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SIDE EVENT – MONDAY

Safeguarding Crop Diversity in an Unpredictable World

The partnership between the
Crop Trust and the International Plant Treaty

Monday, 19 September; Lunch time (13:15–14:30)

Venue to be announced*

RATIONALE

We live in an increasingly uncertain world. Every day genebanks are presented with fresh challenges, which require new, urgent, and imaginative responses. The Crop Trust and the International Plant Treaty Secretariat have responded to the call by the Eighth Session of the Governing Body (GB-8) of the International Plant Treaty to work together on programmatic matters in a variety of ways, including by taking joint strategic action in support of national programs facing acute challenges. This side event will highlight the joint initiatives designed and implemented through this partnership and the lessons learned in the past biennium.

PROGRAM

Introduction – 20 minutes

- **Kent Nnadozie**, Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- **Stefan Schmitz**, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust

Panel Discussion (moderated by Alvaro Toledo) – 40 minutes (including Q&A)

- **Maeen Ali Ahmed Aljarmouzi** (Yemen)
- **Lise Lykke Steffensen** (The Nordic Genetic Resource Centre, NordGen)
- **Lawrent Pungulani** (Malawi)
- **Catherine Hazel M. Aguilar** (Philippines)
- **Sarada Krishnan** (Crop Trust)

The panel members will each address the following questions with regard to genebanks in Yemen, Ukraine, Mozambique, Philippines, and Costa Rica: What threats has the collection faced? What has been the response? What is next, and what have you learned?

Wrap-up – 10 minutes

- **Kent Nnadozie**
- **Stefan Schmitz**

*Please see www.fao.org/plant-treaty/ninth-governing-body/list-side-events-gb9/en/ for venue details