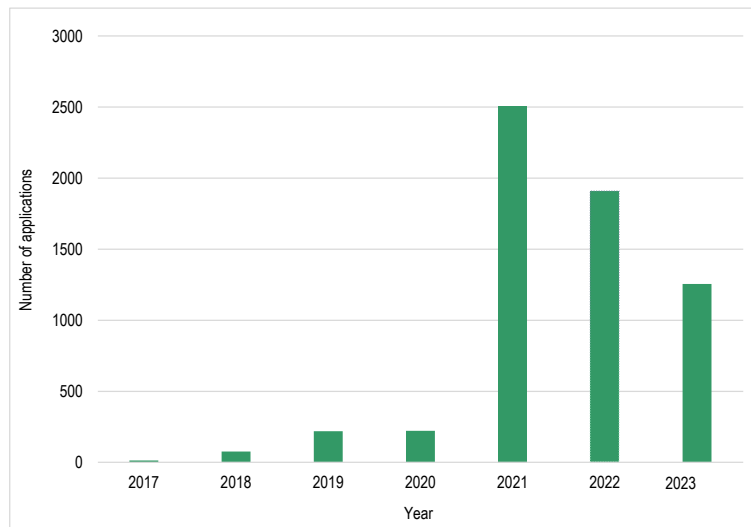


Council**C/57/3****Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Session
Geneva, October 27, 2023****Original:** English
Date: October 24, 2023**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2023***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. During the first nine months there was a focus on digitalization services for UPOV members and on how to integrate better key stakeholders in the UPOV membership journey: UPOV Train the Trainer Program and engagement with policy makers. Other key developments are summarized below.
2. The Council, at its thirty-fifth extraordinary session held in Geneva on March 23, 2023:
 - (a) appointed Ms. Yolanda Huerta Casado (Spain), to the post of Vice Secretary-General;
 - (b) promoted Mr. Leontino Rezende Taveira (Brazil) to a newly created position of Director of Global Development and Technical Affairs at the D1 level; and
 - (c) appointed Mr. Martin Ake Ekvad (Sweden) as Director of Legal Affairs on the D1 level post vacated through the appointment of Ms. Huerta.
3. The number of countries requesting assistance in legislative matters increased from 7 States during the first nine months of 2022 to 18 States during the same period in 2023 (see figure 3 “Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023”).
4. The UPOV Office granted observer status to Rwanda in the Council, CAJ, TC and the TWPs. It also granted observer status to Nigeria in the TWPs.
5. On September 28, Viet Nam became the first UPOV member to deploy all UPOV e-PVP components, and the first UPOV member to use the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module and UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.
6. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2023 (1,256), was 3% lower than the same period in 2022 (1,298).

Figure 1 – Applications in UPOV PRISMA during the first nine months of 2023



7. 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 (MAFF) of Japan, took place at UPOV Headquarters in Geneva from June 20 to 23, with a total of 20 participants, from 15 different States and two organizations. Speakers from 5 different organizations (CIOFORA, ISF, FAO, Mnandi Africa, WIPO) also contributed in the training. The program is focusing on providing information and support to policy makers in the UPOV membership journey of their countries.

