

The South Centre presents its compliments to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) and is pleased to send to the Commission the following information on its programmes and activities relevant to the prioritized themes for the 18th session of the CGRFA:

- Capacity building, legislative and other technical advice, provided upon request, to its member States and members of the Group of 77 on laws and regulations, including patent and plant variety protection laws, access and benefit sharing regimes, regulation of digital sequence information
- Policy Brief on the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, March 2021, <https://www.southcentre.int/policy-brief-90-march-2021/>
- Policy brief on the negotiations in the WIPO Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, February 2021, <https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/PB-87-1.pdf>
- Research Paper on Misappropriation of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge: Challenges Posed by Intellectual Property and Genetic Sequence Information, April 2021, <https://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-130-april-2021/>
- Recognizing Farmer's Rights to freely save, use, exchange and sell farm-saved seed/propagating material of patented plants and plant material, 1 December 2020, <http://www.fao.org/3/cb2595en/cb2595en.pdf>, Submission on Views, Experiences and Best Practices for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the ITPGRFA, submitted by Oxfam and South Centre.

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The South Centre avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture the assurances of its highest consideration.

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