

Name of Issue:

The need to quantify the value of PGR to the economy of the state for permanent funding

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Highlight from the discussion:

1. Economical aspects of PGR:

- Experiences of PGR sources of resistance to biotic and abiotic stress transferred to important crops.
- MAP's are good sources of expensive drugs
- It is very difficult to persuade the government that gene banks are not museums. PGR activities are a long-term enterprise and should be financed accordingly.

2. Modality strategy

- Involving several ministries (for example Science, Agriculture, Environment, Health) for bigger budgets, forming Steering Committees, funding different activities of gene banks; share the responsibility! On the other hand the responsibility of one ministry to cover all the PGR on-going activities and research.
- Set up priorities; in the first step indigenous plants with economic value should be the first choice for breeding cultivars, which will be beneficial for a country.
- Involving the government to be a mediator or to apply for some international funds
- Persuade the governments that it has to fund the infrastructure for PGR on-going activities in order to have background for further international fundraising.

3. Awareness raising

through seminars, workshops and publications

- Shared funding. International, private or NGO's followed by the governments financial contribution.