

SIDE EVENT

to be held during the 7th Session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA in Kigali, Rwanda.

Community Seed Banks: Sharing Experiences from North and South

Wednesday 1 November 2017, lunch time (13:15 - 14:30)
Kigali Convention Centre, Room AD1

The fast development of community seed banks in different parts of the world is increasingly contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of crop genetic diversity, and thus to the implementation of the Plant Treaty. Community seed banks evolve in response to the growing demand for access to a greater diversity of crop genetic resources among farmers and gardeners and are often linked also with other activities to enhance crop diversity. A movement is taking shape.

Two major studies shed light on this development in the North and the South, and enable us to take a closer look at their different approaches, methods and outreach, sharing experiences: **Community Seed Banks – Origin, evolution and prospects** from Bioversity International and a **Survey of community seed banks in Europe** by the EU Horizon 2020 project DIVERSIFOOD. At this side event, both studies will be presented and illustrated with examples from different countries.



Arche Noah, Austria



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PROGRAM

13.15: Lunch for participants of the side-event

13.25: Welcome and brief introduction to the side event on behalf of the organizers.

Regine Andersen, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway, and partner in DIVERSIFOOD.

13.30: Community seed banks: Origin, evolution and prospects. Presentation of a Bioversity International review of community seed bank case studies by Ronnie Vernooy, Pitambar Shrestha and Bhuwon Sthapit. *Pitambar Shrestha, LI-BIRD*

13.45: The fast growing movement of Community Seed Banks in Europe. Presentation of a survey of 85 community seed banks by DIVERSIFOOD. *Regine Andersen, FNI/DIVERSIFOOD*

14.00: Community seed banks – some examples:

- Japan: Yoshiaki Nishikawa, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan
- Uganda: Gloria Otieno, Bioversity International, Uganda
- Zimbabwe: Andrew Mushita, Community Technology Development Trust
- Nepal: Pitambar Shrestha, LI-BIRD
- Europe: Slideshow with photos and music from DIVERSIFOOD

14.25: Feed-back and summing up.

14.30: Closing the side-event



A light lunch will be served

ORGANIZERS

The EU Horizon 2020 project DIVERSIFOOD and the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway (FNI) in collaboration with Bioversity International and LI-BIRD, Nepal.

