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Islamabad, the 28th November, 2012

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Copy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs' U.O No. Swe.8/X/2012-E(V) dated 15-11-2012 alongwith a copy of a Note Verbale No. 256/12-MFA dated 08-11-2012 received from the Embassy of Sweden, Islamabad on Sida-sponsored International Training Programme(ITP) on "Genetic Resources & Intellectual Property Rights" from 13th-31stMay,2013,18th-22nd November,2013 is forwarded for information/necessary action with the request that the suitable nominations having experience of work in either the field of genetic resources or intellectual property rights duly approved/recommended by their respective senior officers may kindly be furnished to this Section latest by 14-12-2012 for onward submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad. The invitation letter ,program brochure & application form will be available on Ministry's website: www.commerce.gov.pk.For further information about the training program please visit www.slu.se/grip.Sida is interested in encouraging the women to participate in the programmes, nominations of female candidates are particularly welcome.

Section Officer (Admn-I)

Government of Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamabad

Subject: SIDA sponsored International Training Programme (ITP)

Attached please find copy of a Note Verbale No.256/12-MFA dated 08 November 2012 along with its enclosures received from the Embassy of Sweden in Islamabad forwarding information (invitation letter, program brochure and application form) on Sida-sponsored International Training Programme (ITP) on "Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights" from 13-31 May 2013, 18-22 November 2013.

2. The above is being forwarded for the information, consideration and appropriate usage of the addressees, under intimation to this Ministry.

Encl: (as stated)

(Murad Baseer)

Deputy Director (Europe-V)

Tel: 051-9221821



Note No: 256/12-MFA

The Embassy of Sweden presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Anairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and has the honour to enclose information regarding Sidasponsored International Training Programme (ITP) for onward submission to the concerened Pakistani authroities.

The said training program will be on 'Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights: May 13-31, 2013, November 18-22, 2013'. Further information may be downloaded from www.slu.se/grip.

The Embassy would highly appreciate the onward submission of the enclosed information to the concerned Pakistani departments.

The Embassy of Sweden avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Islamabad, Thursday 8 November 2012



- Mr. Modasar Chaudhry, Deputy Chief of Protocol (A & F), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Mr. Mrad Baseer, Deputy Director (Europe-V), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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Division of Legal Affairs, Finances and Human Resources

Date 2012 11 06

Cc: CG Thornström

To: Swedish Embassies/Consulates in

Asia

Sida-sponsored International Training Programmes (ITP)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find information about the international training programme on "Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights May 13-31, 2013, November 18-22, 2013" to which countries in Asia are invited to nominate candidates.

We would appreciate your help in distribution of the attached Invitation letter, Program brochure and Application form to relevant authorities, institutions and bodies in your respective country.

For further information about the GRIP training program please visit www.slu.se/grip.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information

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Sincerely,

Dr. Carl Gustaf Thornström,

Dr. Eva Thörn

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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Enclosed:

Invitation letter

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Program brochure Application form



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Division of Legal Affairs, Finances and Human Resources

Date 2012 11 05

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"Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights May 13 – 31, 2013, and November 18 – 22, 2013"

Dear Madame/Sir,

International Training Programmes (ITP) are organised by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). These training programmes are organised in a number of technical and administrative fields where Sweden has a considerable level of expertise to offer.

Sweden is well experienced in "Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights". Consequently Sida will sponsor a training programme in this field scheduled to take place "May 13 – 31, 2013 at Uppsala, Sweden with a follow up seminar November 18 – 22, 2013 in a participant's country".

On behalf of Sida, we have the honour to invite your country to nominate candidates to this programme.

The training is administered by "The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences".

The training programme will be conducted in "<u>English</u>". Participants should have at least three or preferably five years of practical experience from work in "either field of genetic resources or intellectual property rights". The invitation brochure attached provides further details of the training programme.

Since Sida is interested in encouraging women to participate in the programmes, nominations of female candidates are particularly welcome.

Sida will be covering the cost for participants concerning the participation fee, meals and accommodation. Personal expenses are not included.

