps required to guide and support countries in their realization of Farmers' Rights in this respect

10.30: Tea and coffee break

10.45: The realization of measures to protect traditional knowledge (Art. 9.2.a)
- National measures in the region affecting Farmers' Rights related to the protection of traditional knowledge: Joint listing of typical measures
- Achievements and success stories from the region: Exchange among the participants on the achievements made in the different countries, and on specific success stories
- Challenges, gaps and needs regarding the realization of measures to protect traditional knowledge: Discussion
- Recommendations to the Governing Body regarding further steps required to guide and support countries in their realization of Farmers' Rights in this respect

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12.00: Lunch break

13.15: The realization of Farmers' Rights to fair and equitable benefit sharing (Art. 9.2.b)
- National measures in the region affecting Farmers' Rights to participate in fair and equitable benefit sharing: Joint listing of typical measures
- Achievements and success stories from the region: Exchange among the participants on the achievements made in the different countries, and on specific success stories
- Challenges, gaps and needs regarding the realization of Farmers' Rights to fair and equitable benefit sharing: Discussion
- Recommendations to the Governing Body regarding further steps required to guide and support countries in their realization of Farmers' Rights in this respect

14.45: Tea and coffee break

15.00: The realization of Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making (Art. 9.2.c)
- National measures in the region affecting Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making: Joint listing of typical measures

- Achievements and success stories from the region: Exchange among the participants on the achievements made in the different countries, and on specific success stories
- Challenges, gaps and needs regarding the realization of Farmers' Rights to participate in decision making: Discussion
- Recommendations to the Governing Body regarding further steps required to guide and support countries in their realization of Farmers' Rights in this respect

16.15: Additional discussion time, summarizing findings and recommendations from the region to the Governing Body and discussing any further matters the region may wish to refer to the Governing Body in the context of Farmers' Rights
(Tea and coffee break included at around 17:00)

18.00: Preparing for the presentation to the plenary next day (ending at 18.30)

19.00: Departure from hotel by bus

19.30: Dinner with cultural event at Crown Hotel

Return by bus to Harmony Hotel after dinner

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DAY 3: Thursday 25 November 2010 – Plenary

09.00: Welcome words by the chairs of the plenary, and presentation of today's programme. Questions and feed-back

09.15: Presentation from the regions: **Africa Region**
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Questions and comments from the plenary

10.05: Presentation from the regions: **Asia and Near East Regions**
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Questions and comments from the plenary

10.55: Tea and coffee break

11.10: Presentation from the regions: **Latin America and Caribbean Countries**
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Questions and comments from the plenary

12.00: Lunch break

13.15: Presentation from the regions: **Europe and North America Regions**
- Presentation of findings and recommendations
- Questions and comments from the plenary

14.05: **Analysis of the results** (similarities, differences and cross-regional learning potentials)
- Overview presented by the chairs
- Discussion

14.55: Tea and coffee break

15.10: **Joint recommendations to the Governing Body** from the conference
- Discussion
- Conclusions

(Tea and coffee break included at around 17:00)

18.15: **Evaluation of the conference**

18.30: **Closing addresses by the chairs**

19.00: **Finalization of the conference**

19.30: Dinner at Harmony Hotel

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Friday 26 November

Most of the participants leave

12:30 Lunch at Harmony Hotel for those leaving late

18:30 Dinner at Harmony Hotel for those leaving late

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Saturday 27 November

The last participants leave.