WIPO SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS

Susan H. Bragdon
Quaker United Nations Office
24 June 2015
shbragdon@quno.ch
Reactions and Relationships

- **International Undertaking (1983)**
  - FAO-agriculture-food security;
  - Farmers’ Rights;
  - Access terms back and forth through resolutions

- **International Treaty (2004)**
  - MLS; Farmers’ Rights

- **CBD (1992)**
  - UNEP-Environment-conservation; Indigenous and local communities;
  - Access and Benefit Sharing PIC/MAT bilateral

- **Nagoya Protocol (2014)**

- **UPOV (1961)**
  - Harmonized standards; decreasing flexibility for members

- **WTO-TRIPS (1994)**
  - Global IP standards through trade rules

- **Review of MLS**
  - Ongoing report due to Governing Body meeting in Oct 2015
Challenges

- Is the devil in the detail or are we getting lost in the weeds?
- Does one hand know what the other is doing
- And if one hand does know what the other is doing, does it care?
Solutions

• Heighten awareness
• Challenge underlying assumptions
• Pragmatic implementation
• Reassert balance
• Shift dialogue
Possible starting point

- Keystone Dialogues
- Crucible Groups I and 2
- ???