

Council
C/60/3
**Sixtieth Ordinary Session
Geneva, October 23, 2026**
Original: English
Date: October 13, 2026

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2026

Document prepared by the Office of the Union

Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The report on activities during the first nine months highlights progress in governance matters, international cooperation, capacity building, legal and technical guidance, communication outreach and digital transformation. It demonstrates UPOV's continued efforts to make plant variety protection more accessible, efficient and impactful for breeders, farmers and other stakeholders worldwide.

2. Key developments are summarized below.

Advancing UPOV's sustainability

3. The Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy (CG-URS) met twice during the first nine months of 2026 and agreed on advisory recommendations for consideration by the Consultative Committee, noting that UPOV's financial sustainability will require a combination of short, medium and long-term measures.

Global expansion

4. On September 17, 2026, Suriname requested the examination of its Draft Seed Act by the UPOV Council for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

5. During the first nine months of 2026, the Office of the Union provided assistance in the development of legislation on plant variety protection to three UPOV members and 21 non-members, including one regional organization (see Figure 3).

Development of guidance on the scope of the right

6. In March 2026, following consideration of the study on the relationship between the scope and exhaustion of the breeder's right, the Working Group on Harvested Material and Unauthorized Use of Propagating Material (WG-HRV) advanced the development of guidance on the two conditions for extending the breeder's right to harvested material.

Technical leadership and innovation

7. During the first nine months, five Technical Working Parties (TWP) held their sessions, with the participation of 489 experts from 42 UPOV members.

8. The TWPs discussed measures to improve the support provided by UPOV for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS). Discussions focused on measures to improve the Test Guidelines (TG) and the tool used for drafting TGs (the "web-based TG template"). The outcome of discussions will be considered along with the result of the TWP participants' survey in the context of the review of the work conducted at the TWPs and any adjustments required to their program content or organization of the TWP sessions.

9. Six technical webinars were held on three topics, twice a day. The recordings were made available on the UPOV website and will be considered in the context of discussions on measures to enhance cooperation in examination.

10. The TWM focused its work on molecular techniques, bioinformatics, and image analysis for smarter DUS testing, with ongoing efforts to harmonize terminology and methods used in molecular markers.

Capacity building and stakeholder engagement

11. The UPOV PVP Certificate program was expanded with the inclusion of three additional programs and 9 certificates were issued to experts that acquired the necessary number of credits from UPOV-endorsed courses and activities. The first session of the UPOV distance learning courses was held in the first semester of 2026, with 677 participants taking the courses in the four UPOV official languages, plus Chinese.

12. Stakeholder engagement was strengthened through mainly virtual participation in workshops, conferences, bilateral meetings and outreach activities with UPOV members and prospective members, government authorities, international and regional organizations, breeders' associations, academic institutions and other partners (see Annex III).

Communication and outreach

13. During this period the second phase of the project for the new UPOV's website has been implemented with the aim of offering multilingual content in UPOV official languages. Beneficiary stories from Brazil, Canada, China, and Viet Nam, an analysis of the table grape sector growth in Peru, as well as two conversations on the impact of PVP and sports have been made available to illustrate the real-world impact of PVP on livelihoods and community empowerment.

Digital Transformation

14. Major digitalization initiatives included the launch of the UPOV PRISMA Plus pilot project in January 2026. Since September 2026, nine UPOV members and two breeders' associations have joined the pilot. The first phase of the project found that 85% of core information in plant breeders' rights applications could be reused across the seven UPOV members contributing to the Pilot Project.

15. Interest in the UPOV e PVP DUS Report Exchange Module continues to grow, with 15 UPOV members now using it. Since the new version was deployed in April 2025, 429 reports have been downloaded, demonstrating the module's potential to strengthen cooperation among members in DUS testing.

16. UPOV PRISMA expanded crop coverage in the Republic of Moldova, Morocco and Serbia, and added support for national listing in Uruguay. These developments contributed to an increase in applications. From January to September 2026, 1,401 applications were submitted through UPOV PRISMA, 17% more than the 1,199 submitted during the same period in 2025.

