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UPOV Newsletter: October 2025 Edition

Welcome to our newsletter, where we share the latest updates from UPOV and global Plant Variety Protection (PVP) figures.

This is your go-to resource to explore the latest advancements and opportunities in the world of PVP to promote agricultural innovation.

N.B: This publication is released biannually: in June and October.



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UPOV 2025 Sessions Close: Secretary-General Tang Says Plant Variety Protection Supports Better Varieties, More Income for Farmers

Concluding a week of discussions at the 2025 UPOV sessions, Secretary-General Daren Tang underscored the plant variety protection (PVP) system's essential role in fostering innovation and development in plant breeding.

Click on the link below for key highlights from the week-long sessions, which include Malaysia's receipt of positive advice from the UPOV Council, paving the way for the country to join UPOV, and the outcomes of a nascent UPOV public seminar on cooperation with breeders in plant variety examinations.

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Global Plant Variety Protection Trends in 2024

Video: UPOV/Frimpong

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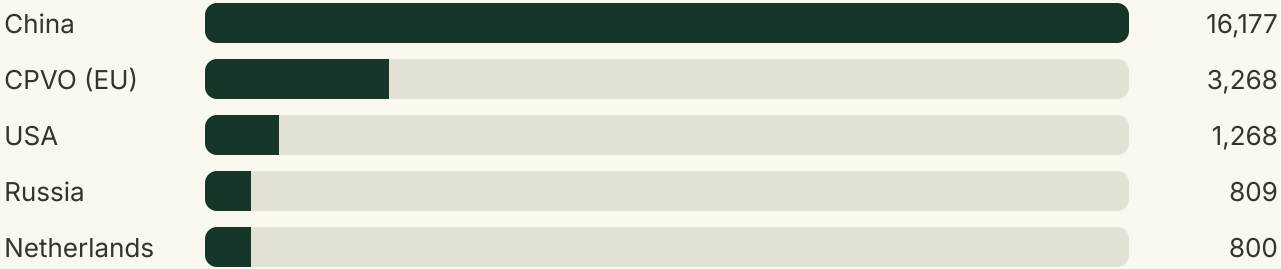
applications filed in 2024 — up 0.6% over 2023, the 9th consecutive year of growth

200,000+

plant varieties in force by end of 2024 — up 4.1% from 2023

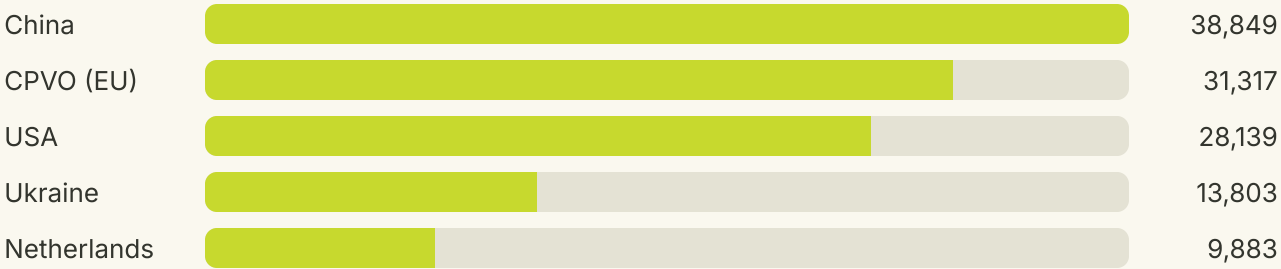
China remained the leading destination for plant variety applications, receiving 16,177 filings and accounting for 55.3% of the global total. The Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) of the European Union followed with 3,268 applications (11.2%), ahead of the United States of America (1,268), the Russian Federation (809), and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (800).

TOP 5 OFFICES BY APPLICATIONS FILED, 2024



By the end of 2024, more than 200,000 plant varieties were in force worldwide, up 4.1% from 2023. The highest numbers of active titles were recorded in China (38,849), the CPVO (31,317), the United States (28,139), Ukraine (13,803), and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (9,883).

