



The International Treaty

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Exchanging Material in the Daily Business: the Operation of the Multilateral System and the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA)

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Basics about the MLS and SMTA

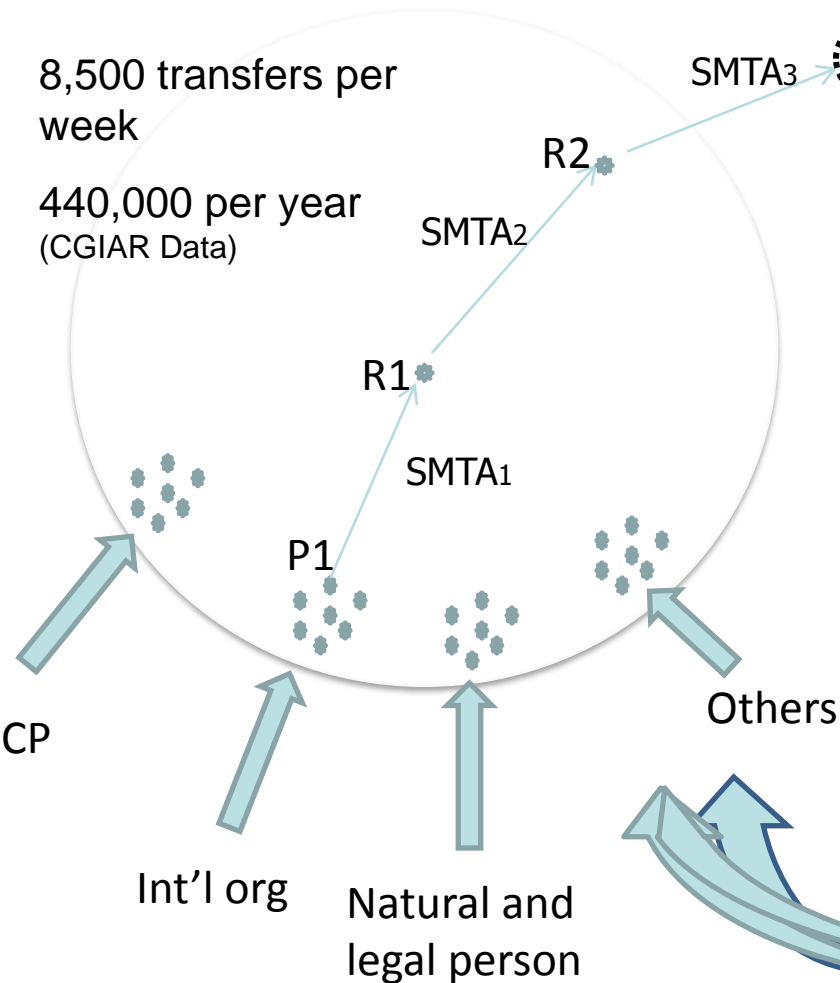
The SMTA

- has been adopted at the 1st Session of the Governing Body (Madrid, June 2006)
- is a standard contract that regulates Access and Benefit-sharing in exchanges of PGRFA
- has allowed the International Treaty to move from text to an operational system

International Treaty Main Operational Systems & Mechanisms

Multilateral System

8,500 transfers per week
440,000 per year
(CGIAR Data)



Voluntary contributions
(eg, NW, IT)

Private Sector

Others

Benefit-sharing fund

1,1% of net sales



SMTA3

R2

SMTA2

R1

SMTA1

P1

GB

Priorities
Criteria
Operational Procedures

priority:
farmers in developing countries
who conserve and sustainably
utilize PGRFA

On-farm
conservation

information
exchange &
tech.transfer

sustainable
use

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Implementation and Operation of the MLS and the SMTA

1. To establish policy, legal and administrative measures to provide facilitated access to PGRFA through to use the SMTA;
2. To provide appropriate assistance to developing countries:
 - capacity-building;
 - awareness-raising;
3. To promote the exchange of experiences among users of the SMTA at the national level;
4. To report on PGRFA that are in the MLS and to make information on these resources available to potential users;
5. To establish a management system to store reports on SMTAs for the Governing Body and Third Party Beneficiary

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SMTA and MLS Operations - MLS Responsiveness through a new Committee

- GB recognized need for MLS to be responsive to users of SMTA;
- requested the Secretary to give priority to assisting users of the SMTA to overcome any implementation problems
- Convening of an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Technical Committee on the SMTA and the Multilateral System

(Resolution 4/2009)

SMTA Operations

Third Party Beneficiary (TPB) Procedures adopted

- Adopted TPB procedures
 - beginning with amicable negotiations, ending with ICC Arbitration Procedures
 - provides legal certainty
- Endorsed information technology support tools for MLS
 - Will enable online ordering of material from MLS with facilitated access through automated SMTA use
 - User-friendly online SMTA operations

Benefit-sharing Fund

- MLS further operationalized through approval of projects supported by the Benefit-sharing Fund.
- already funded by Italy, Norway, Spain, Switzerland
- conservation projects already funded
- initial working goal of 10 million USD
- similar to Global Fund for Malaria, AIDS & Tuberculosis; GAVI; WHF; ...



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Information technology support tools for the SMTA in the digital environment (1)

How to order material



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Information technology support tools for the SMTA in the digital environment (2)

Sign up for the PID server

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Username (EID):
Password:

[Sign up to register](#)

[Sign up](#)

[Forgot password](#)
[Reset password](#)

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Information technology support tools for the SMTA in the digital environment (3)

Acceptance of the SMTA with the Click-wrap option

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Material

Accession Number	Genus	Species	Subspecies	Country of origin
004330	Oryza	sativa		India of India
004308	Oryza	sativa		India of India
85088	Oryza	sativa		India of India
87011	Oryza	sativa		India of India
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Signature/Acceptance Type

☐ Signature
☐ Click-wrap Standard National Transfer Agreement
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Information about the order already placed



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