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Workshop on Community Seed Banks

Friday, Sept. 22nd, 2017, 8:30-17:00

Iran room (B116), FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

The workshop aims at stimulating and further sharing the perspectives around Community Seed Banks that emerged worldwide and play an important role for the dynamic management of agricultural diversity and for food sovereignty. The workshop is planned as a dialogue forum with participation of CSB initiatives from all over the world, including European countries, with representatives from the International Treaty, Bioversity International and DIVERSIFOOD project, including the research sector and civil society. Discussion and reflection will be around the questions: What are the strengths of and challenges for CSBs today? What shall be their future role for agricultural diversity and food security in Europe? What must be done to strengthen Community Seed Banks?

Workshop Programme

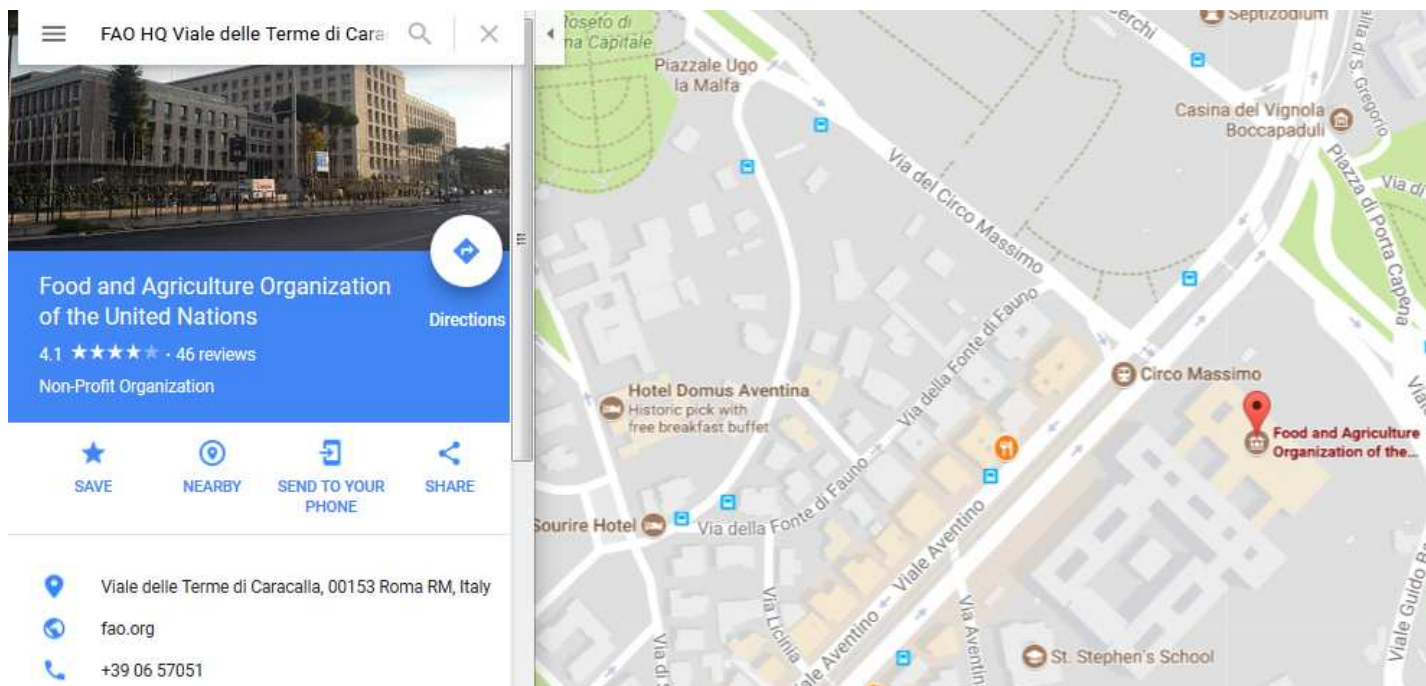
Time	Session	Presenters
08:30	Registration and Refreshments	
09:30	Welcome and introduction	Kent Nnadozie / Mario Marino (ITPGRFA) Veronique Chable (INRA / DIVERSIFOOD)
09:45	The role of the Community Seed Bank (CSB) in innovative Seed Systems	Riccardo Bocci (Rete Semi Rurali / DIVERSIFOOD)
10:00	Community Seed Banks around the world: achievements and challenges	Ronnie Vernooy (Bioversity)
10:15	The importance of conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA: the International Treaty	Mario Marino/Rodica Leahu, ITPGRFA
10:30	Community Seed Banks in Europe: results from the Diversifood survey	Beate Koller (ARCHE NOAH / DIVERSIFOOD)
11:00	Community Seed Bank case studies (I) <i>Moderator: Regine Anderson, Fridtjof Nansens Institute</i>	Pitambar Shresta (Li-Bird, Nepal) Ximena Cadima (PROIMPA, Bolivia) Yichng Song (Center for Chinese Agricultural Policies, China) Mariam Sy (USC, Mali)
12:00	Open discussion	
12:30	Lunch break	
14:00	Community Seed Bank case studies (II) <i>Moderator: Gea Galluzzi (Rete Semi Rurali)</i>	Sergio Romeo Alonzo (ASOSUCH, Guatemala) Regassa Feyissa (EOSA, Ethiopia) Maria Carrascosa (Red Andaluza de Semillas, Spain), Pierre Rivière (Reseau Semences Paysannes, France), Catrina Fenton (Garden Organic, UK)
15:00	wrap-up and open discussion	Regine Anderson, Gea Galluzzi (Moderator)
15:45	“CSB SWOT” (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats)	
16:45	Wrap-up and next steps	Kent Nnadozie / Mario Marino, Véronique Chable / Riccardo Bocci, Ronnie Vernooy
17:00	Workshop End	

