

Informal Meeting on Enhancing the Functioning of the Multilateral System International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

Hotel Villa Mercede
Via Tuscolana, 20 – 00044, Frascati, Italy

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Engage in informal exchange on key aspects of Multilateral System (MLS) enhancement including DSI/GSD, payment options, payment rates & thresholds, and cohesion with other international fora.
- Evaluate and discuss proposals for enhancement of the MLS at the next Governing Body.
- Expand insight on commercial and non-commercial use of MLS material (and associated DSI) as well as insight into the sales and profitability of the seed sector.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

- 12.30** **Lunch available at Restaurant La Cucina Con Vista - Villa Mercede**
- 13.30** **Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Review**
Plenary: Campitelli
Julian Portilla, Meridian Institute
- 13.45** **Introductions**
- 14:30** **Co-Chairs Welcome and Overview of Process**
Sunil Archak, Co-Chair of ITPGRFA MLS Enhancement Working Group (Virtual)
Michael Ryan, Co-Chair of ITPGRFA MLS Enhancement Working Group
- 15.00** **Break**
Lounge bar
- 15.15** **Opening Plenary Discussion**
Julian Portilla



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- 15.45 Presentation: Review of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP16 Conclusions**
Will Lockhart, Co-Chair of the CBD Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on DSI (Virtual)
Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni, Co-Chair of the CBD Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on DSI (Virtual)
Kathryn Garforth, Secretariat of the CBD
 Overview of how Decision 16/2 was reached and key points from the decision followed by participant-only plenary discussion on implications of the decision for the Treaty.
- 16.45 Small Group Discussions: DSI and the Enhanced Multilateral System**
Julian Portilla
- 17.45 Plenary: DSI and the Enhanced Multilateral System**
Julian Portilla
- 18.30 Wrap Up & Adjourn for the Day**
- 19.30 Dinner**
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

- 09.00 Welcome, Review of Day's Work and Previous Day's Outcomes**
Plenary: Campitelli
Julian Portilla
- 09.15 Presentations: Usage of the Multilateral System**
Szonja Csorgo, International Seed Federation
Tom Nickson, American Seed Trade Association
Jasmina Muminovic, Bayer Crop Science
Michael Halewood, CGIAR
 Presentations from commercial and non-commercial users on their usage of the MLS and thoughts on the enhancement package followed by Q&A and discussion.
- 10.15 Presentation: Update on 2019 Study *Analysis on sales and profitability within the seed sector***
Jonathan Shoham, S&P Global
 Presentation providing an update on the 2019 study on the seed sector followed by Q&A and discussion.



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- 11.00 Break**
Lounge bar
- 11.30 Discussion: Payment Options and Rates**
Julian Portilla
- 13.00 Plenary: Payment Options and Rates**
Julian Portilla
- 13.30 Lunch**
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- 15.00 Discussion: Annex I Expansion**
Julian Portilla
- 16.30 Break**
Lounge bar
- 16.45 Small Group Discussions: Success at the Next Governing Body**
Campitelli, Chigi and Tuscolo
Julian Portilla
- 18.15 Wrap Up & Adjourn for the Day**
- 19.30 Dinner**
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

- 9.00 Welcome, Review of Day's Work and Previous Day's Outcomes**
Plenary: Campitelli
Julian Portilla
- 9.15 Discussion: Interdependence of MLS Enhancement Elements**
Julian Portilla
- 11.00 Break**
- 11.30 Small Group Discussions: Implementation and Review**
Campitelli, Chigi and Tuscolo
Julian Portilla



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- 12.45** **Lunch**
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- 13.45** **Wrap Up and Closing Reflections**
Julian Portilla

- 15.15** **Adjourn**

- 19.30** **Dinner**
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