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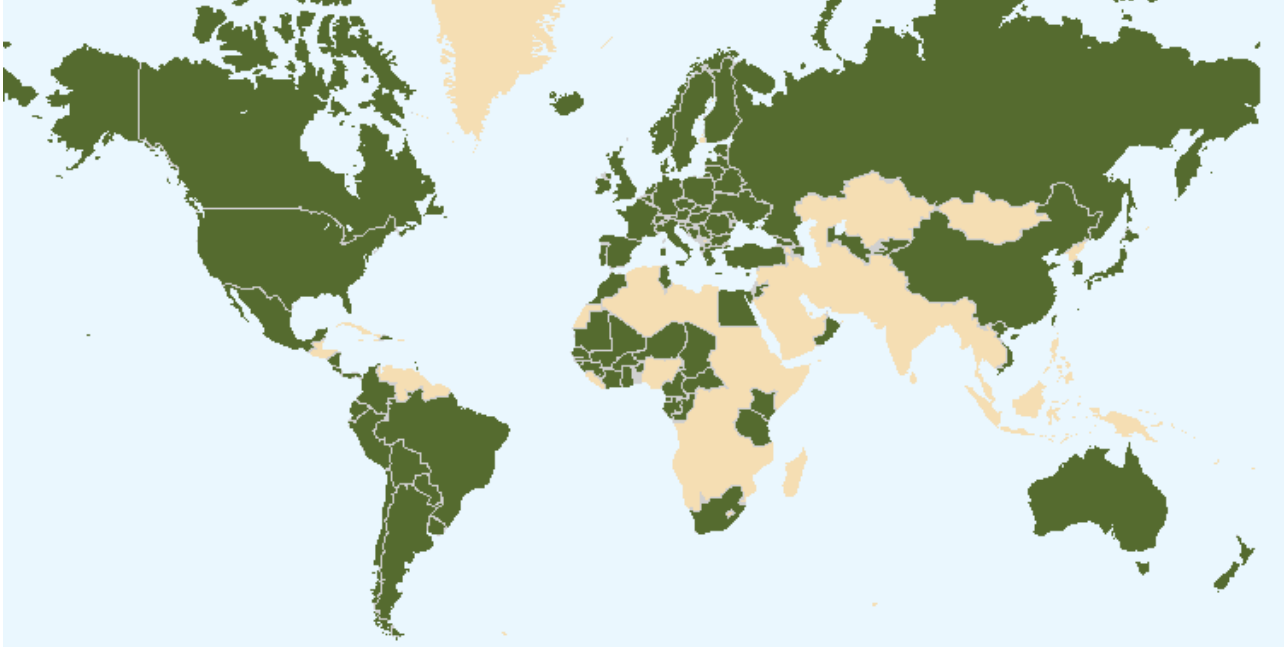
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UPOV STATUS

Members

8. As of September 30, 2023, the Union comprised 78 members (76 States and 2 organizations), covering 97 States (see figure 2). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 2. Members of the Union as of September 30, 2023



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

9. On September 30, 2023, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

- (a) 61 members (covering 82¹ States) were bound by the 1991 Act; and
- (b) 17 members were bound by the 1978 Act.

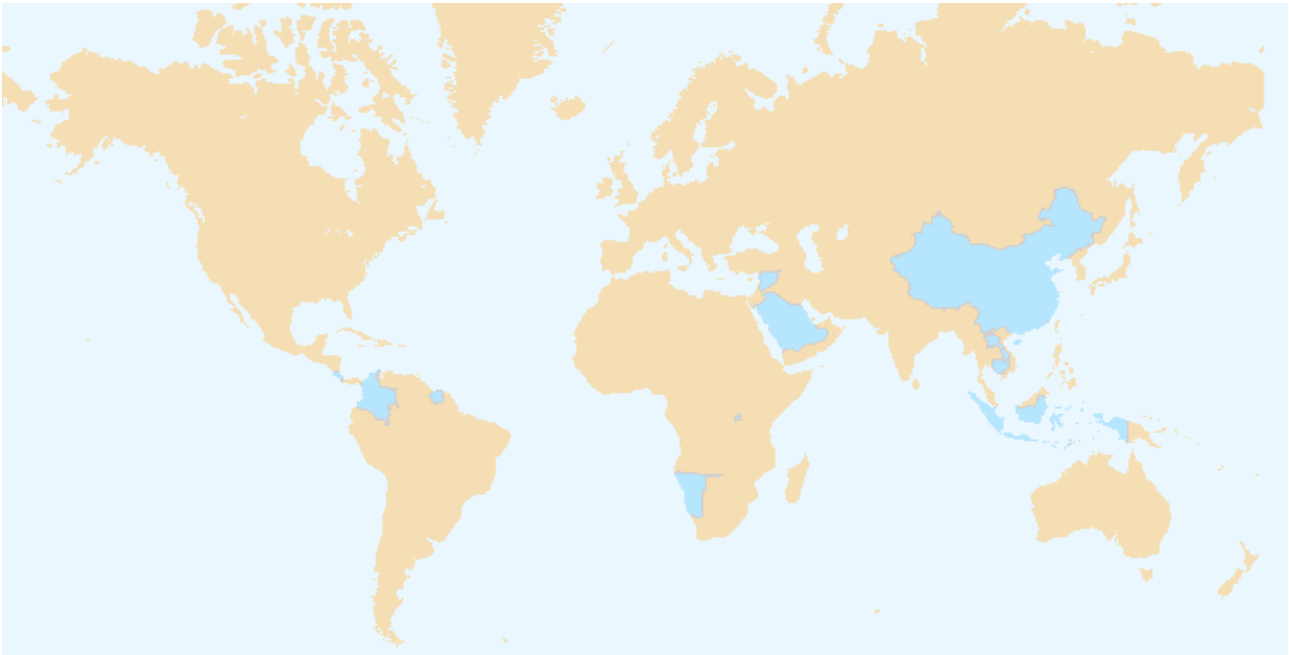
States/organizations that have initiated the procedure to become a member of the Union

