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Report on activities during the first nine months of 2022

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

 Ghana became the seventy-eighth member of UPOV on December 3, 2021, as a result of which UPOV now covers 97 States.

 On March 7, 2022, all staff resumed work on UPOV premises with the possibility of regular part-time teleworking up to a maximum of three days per week.

 Travel by UPOV staff has resumed on an “important travel only” basis. This means that any specific travel is directly required for the achievement of one or more Expected Results. The number of virtual activities and engagements continues to be much higher than in-person activities.

Figure 1. Number of missions, activities and meetings involving UPOV



 In May, the fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) became the first Technical Working Party to enable physical participation since 2019, when the United Kingdom hosted a hybrid meeting in Cambridge.

 In August, the Train-the-Trainer course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, organized by UPOV in cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, became the first physical event organized by UPOV in Geneva since 2019.

 There was exceptional growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 2,509 applications. This has been followed by strong underlying growth in 2022. Disregarding the one-off peak in number of applications in June 2021, which was the result of a transitional novelty deadline in the United Kingdom, there has been a 17% increase in applications for the period January to September 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. This growth has occurred within the existing coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members and crops covered.

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# UPOV status

## Members

 Ghana deposited its instrument of accession to the UPOV Convention on November 3, 2021, and became the seventy-eighth member of UPOV on December 3, 2021.

 As of September 30, 2022, the Union comprised 78 members (76 States and 2 organizations), covering 97 States (see figure 3). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 3. Members of the Union as at September 30, 2022



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory

## Situation in Relation to the Various Acts of the Convention

 On September 30, 2022, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

 (a) 61 members (covering 82[[1]](#footnote-2) States) were bound by the 1991 Act; and

 (b) 17 members were bound by the 1978 Act.

## States/organizations that have initiated the procedure to become a member of the Union

 At the request of Armenia dated September 22, 2022, the Draft Law on the Protection of Varieties of Plants of Armenia will be examined by the Council, at its fifty-sixth ordinary session, to be held on October 28, 2022, for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

 The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2022:

Figure 4 - Changes of status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2022



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory.

 States and organizations that requested advice from the Council of UPOV during the first nine months of 2022: Armenia

 States and organizations that were in contact with the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation on plant variety protection during the first nine months of 2022

Members of the Union (2): Georgia, Mexico

Non-members of the Union (5): Antigua and Barbuda, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia

# Activities in 2022

## Sessions of UPOV Bodies

 The following meetings were held during the first nine months of 2022 (in chronological order):

* WG-HRV/1: March 15 (virtual meeting)
* EAF/19: March 16 (virtual meeting)
* WG-SHF/1: March 17 (virtual meeting)
* TC-EDC: March 22 and 23 (virtual meeting)
* TWV/56: April 18 to 22 (virtual meeting)
* TWA/51: May 23 to 27, Cambridge, United Kingdom
* TWO/54: June 13 to 17, hosted by Germany (virtual meeting)
* TWF/53: July 11 to 15 (virtual meeting)
* WG-HRV/2: September 6 (virtual meeting)
* WG-SHF/2: September 7 (virtual meeting)
* TWM/1: September 19 to 23 (virtual meeting)

## Other meetings and events

 During the first nine months of 2022, the Office undertook a total of 12 missions outside Geneva, participated in 10 physical meetings in Geneva and in a total of 204 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

## Distance learning courses

 One session of each of the UPOV Distance Learning Courses DL-205 “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”, DL-305 “Examination of applications for plant breeders’ rights” (DL-305A and DL305B in one course), DL-305A “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” and DL-305B “DUS Examination” was organized in English, French German and Spanish. A breakdown of the students participating in the UPOV distance learning courses DL-205 and DL-305 is included in Annex II.

## UPOV PRISMA

 There was exceptional growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 2,509 applications. This has been followed by strong underlying growth in 2022. Disregarding the one-off peak in number of applications in June 2021, which was the result of a transitional novelty deadline in the United Kingdom, there has been a 17% increase in applications for the period January to September 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. This growth has occurred within the existing coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members and crops covered.

