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MESSAGE

Agrobiodiversity is the feedstock for sustainable food, nutrition and livelihood security. Some of the major components of agrobiodiversity are cultural, culinary, curative and ecosystem diversity. If today there is adequate food for 7.4 billion men, women and children, it is because of the intelligent use of agrobiodiversity through both mendelian and molecular genetics. It is surprising that agrobiodiversity which is the anchor of our food production has not yet received multidisciplinary and multi-national attention at an international conference. Therefore, the 1st International Agrobiodiversity Congress which will pay special attention to science, technology, policy and partnership is a path breaking event. I am confident that as a result of the interaction at the Congress, there will be increased opportunities for biohappiness arising from the sustainable and equitable use of genetic resources. I wish the Congress great success in helping to achieve the goal for food of all and forever.

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