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Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

An historic set of agreements was signed at the "**Earth Summit**", including two binding agreements,

- a. the **Convention on Climate Change**, which targets industrial and other emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, and
- a. the **Convention on Biological Diversity**, the first global agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.



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Issues Dealt Under CBD

1. Measures and incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.
2. Regulated access to genetic resources.
3. Access to and transfer of technology, including biotechnology.
4. Technical and scientific cooperation.



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Important Definitions

“**Biological diversity**” means the variability among living organisms from all sources and the ecological complexes of which they are part, and includes diversity within species or between species and of eco-systems.

“**Biological resources**” means plants, animals and micro-organisms or parts thereof, their genetic material and by-products (excluding value added products) with actual or potential use or value, but does not include human genetic material.



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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted by the Thirty-First Session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 3 November 2001.



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AIMS of ITPGRFA

- ❖ 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 been originated.