## PLUTO database

 From January 1 to September 30, 2022, the Office published 207 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO).

 The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

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| Service | Number of users  |
| Standard service | 2419 |
| Eligible officials | 132 |
| Paying service | 36  |
| PVP contributors\* | 43 |

\* 29 UPOV members contribute their data to PLUTO via CPVO and therefore do not need a PVP contributor account.

## Publications

### Test Guidelines

 The following 14 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted by the TC at its fifty-seventh session, held on October 25 and 26, 2021, and were published on the UPOV website in 2022:

| **Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento** | **English** | **Français** | **Deutsch** | **Español** | **Botanical name** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTILINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN |
| TG/337/1 | Pistachio | Pistachier | Pistazie | Pistachero | *Pistacia vera* L. |
| TG/338/1 | Physic Nut | Jatropha | Purgiernuss | Piñón mexicano | *Jatropha curcas* L. |
| REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS |
| TG/95/4 | Lagerstroemia | Lagerstroemia | Lagerstroemia | Lagerstroemia | *Lagerstroemia* L. |
| TG/70/5 | Apricot | Abricotier | Marille, Aprikose | Albaricoquero | *Prunus armeniaca* L. |
| TG/197/2 | Eustoma | Eustoma | Eustoma | Eustoma | *Eustoma exaltatum* (L.) Salisb. ex G. Don subsp. *russellianum* (Hook.) Kartesz |
| TG/281/2 | Echinacea | Echinacée | Echinacea, Igelkopf | Equinàcea | *Echinacea* Moench |
| PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN ADOPTÉS /TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS |
| TG/13/11 Rev.2 | Lettuce | Laitue | Salat | Lechuga | *Lactuca sativa* L. |
| TG/53/7 Rev. 2 | Peach | Pêcher | Pfirsich | Durazno, Meocotonero | *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch |
| TG/84/4 Corr. 2 Rev. 2 | Japanese Plum | Prunier japonais | Ostasiatische Pflaume | Ciruelo japonés | *Prunus salicina* Lindl. |
| TG/98/7 Rev. 2 | Actinidia | Actinidia | Kiwi | Kiwi | *Actinidia* Lindl. |
| TG/187/2 Rev. | Prunus Rootstocks | Porte-greffes de prunus | Prunus-Unterlagen | Portainjertos de prunus | *Prunus* L. |
| TG/244/1 Rev. | Wild Rocket | Roquette sauvage | Wilde Rauke | Roqueta silvestre | *Diplotaxis tenuifolia* (L.) DC. |
| TG/245/1 Rev. | Garden Rocket | Roquette cultivée | Ölrauke | Roqueta | *Eruca sativa* Mill. |
| TG/276/1 Rev. | Hemp | Chanvre | Hanf | Cáñamo | *Cannabis sativa* L. |

 The following Test Guidelines were adopted by correspondence by the TC by correspondence:

| **Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento** | **English** | **Français** | **Deutsch** | **Español** | **Botanical name** |
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| NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTILINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN |
| TG/339/1 | Zinnia | Zinnia | Zinnie | Zinnia | *Zinnia* ×*marylandica* D. M. Spooner et al.; *Zinnia angustifolia* Kunth; *Zinnia elegans* Jacq.;*Zinnia haageana* Regel;*Zinnia peruviana* (L.) L. |
| REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS |
| TG/37/11 | Turnip | Navet | Herbstrübe, Mairübe | Nabo | *Brassica rapa* L. var. *rapa* |
| TG/68/4 | Berberis | Berberis | Berberitze | Bérbero | *Berberis* L. |
| TG/238/2 | Tea | Théier | Tee, Teestrauch | Te, Té | *Camellia sinensis* (L.) Kuntze |

### Press Releases

 The Office published one press release.

