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Launch of UPOV Electronic Application Form (EAF)

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is pleased to announce the launch of the Electronic Application Form (EAF).

What are the features of the EAF?

- An **online plant breeders' rights (PBR) application tool** that can be used to provide application data to all participating PVP Offices in the required format (hard copy, e-mail, system to system communication)
- Application forms can be displayed in a **range of languages** (note: answers must be provided in an acceptable language for the PVP Office)
- **Information can be automatically re-used in subsequent application data**
- Different **user roles can be specified** (e.g. drafter, signatory, translator, agent, procedural representative)
- **Controlled access to all PBR application data**
- Secure and confidential

For more information on the **crops covered, participating PVP Offices and fees**, [click here](#).

UPOV is an intergovernmental organization based in Geneva, with 74 members, covering 93 States.

The purpose of UPOV is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

The members of UPOV are:

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