

Feedback on Bureau Meeting

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Introductory Remarks

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Learn from ERFP – use this insight for national and regional
development

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Overview

Biodiversity, Nutrition and Health

Role of GRFA in Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change

Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS)

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Biodiversity

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Biodiversity, Nutrition & Human Health



The commission requested FAO to consider contribution of BFA and GRFA to nutrition and the “One Health” approach

FAO is preparing the review:

- Monitoring the relevant developments related to BFA and Human Health
- Continued collaboration with partners stressing importance of BFA & GRFA in healthy diets.
- Awareness raising and increased knowledge on importance of BFA & GRFA in nutrition
- Strengthening FAOs support to Member countries in integrating conservation and sustainable use of BFA & GRFA across food security and nutrition

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GRFA in Mitigation and Adaptation Climate Change

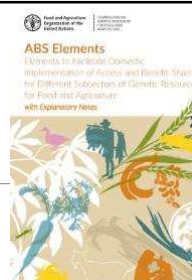


The Bureau noted:

- Potential that GRFA offer to climate change adaptation & mitigation including improvement of related pest & disease resistance, and their conservation and sustainable use
- Short and simplified draft questionnaire on climate change & GRFA
 - To be considered at the ITWG and regional workshops on climate change and GRFA
 - To allow country experiences and discussion
- *Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Integration of Genetic diversity into National Climate Change Adaptation Planning*
 - Update as new information becomes available
- Finalizing publication of the study on the role of GRFA in climate mitigation and adaptation

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Access and Benefit Sharing



Commission requested the Secretary to:

- Continue awareness raising among stakeholders
- Provide capacity building and training programmes on ABS for GRFA
- Bring ABS Elements & Explanatory notes to the attention of the open-ended WG on Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- Prepare a stand-alone document that has existing country ABS measures to accommodate the distinctive features of GRFA and TKGRFA to be reviewed by WGs, TTLE and Commission
- Prepare a report on the practical application of ABS country measures to the different sectors of GRFA and TKGRFA
 - TTLE has to give advise and test the country questionnaire
 - 2 ABS experts per region were nominated by April 30, 2022

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Digital Sequence Information(DSI)

Commission requested Secretary to:

- Submit a table listing *Selected examples of actual & potential applications of DSI relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of GRFA* to the CBD
- Prepare a document that reflects the key practices and experiences DSI is generated, stored, accessed and used for R&D related to GRFA
- Commission a study on the *Role of DSI in the conservation and Sustainable use of GRFA*
 - CABI
- Follow closely relevant developments in other fora and contributes, as appropriate, to the ongoing analysis of options to address ABS for DSI
- Intersessional workshop – between September to November 2022- on role of DSI for conservation and sustainable use of GRFA and the sharing of benefits derived from them.

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Biodiversity



Commission requested :

- Group of National Focal Points for BFA to address the implementation of Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, including the need for GPA on BFA or other tools within FAO's mandate
- Monitor the developments in Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; and once adopted – the Group of NFP for BFA to have 3rd open-ended meeting on Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- Report to Commission on actions taken on the dissemination of the Framework
- Inline with MYPOW, prepare a progress report on the implementation of the Framework for Action on Biodiversity

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Open-ended consultations on the future organization of the Commission's Intersessional work

Commission mandated the Bureau to conduct informal open-ended consultations aiming at:

- Develop criteria against which of the different options for the reorganizations of the Commission's intersessional work should be assessed.
- Review & revise the options
- Assess the set of consolidated options

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Open-ended consultations on the future organization of the Commission's Intersessional work

Steps to address Commission's request:

- Step 1 (April – May 2022):
 - Seek inputs/comments on (i) existing or new options and (ii) Criteria for assessing the different options
- Step 2 (June – Aug 2022):
 - Secretary - Draft options and criteria based on feedback and prepare draft assessment
- Step 3 (Nov – Dec 2022):
 - Bureau – one-day open-ended consultations
- Step 4 (Jan 2023):
 - Bureau –prepare final report

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Review of the Commission's Mode of In-Session operations

- Use of terminology
 - Request vs recommended
- Secretary to prepare document summarizing and analyzing the different procedures used in FAO for preparation of meeting documents, for consideration by the Bureau in Jan 2023