 *The Council is invited to note this report.*

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ANNEX I MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

**International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants\***

UPOV Convention (1961), as revised at Geneva (1972, 1978 and 1991)

**Status on September 30, 2022**

| State/Organization | Date on which State/Organizationbecame member of UPOV | Number of contributionunits | Latest Act[[2]](#endnote-2) of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act |
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| African Intellectual Property Organization[[3]](#endnote-3)  | July 10, 2014 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | July 10, 2014 |
| Albania  | October 15, 2005 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | October 15, 2005 |
| Argentina  | December 25, 1994 | 0.5 | 1978 Act  | December 25, 1994 |
| Australia  | March 1, 1989 | 1.0 | 1991 Act  | January 20, 2000 |
| Austria  | July 14, 1994 | 0.75 | 1991 Act  | July 1, 2004 |
| Azerbaijan  | December 9, 2004 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | December 9, 2004 |
| Belarus  | January 5, 2003 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | January 5, 2003 |
| Belgium[[4]](#endnote-4)  | December 5, 1976 | 1.5 | 1991 Act  | June 2, 2019 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | May 21, 1999 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | May 21, 1999 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina  | November 10, 2017 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | November 10, 2017 |
| Brazil  | May 23, 1999 | 0.25 | 1978 Act  | May 23, 1999 |
| Bulgaria  | April 24, 1998 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | April 24, 1998 |
| Canada  | March 4, 1991 | 1.0 | 1991 Act  | July 19, 2015 |
| Chile  | January 5, 1996 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | January 5, 1996 |
| China  | April 23, 1999 | 2.0 | 1978 Act[[5]](#endnote-5)  | April 23, 1999 |
| Colombia  | September 13, 1996 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | September 13, 1996 |
| Costa Rica  | January 12, 2009 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | January 12, 2009 |
| Croatia  | September 1, 2001 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | September 1, 2001 |
| Czech Republic  | January 1, 1993 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | November 24, 2002 |
| Denmark[[6]](#endnote-6)  | October 6, 1968 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | April 24, 1998 |
| Dominican Republic  | June 16, 2007 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | June 16, 2007 |
| Ecuador  | August 8, 1997 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | August 8, 1997 |
| Egypt  | December 1, 2019 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | December 1, 2019 |
| Estonia  | September 24, 2000 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | September 24, 2000 |
| European Union[[7]](#endnote-7)  | July 29, 2005 | 5.0 | 1991 Act  | July 29, 2005 |
| Finland  | April 16, 1993 | 1.0 | 1991 Act  | July 20, 2001 |
| France  | October 3, 1971 | 5.0 | 1991 Act  | May 27, 2012 |
| Georgia  | November 29, 2008 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | November 29, 2008 |
| Germany  | August 10, 1968 | 5.0 | 1991 Act  | July 25, 1998 |
| Ghana  | December 3, 2021 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | December 3, 2021 |
| Hungary  | April 16, 1983 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | January 1, 2003 |
| Iceland  | May 3, 2006 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | May 3, 2006 |
| Ireland  | November 8, 1981 | 1.0 | 1991Act  | January 8, 2012 |
| Israel  | December 12, 1979 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | April 24, 1998 |
| Italy  | July 1, 1977 | 2.0 | 1978 Act  | May 28, 1986 |
| Japan  | September 3, 1982 | 5.0 | 1991 Act  | December 24, 1998 |
