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UPOV Report on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection

The report is based on individual country studies in Argentina, China, Kenya, Poland and the Republic of Korea and also includes an overview of developments within UPOV.

Some very clear messages have emerged from this study, perhaps the most important being that the introduction of the UPOV system of plant variety protection and membership of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) can open a door to economic development, particularly in the rural sector. An important feature of the study is that it indicates the range of ways in which plant variety protection can produce benefits and also demonstrates that the benefits differ from country to country, reflecting their specific circumstances. Thus, a key conclusion is that the UPOV system of plant variety protection provides an effective incentive for plant breeding in many different situations and in various sectors, resulting in the development of new, improved varieties of benefit for farmers, growers and consumers.

The report is intended to be of interest to a wide audience and, in particular, to decision makers in countries which are reflecting on how to enhance economic development through plant variety protection. An executive summary of the report is reproduced under “Key issues”.

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