TOP 5 BY TITLES IN FORCE, END OF 2024



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Japan joins UPOV PRISMA, facilitating simplified submissions of plant variety applications

Japan has successfully connected its national online plant variety protection (PVP) system to UPOV PRISMA, the global platform for filing PVP and national listing applications. Effective October 14, 2025, applicants will now be able to file for protection across all genera and species in Japan through the unified online tool.

[Read more →](#)

“UPOV PRISMA will make the application process more efficient and user-friendly for both Japanese and foreign applicants. We believe this milestone will further enhance transparency and encourage the development of new plant varieties that benefit agriculture and society.”

Mr. Toru Yoshimatsu

Senior Director, Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan



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Highlights from the UPOV Seminar on Cooperation in Plant Variety Examinations (DUS Examinations)

On the sidelines of the UPOV Sessions, a seminar on cooperation with breeders highlighted how collaboration is improving the efficiency of plant variety examinations. The discussions showcased how international cooperation and shared learning bring the principles of the UPOV Convention to life.

To watch a recap of this event, click [this link](#).



Image: Yeny Campos

Growing Change: How New Raspberry Varieties Transformed a Chilean Small Farmer's Future

Yeny Marlene Aníñir Campos never planned to become a raspberry grower. But living in Chile's Araucanía region, considered the country's poorest in terms of GDP per capita, she did what she could to support her family.

From a modest start with 0.25 hectares, today she runs Lidia Berries, a 2.5-hectare farm powered by new raspberry varieties that employs up to 60 women in Araucanía, Chile.

[Explore Yeny's story →](#)



Applications using UPOV Prisma



Image: UPOV/Frimpong

UPOV PRISMA Hits 10,000 Applications

On 7 October 2025, UPOV PRISMA hit 10,000 applications.

A huge milestone for the digital tool that helps plant breeders worldwide by simplifying plant variety protection (PVP) and national listing applications, making innovation more accessible across borders.

Thank you to all the breeders, authorities, and partners who made this possible.

[Go to UPOV PRISMA →](#)