| Jordan  | October 24, 2004 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | October 24, 2004 |
| Kenya  | May 13, 1999 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | May 11, 2016 |
| Kyrgyzstan  | June 26, 2000 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | June 26, 2000 |
| Latvia  | August 30, 2002 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | August 30, 2002 |
| Lithuania  | December 10, 2003 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | December 10, 2003 |
| Mexico  | August 9, 1997 | 0.75 | 1978 Act  | August 9, 1997 |
| Montenegro  | September 24, 2015 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | September 24, 2015 |
| Morocco  | October 8, 2006 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | October 8, 2006 |
| Netherlands  | August 10, 1968 | 3.0 | 1991 Act[[8]](#endnote-8)  | April 24, 1998 |
| New Zealand  | November 8, 1981 | 1.0 | 1978 Act  | November 8, 1981 |
| Nicaragua  | September 6, 2001 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | September 6, 2001 |
| North Macedonia  | May 4, 2011 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | May 4, 2011 |
| Norway  | September 13, 1993 | 1.0 | 1978 Act  | September 13, 1993 |
| Oman  | November 22, 2009 | 1.0 | 1991 Act  | November 22, 2009 |
| Panama  | May 23, 1999 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | November 22, 2012 |
| Paraguay  | February 8, 1997 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | February 8, 1997 |
| Peru  | August 8, 2011 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | August 8, 2011 |
| Poland  | November 11, 1989 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | August 15, 2003 |
| Portugal  | October 14, 1995 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | October 14, 1995 |
| Republic of Korea  | January 7, 2002 | 1.5 | 1991 Act  | January 7, 2002 |
| Republic of Moldova  | October 28, 1998 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | October 28, 1998 |
| Romania  | March 16, 2001 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | March 16, 2001 |
| Russian Federation  | April 24, 1998 | 2.0 | 1991 Act  | April 24, 1998 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  | March 22, 2021 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | March 22, 2021 |
| Serbia  | January 5, 2013 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | January 5, 2013 |
| Singapore  | July 30, 2004 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | July 30, 2004 |
| Slovakia  | January 1, 1993 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | June 12, 2009 |
| Slovenia  | July 29, 1999 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | July 29, 1999 |
| South Africa  | November 6, 1977 | 1.0 | 1978 Act  | November 8, 1981 |
| Spain  | May 18, 1980 | 2.0 | 1991 Act  | July 18, 2007 |
| Sweden  | December 17, 1971 | 1.5 | 1991 Act  | April 24, 1998 |
| Switzerland  | July 10, 1977 | 1.5 | 1991 Act  | September 1, 2008 |
| Trinidad and Tobago  | January 30, 1998 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | January 30, 1998 |
| Tunisia  | August 31, 2003 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | August 31, 2003 |
| Türkiye  | November 18, 2007 | 0.5 | 1991 Act  | November 18, 2007 |
| Ukraine  | November 3, 1995 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | January 19, 2007 |
| United Kingdom  | August 10, 1968 | 2.0 | 1991 Act  | January 3, 1999 |
| United Republic of Tanzania  | November 22, 2015 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | November 22, 2015 |
| United States of America  | November 8, 1981 | 5.0 | 1991 Act[[9]](#endnote-9)  | February 22, 1999 |
| Uruguay  | November 13, 1994 | 0.2 | 1978 Act  | November 13, 1994 |
| Uzbekistan  | November 14, 2004 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | November 14, 2004 |
| Viet Nam  | December 24, 2006 | 0.2 | 1991 Act  | December 24, 2006 |