10. During the first nine months of 2023, no request for examination of the conformity of the legislation or proposed legislation of any State or organization was received by the Office of the Union.

11. The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023:

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.

Figure 3 - Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023



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 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 2023

Members of the Union (5): Azerbaijan, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, South Africa

Non-members of the Union (13): Bahrain, Cambodia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Suriname, Timor-Leste and United Arab Emirates

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Sessions of UPOV Bodies

12. The following meetings² were held during the first nine months of 2023 (in chronological order):

- CC/VSG/1 January 31 (hybrid meeting)
- SC-VSG/2 January 31 and February 1 (hybrid meeting)
- WG-DUS/2 February 8 (virtual meeting)
- CC/WG-EDV/2 February 27 (virtual meeting)
- EAM/1 March 15 (hybrid meeting)
- WG-DUS/3 March 20 (hybrid meeting)
- TC-EDC March 20 and 21 (hybrid meeting)
- WG-HRV/3 March 21 (hybrid meeting)
- UPOV/SEM/GE/23 March 22 (hybrid meeting)
- CC/100 March 23 (hybrid meeting)
- C(Extr.)/35 March 23 (physical participation only)
- CC/WG-EDV/3 March 24 (hybrid meeting)
- WG-SHF/3 March 24 (hybrid meeting)
- TWV/57 May 1 to 5, Antalya, Türkiye (hybrid meeting)
- TWA/52 May 22 to 26 (virtual meeting)
- TWO/55 June 12 to 16 (virtual meeting)
- TWF/54 July 3 to 7, Nîmes, France (hybrid meeting)
- WG-DUS/4 September 5 (virtual meeting)

² See Appendix "Acronyms and abbreviations".

13. On March 22, UPOV organized a “Seminar on the interaction between plant variety protection and the use of plant breeding technologies” (UPOV/SEM/GE/23), in a hybrid format, which was attended by 312 participants. A video of the seminar is available on the [Seminar webpage](#), with interpretation channels in English, French, German and Spanish. All presentations are available on the Seminar webpage.

Other meetings and events

14. During the first nine months of 2023, the Office undertook a total of 22 missions outside Geneva, participated in 34 physical meetings in Geneva and in a total of 89 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

Distance learning courses

15. 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 e-PVP

16. UPOV e-PVP was launched on September 28, 2023.

17. UPOV e-PVP provides the following components to assist UPOV members in implementing the UPOV system of plant variety protection:

- a. UPOV PRISMA: online application tool for making applications to PVP Offices
- b. UPOV e-PVP Administration Module: digitalized system for PVP offices to manage applications and grants, communicate with applicants and holders, publish information and transmit data to the PLUTO database
- c. UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module: platform for PVP offices to exchange DUS reports
- d. PLUTO database: information on plant varieties

18. UPOV e-PVP also provides the basis for platforms for UPOV member cooperation in the administration and examination of applications.

19. On September 28, Viet Nam became the first UPOV member to deploy all UPOV e-PVP components, and the first UPOV member to use the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module and UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

UPOV PRISMA

20. There was no change in the coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members in the period January to September 2023. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2023 (1,256), was 3% lower than the same period in 2022 (1,298).

PLUTO database

21. From January 1 to September 30, 2023, the Office published 183 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO).