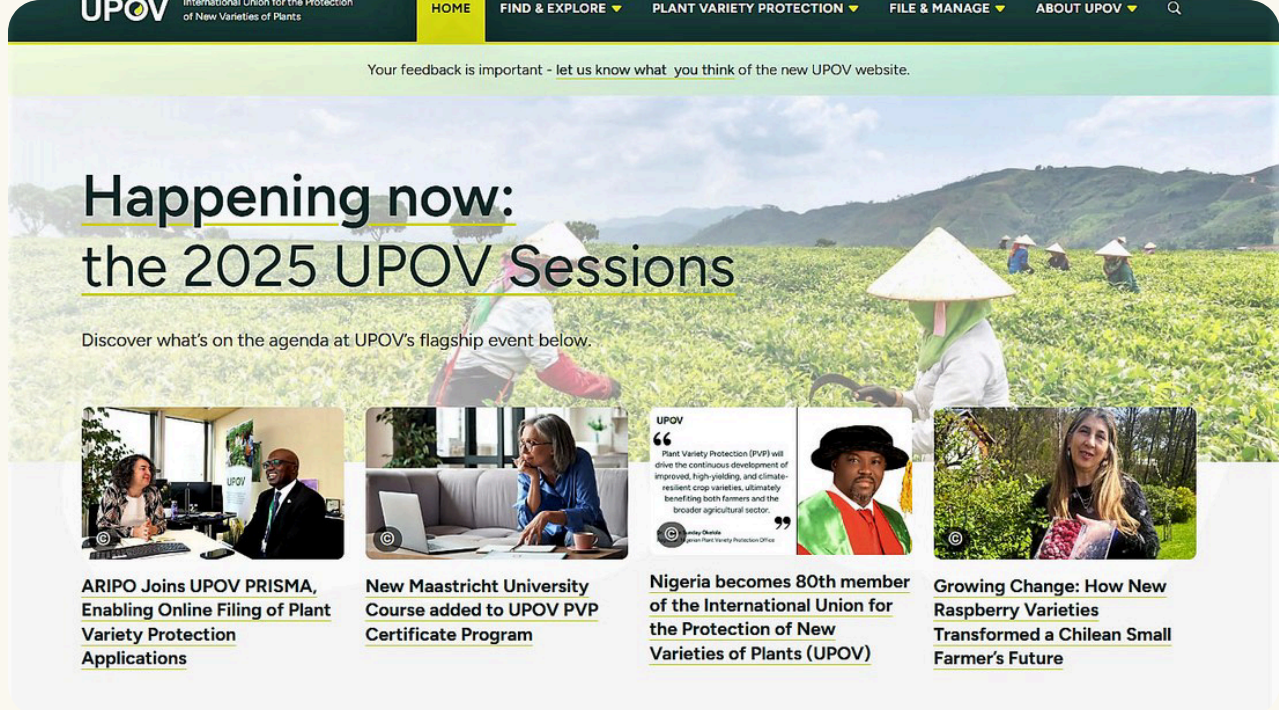


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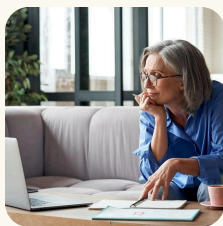
New UPOV Website Live

UPOV's website just got a brand-new makeover!

Explore our fresh design, streamlined navigation, and improved access to resources that matter most to you. Take a tour today and [share your feedback](#).

In case you missed it...

Catch a recap of previous events below:



New Maastricht University Course added to UPOV PVP Certificate Program: Professionals seeking to strengthen their expertise at the intersection of biotechnology and plant variety protection (PVP) can now register by September 7, 2025, for the newly added Maastricht University course "Plant Variety Protection and Biotechnology" in the [UPOV International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection \(UPOV PVP Certificate Program\)](#).

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At the 18th East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum in Singapore, stakeholders from across ASEAN and beyond came together to explore how plant variety protection can unlock real impact. One inspiring example came from Viet Nam, where breeders used PVP to develop the award-winning fragrant rice variety ST25. Now grown on 200,000 hectares, ST25 has boosted farmers' incomes by up to 50%. [Explore more here.](#)

Image: EAPVP Forum



The UPOV Office visited [Agroscope](#) in Changins, Switzerland, a leading hub for agricultural research and Switzerland's federal reference center for Plant Genetic Resources. Agroscope is home to one of the world's largest spelt wheat collections, with over 2,200 accessions, alongside a broader cereal collection of more than 10,000 samples. Check out the highlights of the study trip which took place in June this year [here.](#)

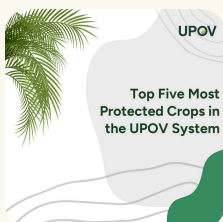
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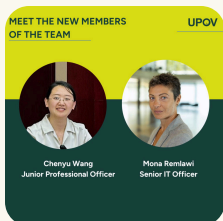
During the 2025 [World Intellectual Property Organization \(WIPO\)](#) Assemblies, UPOV Vice Secretary General Yolanda Huerta participated in several bilateral discussions with countries, organizations, and partners to strengthen global dialogue on plant variety protection. These exchanges highlighted the universal role of agricultural innovation in building resilience and food security. Get the highlights [here.](#)

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From our social channels



Which crops are plant breeders protecting the most worldwide? We crunched the numbers from UPOV's global database and the top 5 might surprise you. [Head here to find out.](#)



The UPOV Team is growing! In September and October this year, we were delighted to welcome Mona Remlawi as UPOV's new Senior IT Officer and Chenyu Wang as a Junior Professional Officer.

With years of experience in software engineering, Mona brings a wealth of expertise and will play a key role in advancing UPOV's digital transformation through innovative and scalable IT solutions.

Chenyu will focus on analyzing and presenting information on plant variety protection and supporting the development of UPOV services, contributing fresh insight and analytical strength to the team.

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