The lunch which is kindly offered by the ITPGRFA is held at FAO Restaurant (8th Floor)



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Venue and Logistics



Please register for the workshop – accreditation is necessary for FAO headquarters!

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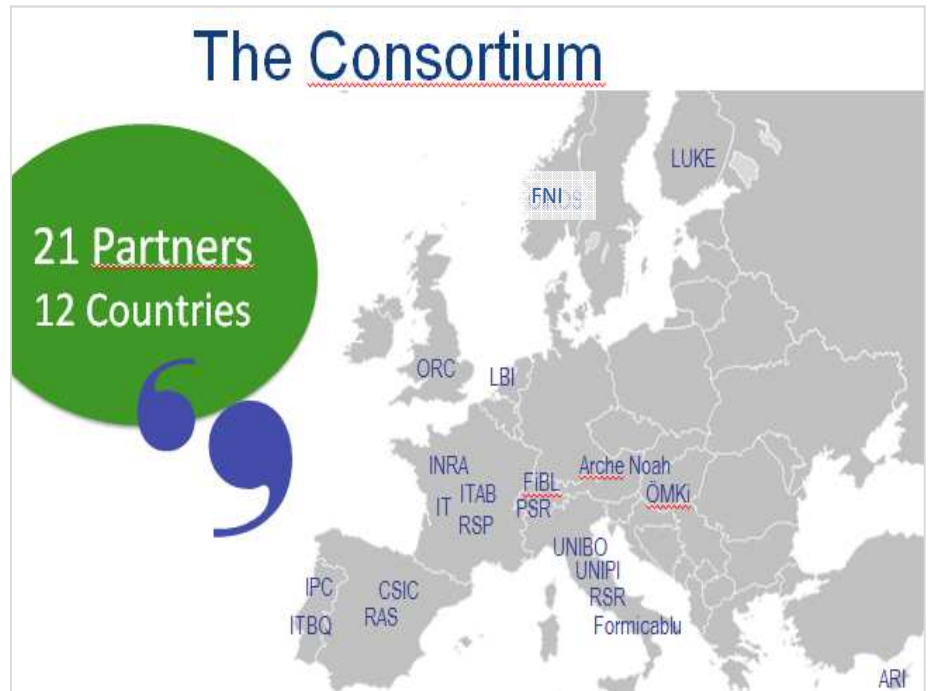
About Diversifood

High quality food systems

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DIVERSIFOOD is an EU project funded under the Horizon 2020 Programme.

By integrating existing networks across Europe, the project aims at strengthening the **food culture** to achieve local high quality food systems.



DIVERSIFOOD aims to develop:

- New **biodiversity management** models
- New approaches to **plant breeding** and management
- New **crops, varieties and populations**
- Diverse healthy and tasty **food products** and market valorisation
- Original experimental and communication **tools** to connect activities and people

In the framework of the DIVERSIFOOD project, the formal and informal seed systems in several European countries were investigated. A mapping of CSB initiatives in European (mainly EU-) countries was undertaken and experiences collected in a survey that 85 initiatives participated in. The results of the survey will serve as an input to the workshop.