



**TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE ON
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION**

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the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
in cooperation with
the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
and
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

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PROGRAM

Location: UPOV Headquarters
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland
Room AB 13.1

Day 1. Monday, May 9, 2016

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.25	<u>Welcome and opening</u> <i>Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)</i> <i>Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Patent Attorney, Patent Attorney, Department of Commerce, Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)</i> <i>Mr. Joseph Bradley, Head, Academic Institutions and Executive Program, WIPO Academy, Development Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)</i>
9.25 – 9.30	<u>Program for the week</u> <i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel, UPOV</i>
9.30 – 10.15	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u> <i>Mr. Philippe Frydman</i>
10.15 – 10.30	Break
10.30 – 12.30	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u> (cont'd)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
	<u>Introduction to UPOV</u>
14.00 – 14.15	Overview <i>Mr. Peter Button</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Discussion
14.30 – 14.45	Break
	<u>Impact of plant variety protection</u>
14.45 – 15.00	Overview <i>Mr. Ben Rivoire, Technical/Regional Officer (Africa, Arab Countries), UPOV</i>
15.00 – 16.00	Group exercise <i>Moderator: Mr. Philippe Frydman</i>
16.00 – 17.00	Discussion

Day 2. Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9.00 – 10.30	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u>
10.30 – 10.45	Break
10.45 – 12.30	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u> <i>(cont'd)</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
	<u>Relationship between the UPOV Convention and other International Treaties</u>
14.00 – 14.15	Overview <i>Mr. Peter Button</i>
14.15 – 14.45	Discussion
	<u>Procedure to become a UPOV member / Providing guidance on plant variety protection</u>
14.45 – 15.00	Introduction <i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i>
15.00 – 15.15	Discussion and experience of participants
15.15 – 15.30	Break
	<u>Key Provisions of the UPOV Convention</u> <i>Overview of available materials by the UPOV Office</i>
15.30 – 15.45	(a) Operation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection <i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Discussion
16.00 – 16.15	(b) Novelty <i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i>
16.15 – 16.30	Discussion
16.30 – 16.45	(c) Variety denominations <i>Mr. Jun Koide, Technical/Regional Officer (Asia), UPOV</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Discussion

Day 3. Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Key provisions of the UPOV Convention *(cont'd)*

Overview of available materials by the UPOV Office

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| 9.00 – 9.15 | (d) Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS)
<i>Mr. Leontino Taveira, Technical/Regional Officer (Latin America, Caribbean countries), UPOV</i> |
| 9.15 – 9.30 | Discussion |
| 9.30 – 9.45 | (e) Arrangements for DUS Testing
<i>Mr. Leontino Taveira</i> |
| 9.45 – 10.00 | Discussion |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | DUS case studies (Group Exercise)
<i>Moderator: Mr. Leontino Taveira</i> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Break |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | DUS case studies (Group Exercise) <i>(cont'd)</i> |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Discussion and experience of UPOV members |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | (f) Scope of the breeder's right
<i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i> |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Discussion |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | (g) Exercise of the breeder's right
<i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i> |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Discussion |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 14.15 | (h) Exceptions and limitations |
| 14.15 – 14.30 | Discussion |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | Farm-saved seed (Group Exercise)
<i>Moderator: Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i> |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | Break |
| 15.15 – 16.00 | Farm-saved seed (Group Exercise) <i>(cont'd)</i> |
| 16.00 – 16.15 | Enforcement of breeders' rights
<i>Ms. Yolanda Huerta</i> |
| 16.15 – 17.00 | Discussion and experience of UPOV members on exercise and enforcement |

Day 4. Thursday, May 12, 2016

The use of plant variety protection and other intellectual property rights in the development of agriculture

- 9.00 – 9.05 **Opening remarks: The role of intellectual property and trade in the development of agriculture**
Mr. Minelik Alemu Getahun, Assistant Director General, Global Issues Sector, WIPO
- 9.05 – 9.35 **Patents and trade secrets**
Mr. Marco Aleman, Acting Director, Patent Law Division, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO
- 9.35 – 10.05 **Trademarks and geographical indications**
Ms. Violeta Ghetu, Legal Officer, Design and Geographical Indication Law Section, Law and Legislative Advice Division, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO
- 10.05 – 10.35 **Patents and plant variety protection in the United States of America**
Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda
- 10.35 – 10.55 **Discussion**
Moderator: Mr. Joseph Bradley
- 10.55 – 11.15 **Break (group photo)**
- Perspective of a public-private partnership**
- 11.15 – 12.00 *Mr. Willi Wicki, Head, IP Department, Delley Seeds and Plants Ltd. (DSP)*
- 12.00 – 12.30 **Discussion**
- 12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.30 **The role of plant variety protection in technology transfer and public-private partnerships**
Ms. Bahar, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Technology Transfer (USDA)
- 14.30 – 15.00 **Discussion**
- Current issues for plant breeders**
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Perspective of an international breeding company**
Ms. Sietske Wouda, Lead Global Germplasm PVP/MA, Syngenta International AG
- 15.30 – 15.45 **Break**
- 15.45 – 16.15 **Perspective of a national breeders association**
Mr. Antonio Villarroel, Secretary-General, ANOVE
- 16.15 – 17.00 **Discussion**
- 18.30 **Social dinner**
Café du Soleil

Day 5. Friday, May 13, 2016

- 9.00 – 9.30 **UPOV training and assistance strategy**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 9.30 – 10.00 **Trainer support system**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 10.00 – 10.45 **Feedback on the week**
Moderator: Mr. Peter Button
- 10.45 – 11.00 **Break**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **Participants' plans for training on plant variety protection**
- 12.00 – 12.30 **Presentation of certificates**
Mr. Peter Button
Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda
Mr. Mohamed Abderraouf Bdioui, Senior Counsellor, Management, Strategic Planning and Coordination, WIPO Academy, Development Sector, WIPO
- 12.30 **Closing**

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