

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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Parties to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture recently gathered in Rome for their 20th meeting (CGRFA-20).

About Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

- It was **initially established by the** Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) in **1983** to **address plant genetic resources (PGR)**.
- It became the **primary permanent international forum for governments** to discuss, negotiate, and decide on matters specifically relevant to **genetic resources for food and agriculture (GRFA)**.
- Over time, the **mandate** of the Commission **expanded**, and now it **deals with all sectors of GRFA** – plant, animal, forest, aquatic, and microbial and invertebrate genetic resources, covering the vast scope of biodiversity for food and agriculture.

- The Commission also considers a number of cross-cutting topics, including **food security, nutrition** and **human health**, mitigation of and **adaptation to climate change, access to genetic resources and benefit sharing** (ABS), and digital sequence information (DSI) on GRFA and **biotechnologies** for the characterization, sustainable use, and conservation of GRFA.
- **Member:**
 - It has **179 countries** as its members.
 - **India is also a member** of this commission.
- The work of the Commission on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) initiated in 1997 resulted in the preparation of the **first-ever Report on the State of the World's AnGR in 2007** and led to the negotiation and **adoption of the Global Plan of Action for AnGR (GPA)**, also in 2007.
- Some of the Commission's **landmark achievements** include: the **International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)**.
- It was **adopted by** the Thirty-First Session of the Conference of the **FAO of the United Nations** on 3 November 2001. The Treaty aims at:
 - **Recognizing** the enormous **contribution of farmers** to the diversity of crops that feed the world.
 - Establishing a **global system to provide farmers**, plant breeders, and scientists with access to plant genetic materials.
 - Ensuring that **recipients share benefits they** derive from the use of these genetic materials with the countries where they have originated.

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture FAQs

Q1. 11. What is the primary role of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture?

Ans. To serve as a permanent forum for governments to discuss and negotiate matters related to genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Q2. When was the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) initially established?

Ans. 1983

Q3. The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) was adopted in which year?

Ans. 2001

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