(Total: 78)

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ANNEX II PARTICIPATION IN THE UPOV DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

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| DL-205 “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention” |
|  | English | French | German | Spanish | Total |
| Session I, 2022: Total by language | 160 | 44 | 3 | 50 | 257 |

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| DL-305 “Examination of applications for plant breeders’ rights” |
|  | English | French | German | Spanish | Total |
| DL-305, Session I, 2022: Total by language | 44 | 13 | - | 21 | 78 |

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| DL-305A “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” |
|  | English | French | German | Spanish | Total |
| DL-305A, Session 1, 2022: Total by language | 29 | 9 | - | 11 | 49 |

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| DL-305B “DUS Examination” |
|  | English | French | German | Spanish | Total |
| DL-305B, Session I, 2022: Total by language | 38 | 10 | - | 5 | 53 |

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2022



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[Appendix follows]

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APPENDIX ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**UPOV terms**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| BMT | Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular |
| CAJ | Administrative and Legal Committee  |
| DL-205 | UPOV distance learning course “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention” |
| DL-305 | UPOV distance learning course “Examination of Applications for Plant Breeders’ Rights” |
| DL-305A | UPOV distance learning course “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” (part A of DL‑305) |
| DL-305B | UPOV distance learning course “DUS Examination”(part B of DL-305) |
| DUS | Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability |
| EAF (see also UPOV PRISMA) | UPOV Electronic Application Form |
| EDV | essentially derived variety |
| Office | Office of the Union |
| PBR | Plant Breeder’s Right |
| PLUTO | UPOV Plant Variety Database |
| TC | Technical Committee |
| TC‑EDC | Enlarged Editorial Committee |
| TWA | Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops |
| TWC | Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs |
| TWF | Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops |
| TWM | Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques |
| TWO | Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees |
| TWP(s) | Technical Working Party(ies) |
| TWV | Technical Working Party for Vegetables |
| WG-HRV | Working Group on harvested Material and Unauthorized use of Propagating Material |
| WG-SHF | Working Group on Guidance concerning Smallholder Farmers in relation to private and non-commercial use |
| UPOV PRISMA | UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool |
| WSP | World Seed Partnership |