22. There was strong growth in the number of Standard service users (+58%) and Premium service users (+38%) in 2023 to the end of September. The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

Service	Number of users Sep. 2022	Number of users Sep. 2023	Difference (%)
Standard service	2419	3844	+58%
Premium service	36	50	+38%
Eligible officials	132	142	+7%

Publications

Test Guidelines

23. The following 17 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted by the TC at its fifty-eighth session, held on October 24 and 25, 2022, and were published on the UPOV website in 2023:

**	TWP	Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
<u>REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
DE	TWA	TG/23/7(proj.4)	Potato	Pomme de terre/	Kartoffel	Papa, Patata	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.
FR	TWA	TG/31/9(proj.3)	Cocksfoot	Dactyle	Knaulgras	Dactilo	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.
AR	TWA	TG/80/7(proj.9)	Soya Bean	Soja	Sojabohne	Soya, Soja	<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr.
JP	TWO	TG/86/6(proj.4)	Anthurium	Anthurium	Flamingoblume	Anthurium	<i>Anthurium</i> Schott
<u>PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
GB	TWA	TG/3/12, TC/58/29	Wheat	Blé	Weizen	Trigo	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.
FR	TWV	TG/7/10 Rev.2, TC/58/23	Pea	Pois	Erbse	Guisante, Arveja	<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.
QZ	TWO	TG/11/8 Rev., TC/58/27	Rose	Rosier	Rose	Rosal	<i>Rosa</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/55/7 Rev.6, TC/58/24	Spinach	Épinard	Spinat	Espinaca	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.
DE	TWA	TG/58/7, TC/58/28	Rye	Seigle	Roggen	Centeno	<i>Secale cereale</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/65/4 Rev., TC/58/21	Kohlrabi	Chou-rave	Kohlrabi	Col rábano	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>gongylodes</i> L.
CZ	TWF	TG/125/7, TC/58/16	Walnut	Noyer	Walnuss	Nogal	<i>Juglans regia</i> L.
AU	TWF	TG/137/5, TC/58/30	Blueberry	Myrtille	Heidelbeere	Arándano americano	<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i> Aiton, <i>V. corymbosum</i> L., <i>V. formosum</i> Andrews, <i>V. myrtilloides</i> Michx., <i>V. myrtilus</i> L., <i>V. virgatum</i> Aiton, <i>V. simulatum</i> Small
FR	TWV	TG/154/4, TC/58/22	Leaf Chicory	Chicorée à feuille (sauvage)	Blattzichorie	Achicoria de hoja	<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. var. <i>foliosum</i> Hegi
NL	TWV	TG/162/4, TC/58/20	Garlic	Ail	Knoblauch	Ajo	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/244/1 Rev., TC/58/26	Lincoln's-weed, Sand mustard, Sand rocket, Wall rocket, Wild rocket	Roquette sauvage	Wilde Rauke	Roqueta silvestre	<i>Diploaxis tenuifolia</i> (L.) DC.
NL	TWV	TG/245/1 Rev., TC/58/19	Arugula, Cultivated Rocket, Garden Rocket, Rocket-salad, Rugula, Salad Rocket	Roquette cultivée	Ölrauke, Rauke, Ruke, Rukola, Senfrauke	Oruga común, Roqueta	<i>Eruca sativa</i> Mill.
NL	TWV	TG/294/1 Corr. Rev.3, TC/58/25	Tomato Rootstocks	Porte-greffe de tomate	Tomaten-unterlagen	Portainjertos de tomate	<i>Solanum habrochaites</i> S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner; <i>S. lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>S. habrochaites</i> S.

**	TWP	Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
							Knapp & D.M. Spooner; <i>S. lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>S. peruvianum</i> (L.) Mill.; <i>S. lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>S. cheesmaniae</i> (L. Ridley) Fosberg; <i>S. pimpinellifolium</i> L. x <i>S. habrochaites</i> S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner

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

**	TWP	Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
<u>REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
DE	TWF	TG/22/11	Strawberry	Fraisier	Erdbeere	Fresa, Frutilla	<i>Fragaria</i> L.
HU	TWA	TG/81/7	Sunflower	Tournesol	Sonnenblume	Girasol	<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.
DE	TWO	TG/94/7	Ling, Scots Heather	Callune	Besenheide	Calluna	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> (L.) Hull
NL	TWA	TG/168/4	Statice	Statice	Statice	Limonium	<i>Limonium</i> Mill.; <i>Goniolimon</i> Boiss.; <i>Psylliostachys</i> (Jaub. & Spach) Nevski

Videos

25. The following videos were published on the UPOV website in 2023:

Netherlands (Kingdom of):

- Diversity in Tomato

Viet Nam:

- Farmer-Breeders in Viet Nam
- Development of the flower industry in Viet Nam
- Transformation of the seed sector in Viet Nam

