

**Technical Working Party for Vegetables**

**TWV/56/2**

**Fifty-Sixth Session**  
**Virtual meeting, April 18 to 22, 2022**

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**REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV**

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The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Developments in UPOV” for consideration by the fifty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV).

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## Developments in UPOV

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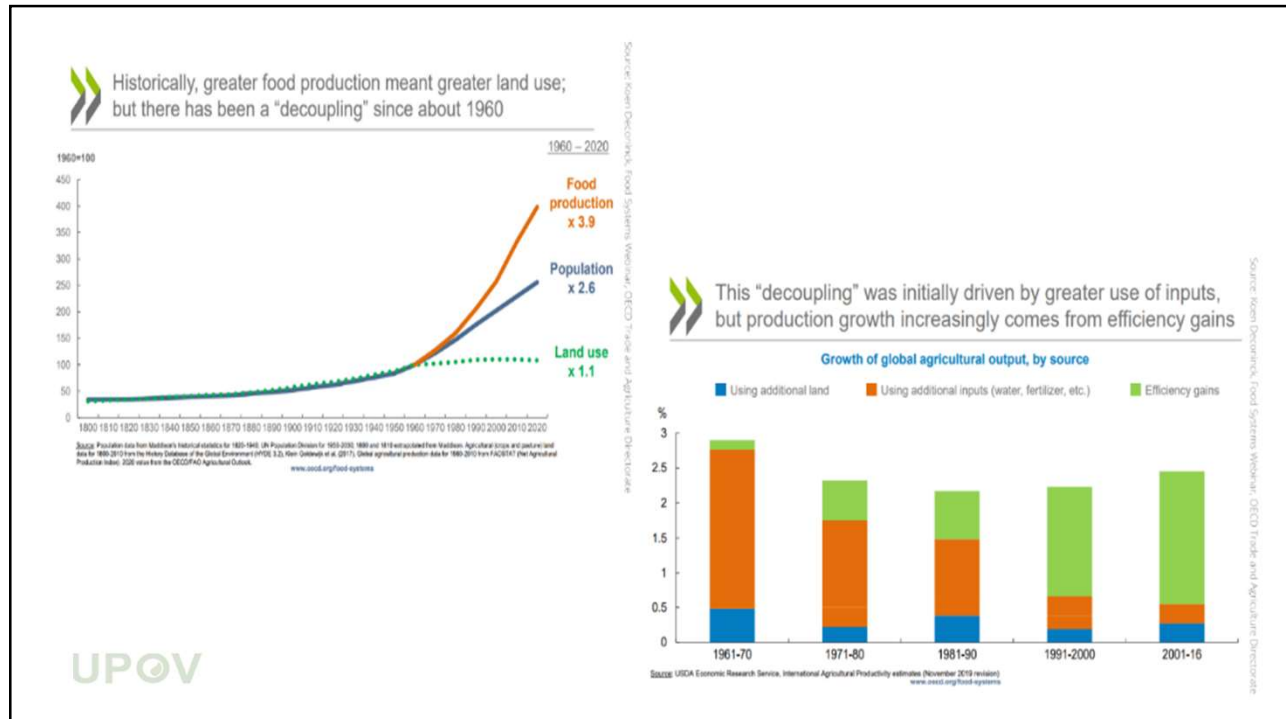


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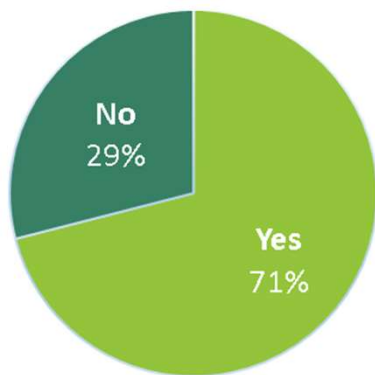
10th anniversary WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION

FARMERS' NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS  
ON NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES

*Highlights from the WFO consultation  
and technical workshop*

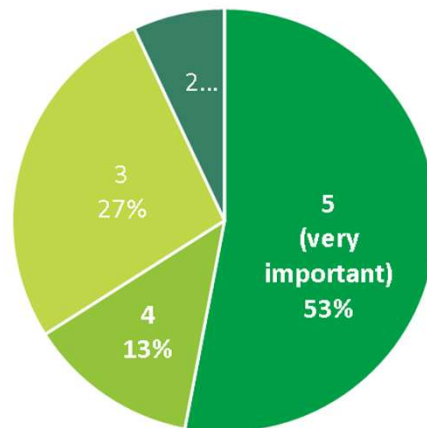
THE BIGGEST INDEPENDENT  
GLOBAL FARMERS' VOICE

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- Do Farmers use  
New Improved Plant Varieties?