The authorities in the participant's home country are expected to cover international travels to and from Sweden as well as personal expenses. The travel cost for the follow up seminar will be covered by Sida.

Closing date for applications is "January 1.5 2013." and the application forms should be sent in the manner as indicated on the application form "via the Embassy for directly to the programme organiser".

For further information about the GRIP training program please visit www.slu.se/grip.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information:

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Sincerely,

Dr. Carl Gustaf Thornström,

Dr. Eva Thörn

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Enclosed:

Program brochure

Application form



Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights (287A) Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Sweden, May 13 – 31, 2013 and November 18 – 22, 2013 in a participating country

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APPLICATION FORM [Typewriting or block letters

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Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights

May 13 – May 31, 2013

November 18 – November 22, 2013 in a participating country



Invitation

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The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is a government agency responsible for the major part of Sweden's development cooperation. Focus on long-term knowledge and competence development constitutes a major feature in all development cooperations.

Sida offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development of cooperating countries based on identified priorities and needs. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the cooperating countries.

These programmes aim at enhancing managerial and technical skills and cover subjects of strategic importance to economic and social development. The Training Programmes are designed for experienced executives in middle and top management positions in their respective organisations.

With the Training Programmes, Sida aims to contribute to processes of change and development in the participants' organisations and lines of businesses. The foundation of the entire programme is a project assignment. The assignment shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

With the advent of genetic engineering and novel multilateral IPR agreements a new chapter in the history of gene hunting has started. Genetic resources represent the basic building blocks for the development of improved agricultural and industrial crops, pharmaceuticals and the natural products industry. In recent times, there has been a growing appreciation of the role of Intellectual Property

Lena Ingelstam Director General

Sida

Rights (IPR) in inspiring human capital formation, knowledge diffusion, benefit sharing and technological innovation, necessary for national development. International conventions and treaties together with the rapid biotechnology development have led to new conditions for the access of genetic resources and knowledge. The Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the requirements under for example WTO/ TRIPS have led to stricter mechanisms for access to, benefit sharing and control of genetic resources as well as new regimes for protection of biological innovations. This new environment has created both threats and opportunities for countries in the South, which must develop a clear understanding of the development and its implications. To be able to capture benefits and protect knowledge and genetic resources, countries must formulate efficient national and institutional policies/regulations and also engage in the international debate and fora-

However, the IPR and other legal instruments controlling access and transfers of genetic resources are increasingly complex, the literature is vast and incomprehensive, models are complex, and options are many. Thus, policy makers, scientists and other practitioners especially in resource poor countries face a considerable challenge in formulating IPR policies and negotiating appropriate agreements. Recognising this fact, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences/SLU with the assistance of Stockholm Environment Institute are offering a unique 'IPR/Genetic Resources Programme' comprising three weeks course work, inter- mediate personal change project in home country and one week follow up regional seminar.

Lisa Sennerby Forsse Vice Chancellor

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

GRIP Programme objectives

- To assist participants to understand the multilateral and bilateral background and the implications of the recent developments related to IPRs, Access and Benefit Sharing and exchange of genetic resources and related information in connection to the bio-science revolution.
- To enable participants to find, use and draw conclusions from sources of information and expertise world-wide, related to IPRs and exchange of genetic resources in emerging bio-economies.
- To enhance participants' managerial efficiency to handle, address and deal with genetic resources and intellectual property rights issues to further enable multidisciplinary innovation platforms. This will be done with a view on how to facilitate partici- pants' under-

standing on how to develop appropriate IPR instru- ments for beneficial public-private partnerships between various actors in regional or international settings.

 To improve participants' ability to catalyse the development of intellectual property rights policies and corresponding implementation frameworks on genetic resources at the national and institutional level.

GRIP Programme Structure

The Programme is divided in three phases. The first phase will take place in Uppsala, Sweden, between May 13 and 31, 2013. The second phase will consist of participants' own work on their personal project of change in their respective home countries. The third phase, is a follow up workshop held in one of the participating countries. Before the

start of the Programme, all participants will be assigned to write a situation analysis which will consist of a 3-4 page analysis and review of genetic re-sources/intellectual property (IP) issues in their home country. Based on this analysis, participants will be asked to identify and provide a short description of a suggested personal project of change.