Role of PVP in supporting national agricultural policy in Viet Nam

Press Releases

26. The Office published two press releases.

27. *The Council is invited to note this report.*

[Annexes follow]

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, 2023

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ¹ of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act
African Intellectual Property Organization ⁱⁱ	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 ⁱⁱⁱ	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 ^{iv} 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 ^v	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 ^{vi}	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	1991 Act 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 (Kingdom of the)	August 10, 1968	3.0	1991 Act ^{vii} 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

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State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ¹ of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act	
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 ^{viii}	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 ^{ix}	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)

* 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.

i "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.

ii 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).

iii With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

iv With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China.

v 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.

vi 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).

vii Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

viii The United Kingdom extended the application of the 1991 Act to the territory of the Isle of Man with effect from April 25, 2023.

ix With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II PARTICIPATION IN THE UPOV DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Chinese	Total
Session I, 2023: Total by language	137	14	3	84	159	397

DL-305 "Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305, Session I, 2023: Total by language	21	7	0	20	48

DL-305A "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305A, Session I, 2023: Total by language	12	6	0	6	24

DL-305B "DUS Examination"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305B, Session I, 2023: Total by language	27	3	0	6	36

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2023



https://www.upov.int/edocs/mdocs/upov/en/c_57/c_57_3_annex_iii.pdf

[Appendix follows]

APPENDIX ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UPOV terms

BMT	Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular
C(Extr.)	Extraordinary session of the Council
CAJ	Administrative and Legal Committee
CC	Consultative Committee
CC/VSG	2023 Informal Meeting for Members of the Union Concerning the Procedure for the Appointment of a New Vice Secretary-General
CC/WG-EDV	Consultative Committee Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties
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
EAM	Meeting on Electronic Applications
EDV	essentially derived variety
Office	Office of the Union
PBR	Plant Breeder's Right
PLUTO	UPOV Plant Variety Database
SC-VSG	Ad hoc Sub-Committee concerning the appointment of a new Vice Secretary-General
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
UPOV e-PVP	UPOV e-PVP comprises a package of electronic tools for implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection by UPOV members. UPOV e-PVP includes UPOV PRISMA, UPOV e-PVP Administration Module, UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module, and the PLUTO database.
UPOV PRISMA	UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool
UPOV/SEM/GE/23	Seminar on the interaction between plant variety protection and the use of plant breeding technologies
WG-DUS	Working Group on DUS Support
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
WSP	World Seed Partnership

Acronyms (included in Annex III)

AFSTA	African Seed Trade Association
AIPH	International Association of Horticultural Producers
AMPPI (Mexico)	Asociación Mexicana para la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (Mexican Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property)
AOHE	Association of European Horticultural Breeders
APBEBES	Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Association
BruIPO	Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam
CAAS	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
CARDI	Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CarlPI	CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CICR	International Committee of the Red Cross

CIOPORA	International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties
CIPTC	China International Talent Training Center
CNIPA	China National Intellectual Property Administration
COREP	Consorzio per la Ricerca e l'Educazione Permanente (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education)
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union
DGAL (France)	Direction générale de l'alimentation du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire (General Directorate for Food of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty)
DSCT (China)	Development Center of Science and Technology of China
EAPVP Forum	East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum
EUIPO	European Intellectual Property Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GLIPA	Global Intellectual Property Alliance
INIAF (Plurinational State of Bolivia)	Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agropecuaria y Forestal (National Institute for Agricultural and Forestry Innovation)
ISF	International Seed Federation
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
MAFF (Japan)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
MAPA (Spain)	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain)
MARA (China)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China
MOCCA (United Arab Emirates)	Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates
MPA (Spain)	Subdirección General de Medios de Producción Agrícolas (General Subdirectorate for Agricultural Production Means of Spain)
NFGA (China)	National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
OEVV (Spain)	Oficina Española de Variedades Vegetales (Spanish Plant Variety Office)
OHCHR	United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner
SAA	Seed Association of the Americas
SEMAE (France)	L'interprofession des semences et plants (French Interprofessional Organisation for Seeds and Plants)
SNPC (Brazil)	Serviço Nacional de Proteção de Cultivares (National Cultivar Protection Service of Brazil)
UN	United Nations
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WFO	World Farmers' Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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