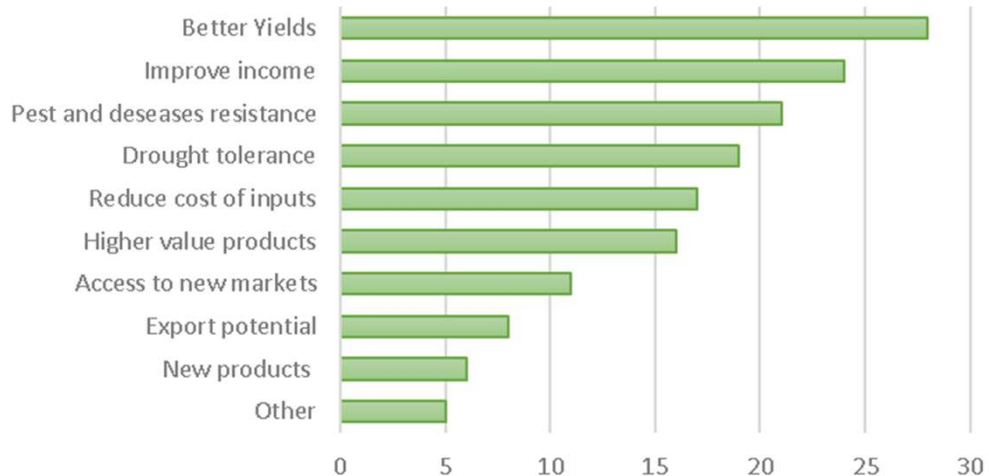


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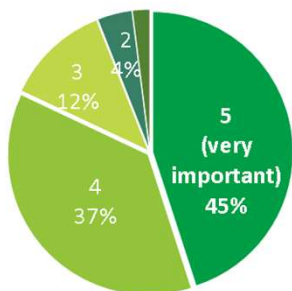
Importance of New Improved Plant Varieties  
for the success of your farm



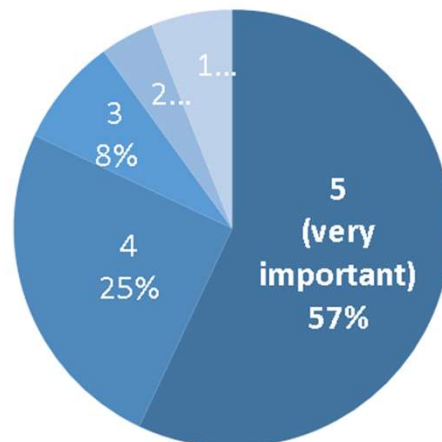
IF RESPONDENTS USE NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES  
WHY?



Consider New Plant Varieties important  
to respond to climate change



Consider New Plant Varieties important  
for the sustainability of food systems



## SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION October 20, 2021

to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant  
breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues

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Seminar on strategies that address policies involving  
plant breeding and plant variety protection

Geneva, October 20, 2021

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The purpose of the seminar is to exchange information and experiences of members of the Union on  
strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues.

- 12:00 Welcome and opening remarks  
Mr. Daren Tang, Secretary-General, UPOV
- 12:10 Program and organization of the Seminar  
Mr. Peter Sadler, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
- 12:15 CANADA  
The role of plant variety protection in supporting public breeding  
institutions, and partnerships with producers and industry  
Mr. Anthony Parker, Commissioner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office,  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- 12:25 CHINA  
Seed Policies Promoting China's Plant Breeding Innovation  
Mr. Yuhui Gu, Principal Consultant, Development Center of Science and  
Technology (DCST), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
- 12:35 EUROPEAN UNION  
EU strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection –  
EU approach, current draft plan for future strategies  
Mr. Peter Marenkovski, Team Leader – Plant Reproductive Material, LMU G1,  
Plant Health Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE),  
European Commission
- 12:45 Break

