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- (4) Member of the Executive Board, Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust)
- (5) Member of the Steering Committee of SATREPS (JICA-JST) for Global Issues, Japan
- (6) Chair, Technical Advisory Committee, Food and Fertilizer Technology Center for the Asian and Pacific Region (FFTC)
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