

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations General Assembly, at its 75th session, declared 2023 the International Year of Millets (IYM).

The IYM is a valued opportunity to raise awareness of, and direct policy attention to, the nutritional and health benefits of millets and their suitability for cultivation in adverse and changing climatic conditions. The goal is to actively promote the sustainable production of millets, consumer demand and new market opportunities.

The Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations specialized agency for international efforts to defeat hunger and the lead agency for implementing the IYM in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, cordially invites UPU member countries to engage in this global celebration by issuing a commemorative stamp in 2023. Such a contribution would enhance the work of the UN in building a more sustainable future for all, by highlighting the rich heritage and potential of millets as a sustainable, nutritious and undervalued foodstuff and source of food security and income generation.

For further information, please contact the IYM secretariat at:

- international-year-millets@fao.org
- or visit the dedicated website at:
- www.fao.org/millets-2023/en.

The IYM secretariat sincerely thanks UPU member countries for their collaboration in this important initiative to support the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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