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- 13:00 JAPAN  
Japan's Intellectual Property Strategy in the field of PVP  
Mr. Tetsuya Murakami, Chief Director of Plant Variety Office,  
Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- 13:10 KENYA  
The role of plant variety protection in promoting food security,  
employment creation and improving farmers' livelihoods  
Mr. Simon Muthoni Mwangi, Head, Seed Certification and Plant Variety  
Protection, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
- 13:20 MEXICO  
Public policies to promote innovations in plant varieties  
Mr. Ledgislav Cortez Tellez, Head, National Service for Seed Inspection  
and Certification (SENCISA), Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development  
(SEAGRICULTURA)
- 13:30 NORWAY  
The importance of plant breeding for food security: Recent policy  
development in Norway  
Ms. Sverre Skarstad, Deputy Director, Department of Forest  
and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 13:40 Break
- 14:00 PERU  
Strategies for promoting Peru's Plant Breeding Protection  
Mr. Manuel Castro Caceron, Deputy, Directorate of Patents and New  
Technologies, Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of  
Intellectual Property (INDECOPI)
- 14:10 SWEDEN  
The need to sustain "small" breeders  
Mr. Magnus Forsberg, Deputy Head, Plant and Control Department,  
Swedish Board of Agriculture
- 14:20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Initiatives from the 2018 Farm Bill Supporting Farm Production,  
Conservation, and Plant Variety Protection in the United States  
Mr. Jeffrey Hynes, Commissioner, Plant Variety Protection Office,  
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- 14:30 Questions
- 14:50 – 15:00 Concluding remarks and Closing  
Mr. Martin Vautier, President of the Council, UPOV

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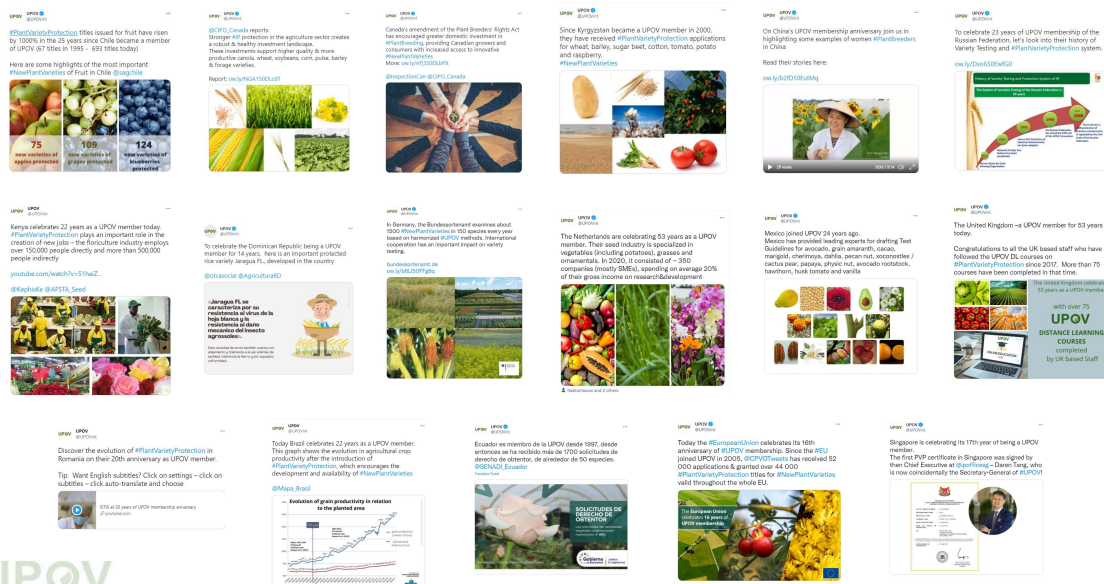
Encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.



