

Report to the Ninth ECP/GR Steering Committee meeting (October 2003) DRAFT¹

Task Force on Inter-regional Cooperation

Progress made by the Group during Phase VI (1999 - 2003)

Specific objective	Achievements
Meetings: development of proposals	
Development of proposal for inter-regional workshop on Documentation and Information	
Searching for funding of workshop on Documentation and Information	Funding by ECP/GR and CTA (Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation)
Development of proposal for inter-regional workshop on Legal and Policy Issues	Agreement on proposal with representatives of GRENEWECA, EAPGREN, SPGRC, ECP/GR and IPGRI
Searching for funding of workshop on Legal and Policy Issues	Funding by ECP/GR, FAO, IAO Florence, LNV, bilateral donors
Meetings: objectives	
Workshop on Documentation and Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prioritise activities in documentation To develop regional strategy on sharing PGR information To develop project proposal to support national inventories/regional catalogue
Workshop on Legal and Policy Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate exchange of experiences and views on implementation of new international agreements To improve transparency on access and benefit sharing arrangements To enhance germplasm exchange
Meetings: realisation	
Workshop on Documentation and Information	Workshop held in Cotonou, Benin, March 2003. 11 participants from GRENEWECA, SADC PGRC and ECP/GR
Workshop on Legal and Policy Issues	Workshop to be held in December 2003, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Local organisation underway

¹ Due to delays it was not possible to invite inputs from the members of the Network to this document. This document is the responsibility of the chair, Bert Visser, and should be regarded as a draft, on which the members of the Task Force may comment during the SC meeting, in particular on the planning section.

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Plan of action for Phase VII (2004 - 2008)

Specific objective	Action	Timeframe	Request of support from ECP/GR for specific actions	
			Funding requested	Type of support requested
To follow up collaboration with African networks on the establishment of national inventories and (sub)regional catalogues, using existing international information systems such as EURISCO as a reference		2004 - 2005	YES	- Limited funds for travel - Technical support from IPGRI
To follow up recommendations of the African/European Legal and Policy Workshop, in particular recommendations that foster interregional collaboration and common approaches to provide access and to arrange for benefit sharing		2004 - 2005	YES	- Limited funds for travel - Technical support from IPGRI
To revisit options for an inter-regional workshop on the feasibilities of on-farm management of PGR		2004 - 2005	NO	- Technical support from IPGRI
To organise follow-up meetings between European and African PGR networks fostering cross-regional knowledge and mutual trust, and facilitated access and benefit sharing		2005 - 2006	YES, but from external sources	- Logistic support for the organization of a meeting - Technical support from IPGRI during the meeting - Technical support from IPGRI after the meeting
To develop joint project proposals between AFR/EUR network partners to be submitted to funding agencies, including EU and bilateral donors		2005 - 2006	YES	- Limited funds for travel
To collaborate with PGR networks from other regions, notably Central America, and Central and West Asia and North Africa (CWANA) on shared priorities		2006 - 2008	?	- Logistic and technical support from IPGRI

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