Contents

First phase programme work: Part 1 – Background on Genetic resources and IPR regimes

- Fundamentals of intellectual property systems and the new regimes for trade and exchange of genetic resources and the prospects/problems/risks for developing countries.
- Country presentations on national regulations, positions and policies.

Part 2 - Global conventions/International agreements/Patent regimes

- Description and discussion of various IPR regimes governing the exchange of genetic resources; such as: WTO/TRIPS; CBD; UPOV; Bonn Guidelines on Access and Benefit sharing; Cartagena Biosafety Protocol; International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on access to genetic resources and protection of traditional knowledge and folklore.
- Examples of legal cases including their policy consequences.

Part 3 – Institutional and national intellectual property policy and management issues

- Proprietary knowledge management including "hands on" training on practical issues relating to the use and development of IPR agreements for exchange of genetic resources including negotiation exercises.
- Institutional and national IPR policy development.

Part 4 – Developing functional national and institutional policies and frameworks

- Policies, strategies and frameworks to support development of IPR/ Access and Benefit Sharing regimes for exchange of genetic resources.
- Study of case studies of successful IPR partnerships supporting the sustainable use of genetic resources.
- Participants will briefly present the plans for their project of change which they will work on in the intermediate phase.

Second phase: The individual change project

The project of change is an individual project that participants will start to work on during and following the first three weeks in Sweden. Within the project of change, participants are supposed to contribute to the strengthening of IPR /genetic resources regimes in their respective home countries. For a project to be successful it is important that it is feasible to do within the given time frame. The project of change must be firmly anchored in the partici-

pant's home institution/organisation with a commitment from its upper management to allow for implementation of the project. This commitment should be clearly expressed in the application. Participants will not receive any financial support for their work on the project but each participant will be given a personal mentor who will be assigned time to advise participants throughout the implementation of their individual project of change.

Third phase

Phase 3 will be a workshop located in one of the participating countries between November 18 and 22, 2013. Phase 3 will include presentations and follow up of the projects of change. The aim of this phase is to gain experience as regards lessons learnt at the individual level by participants in implementing their change projects. During this phase, strategies and directions for continued networking will be developed.

teaching

The Programme, spanning from May 13 to 31, 2013, will include lectures, group discussions, workshops, practical training, negoti- ating exercises, personal projects and field visits. The workload during the Programme will be heavy and participants are expected to be active and engaged. Project work and communication will be continuous parts of the Programme.

management and staff

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences assisted by Stockholm Environment Institute, will provide the programme management. Lecturers and other resource persons will be drawn from relevant Swedish and International Expertise.

Participation

Number of participants limited to 25. Participant profile:

 The Programme is directed to individuals at senior commanding level from the government sector (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture, national IP office) and from national R&D institutions in charge of managing and defining regulato-

- ry/policy IPR frameworks on genetic resources.
- Women are especially encouraged to apply.

Target region:

Global, selecting two regions per year Language requirements
The training programme will be organized and conducted in English and consequently high proficiency in the English language is required.
Candidates should be able to provide independent certification of their language skills, preferably by submitting results from an internationally recognized language test.
Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

Application process

Closing date for application is January 15, 2013.

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

Application should be written on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents.

An English language test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability.

The Swedish Embassy/Consulate does not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate.

If there is no Swedish Embassy/ Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the Programme Secretariat. Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or telefax. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training cost such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities as well as accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs.

International travel costs to and from Sweden are not covered by Sida.

The participant carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport.

Sida always pays international travel cost in connection to the third phase of the training programme.

Personal expenses are not included.

Accommodation

All participants will be accommodated in a hotel in the city of Uppsala. Each participant will have his/her own single room with bathroom.

Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journey and stay during the training

programme. The visa should be valid for the whole period of the programme and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries should be directed to the respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate alternatively other Schengen representation as soon as possible after acceptance into the programmae. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement.

The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

For more information, this website offers Swedish visa information: http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html

Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden and on organised tours during the programme. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident, Medical and dental check-ups are not included.



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