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## UPOV member anniversary posts on social media



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Members of UPOV (78) (covering 97 States)

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November 3, 2021

Head of Seed Sector Cooperation and Regional Development  
(Africa, Arab Countries)

*Thanks and farewell  
to*  
Ben Rivoire



## UPOV Team



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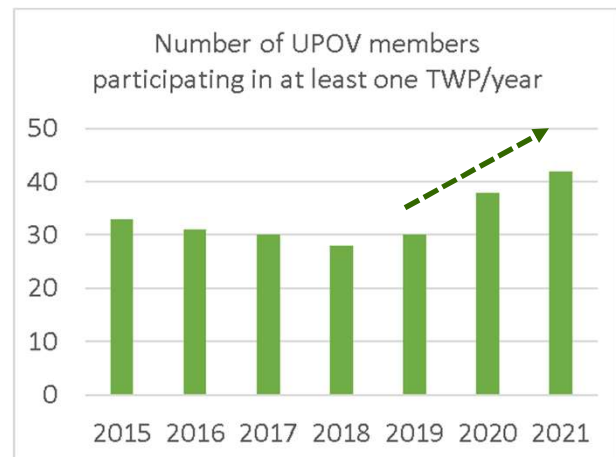
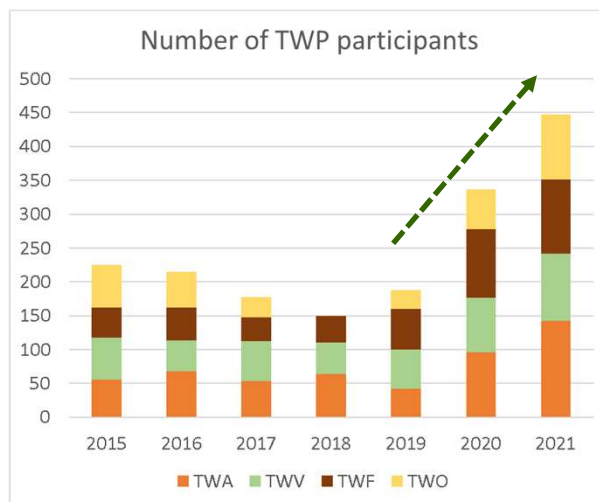
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UPOV Virtual meetings in 2021



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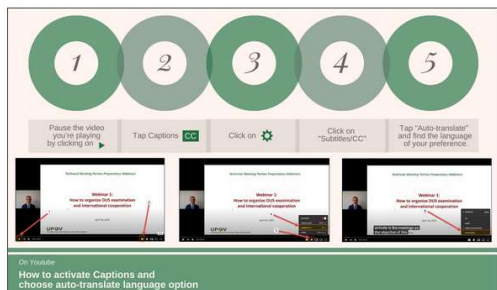


## Technical Working Parties

Webinar (recording/videos)

## Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars 2021

If you wish to view the Webinar recordings with automated captions and auto-translate language options, please use the Youtube links below.



**Two replications (No. of rows and plants per plot depends on Crop species)**

**Example: 9 varieties DUS test Layout**

V1	V3	V4
V2	V2	V5
V3	V1	V6
V4	V9	V7
V5	V8	V8
V6	V7	V9

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### Virtual technical visits: videos & presentations

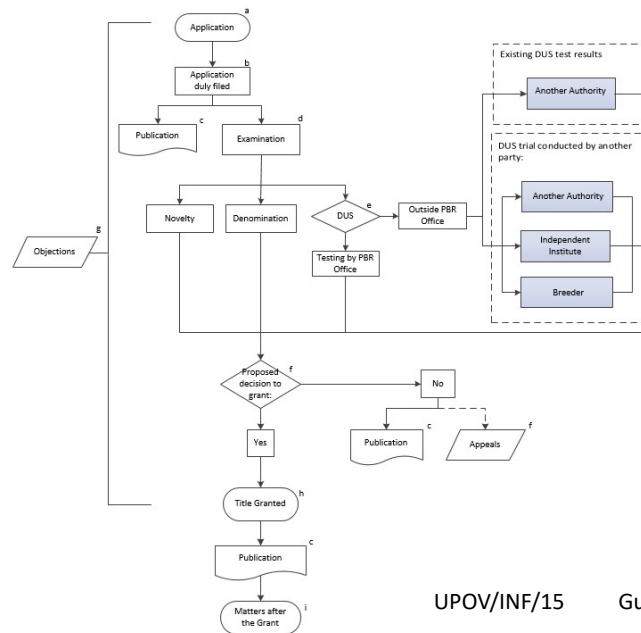


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## Basic tasks within the PBR Office



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Guidance for Members of UPOV

## e-PVP