**Acronyms (included in Annex III)**

|  |  |
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| 2050Today | A climate action initiative bringing together a community of international Geneva institutions  |
| AAFC | Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada |
| ABIPCO | Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office |
| AFSTA | African Seed Trade Association |
| AGC (Brunei) | Attorney General's Chambers |
| AIPH | International Association of Horticultural Producers |
| AMS (United States of America) | Agricultural Marketing Service |
| ANOVE | Affiliate company of the National Association of Plant Breeders |
| AOMB (the Netherlands) | General Agency on Patents and Brands |
| APHA (United Kingdom) | Animal and Plant Health Agency |
| APSA | Asia and Pacific Seed Association |
| ASEAN | Association of Southeast Asian Nations |
| BASF | Belgium Coordination Center |
| BruIPO | Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam |
| Bundessortenamt (Germany) | Federal Plant Variety Office of Germany |
| CARDI | Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute |
| CARICOM | Caribbean Community |
| CarIPI | CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation |
| CATIE | Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza(Tropical Agricultural Research and Teaching Center) |
| CBD | Convention on Biological Diversity |
| CFIA | Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| CGIAR | Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research |
| CGRFA | Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture |
| CIOPORA | International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties |
| CLI | CropLife International |
| CNIPA | China National Intellectual Property Administration |
| COBURU (Poland) | Central Research Center for Varieties of Cultivated Plants |
| CORAF | Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles |
| CPVO | Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union |
| CREA (Italy) | Council for Agricultural Research and Economics |
| CSA (China) | China Seed Association |
| DCST | Development Center of Science and Technology of China |
| DEFRA | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of United Kingdom |
| DOA (Philippines) | Department of Agriculture of Philippines |
| EAER | Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of Switzerland |
| EAPVP Forum | East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum |
| EAPVP Pilot Project | East Asia Plant Variety Protection Pilot Project |
| EEAS | European External Action Service |
| EMBRAPA (Brazil) | Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation |
| EMBO | European Molecular Biology Organization |
| EPSO | European Plant Science Organisation |
| EUIPO | European Intellectual Property Office |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| FOAG | Federal Office for Agriculture of Switzerland |
| GDA | General Directorate of Agriculture of Cambodia |
| GES | Geneva English School |
| GEVES (France) | Groupe d'Étude et de contrôle des Variétés Et des Semences |
| GNIS (France) | Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants, renamed SEMAE on January 27, 2022 (see further down) |
| ICA (Colombia) | Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario(Colombian Agricultural Institute) |
| INASE (Argentina) | Instituto Nacional de Semillas(National Seed Institute of Argentina) |
| INASE (Uruguay) | Instituto Nacional de Semillas(National Seed Institute of Uruguay) |
| INDECOPI (Peru) | Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual(National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property of Peru) |
| INIA (Peru) | Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria(National Institute of Agrarian Innovation) |
| INIFAP (Mexico) | Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, Agrícolas y Pecuarias(National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research) |
| INPA | Institut National de Recherche Agricole |
| INTA | Instituto Nicaragüense de Tecnología Agropecuaria(Nicaraguan Institute of Agricultural Technology) |
| IP Key SEA | IP Key South-East Asia |
| IPONZ | Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand |
| IPOS | Intellectual Property Office of Singapore |
| ISF | International Seed Federation |
| ISRA | Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles |
| ISTA | International Seed Testing Association |
| ITPGRFA | International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture |
| JATAFF | Japan Association for Techno-innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries |
| JICA | Japan International Cooperation Agency |
| JICE | Japan International Cooperation Center |
| JIPO | Jamaica Intellectual Property Office |
| KEPHIS | Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service |
| LNV | Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands |
| MAF (Norway) | Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Norway |
| MAF (Türkiye) | Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Türkiye |
| MAFF (Cambodia) | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia |
| MAFF (Japan) | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan |
| MAPA (Spain) | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain |
| MARA (China) | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China |
| MARD (Israel) | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel |
| MARD (Viet Nam) | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam |
| MISTI (Cambodia) | Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of Cambodia |
| MOA (Kazakhstan) | Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan |
| MOA (Jordan) | Ministry of Agriculture of Jordan |
| MOA (United Republic of Tanzania) | Ministry of Agriculture of United Republic of Tanzania |
| MOFA (Japan) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan |
| Naktuinbouw | The Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture |
| NASC (Nigeria) | National Agricultural Seed Council of Nigeria |
| NIAB | National Institute of Agricultural Botany |
| NCSS (Japan) | National Center for Seeds and Seedlings of Japan |
| NVWA | Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority |
| OAPI | African Intellectual Property Organization |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development |
| OFINASE (Costa Rica) | Oficina Nacional de Semillas(National Seed Office) |
| OREVADO (Dominican Republic) | Office of Plant Variety Registration and Protection of Breeders' Rights of the Dominican Republic |
| PAIRED | Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development |
| SADER (Mexico) | Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural(Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico) |
| SEMAE (France) | L'interprofession des semences et plants(French Interprofessional Organisation for Seeds and Plants) |
| SENADI (Ecuador) | Servicio Nacional de Derechos Intelectuales(National Service for Intellectual Rights of Ecuador) |
| SNICS (Mexico) | Servicio Nacional de Inspección y Certificación de Semillas(National Seed Inspection and Certification Service of Mexico) |
| SNL | Structure Nationale de Liaison |
| SNPC (Brazil) | Serviço Nacional de Proteção de Cultivares(National Cultivar Protection Service of Brazil) |
| THASTA | Thai Seed Trade Association |
| TTIPO | Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office |
| UKZUZ (Czech Republic) | Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture |
| UN | United Nations  |
| UNIGE | University of Geneva |
| USDA | United States Department of Agriculture |
| USPTO | United States Patent and Trademark Office |
| WFO | World Farmers’ Organization |
| WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |

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1. 82 States comprises those States bound by the 1991 Act and States covered by the plant breeders’ rights regional systems due to their membership to the European Union and OAPI. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \* The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, is an independent intergovernmental organization having legal personality. Pursuant to an agreement concluded between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and UPOV, the Director General of WIPO is the Secretary-General of UPOV and WIPO provides administrative services to UPOV.

 “1978 Act” means the Act of October 23, 1978, of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; “1991 Act” means the Act of March 19, 1991, of the Convention. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Operates a plant breeders’ rights system which covers the territory of its 17 member States (member States of OAPI: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea‑Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo). [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. With a declaration that the Convention of 1961, the Additional Act of 1972, the 1978 Act and the 1991 Act are not applicable to Greenland and the Faroe Islands. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. Operates a plant breeders’ rights system which covers the territory of its 27 member States (member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden). [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

[Annex II follows] [↑](#endnote-ref-9)