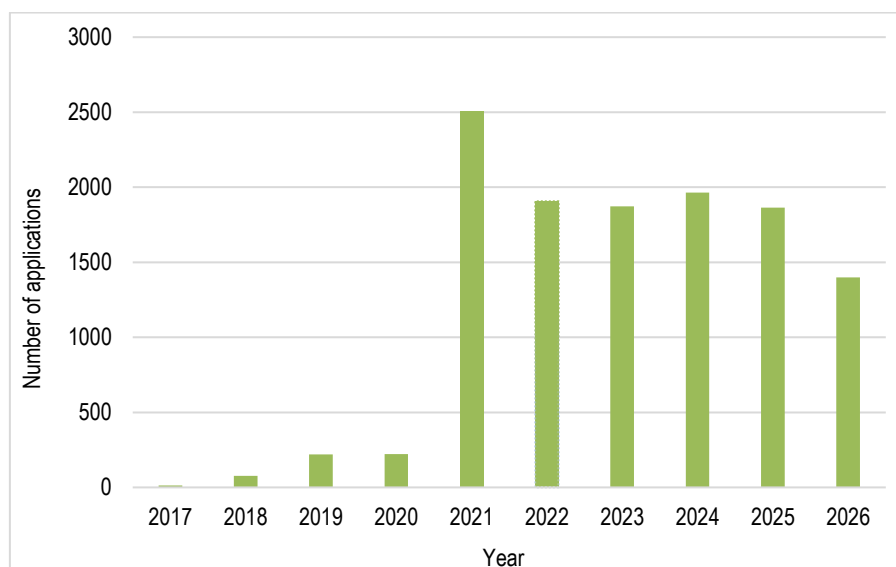


Table of contents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	1
UPOV STATUS	4
Members	4
Situation in Relation to the Various Acts of the Convention	4
States/organizations that have initiated the procedure to become a member of the Union.....	4
ACTIVITIES IN 2026.....	5
Sessions of UPOV Bodies	5
UPOV International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection	6
Distance learning courses	6
UPOV e-PVP	6
UPOV PRISMA.....	6
PLUTO database	6
Publications	7
New UPOV Website	8
Social media	8
Communication materials	8
Other meetings and events	8
ANNEX I: Members of the Union	
ANNEX II: Participation in the UPOV distance learning courses	
ANNEX III: List of activities during the first nine months of 2026	
APPENDIX: Acronyms and abbreviations	

UPOV STATUS

Members

17. As of September 30, 2026, the Union comprised 80 members (78 States and 2 organizations), covering 99 States (see figure 2). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 2. Members of the Union as of September 30, 2026



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

18. On September 30, 2026, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

- (a) 63 members (covering 84¹ 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

19. During the first nine months of 2026, the Office received one request from Suriname to examine its Draft Seed Act for conformity with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

20. The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2026:

¹ 84 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 2026



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 2026.
- Members of the Union (3): Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay
- Non-members of the Union (21): Antigua and Barbuda, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Suriname, Timor-Leste, The Gambia, United Arab Emirates, Zambia and Zimbabwe

ACTIVITIES IN 2026

Sessions of UPOV Bodies

21. The following meetings² were held during the first nine months of 2026 (in chronological order):

- TC-EDC January 13 and 15 (virtual meeting)
- EAM/7 March 16 (virtual meeting)
- CG-URS/2 March 18 (virtual meeting)
- WG-HRV/9 March 19 (virtual meeting)
- TWV/60 May 18 to 21, Pacific Grove, California, United States of America (hybrid meeting)
- TWM/4 June 2 to 5, Cambridge, United Kingdom (hybrid meeting)
- TWA/55 June 15 to 18, Seoul, Republic of Korea (hybrid meeting)
- CG-URS/3 June 24 (virtual meeting)
- TWO/58 July 6 to 9 (virtual meeting)
- TWF/57 September 7 to 10, Leipzig, Germany (hybrid meeting)

22. The following table provides an overview of participation at the 2026 sessions of the Technical Working Parties:

	TWP session					
	TWA	TWM	TWF	TWO	TWV	Total
Number of participants	126	118	97	80	68	489
Total number of UPOV members	29	30	28	26	27	42
Number of observer States	3	3	3	1	1	6
Number of observer organizations	3	10	1	2	3	10

² See Appendix “Acronyms and abbreviations”.

23. Three technical webinars were held prior to the sessions of the TWPs, with a total of 947 participants at the live events. The video recordings are available on the webpages of the TC and TWPs.

UPOV International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection

24. The UPOV PVP Certificate program was launched in April 2024. During the first nine months of 2026, three additional courses were included in the program ("[PVP and DUS Testing Training](#)" (China) (course in Chinese); "[Training Course on Techniques for Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability Testing of Agricultural Plant Varieties](#)" (China) (course in Chinese); and Universidad Austral "[Maestría en Propiedad Intelectual y Nuevas Tecnologías \(MPINT\)](#)" (Argentina) (course in Spanish)) and 9 certificates issued to experts that acquired the necessary number of credits from UPOV-endorsed courses and activities.

Distance learning courses

25. One session of each of the following UPOV Distance Learning Courses was organized in English, French German and Spanish:

- 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 DL-305B in one course);
- DL-305A "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights"; and
- DL-305B "DUS Examination".

26. In accordance with the program for the Chinese language approved by the UPOV Council, the distance learning course DL-205 was offered in Chinese language to 123 students. A total of 677 students participated in the distance learning courses DL-205 and DL-305. A breakdown of the number of students participating in each of the UPOV distance learning courses is provided as Annex II to this document.

UPOV e-PVP

27. There is an increasing number of UPOV members (16) and future UPOV members (2) interested in using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module. The actual use of the tool has increased bringing the number of DUS Reports being exchanged to 429. This development demonstrates the potential of the DUS Report Exchange Module to facilitate cooperation between members in DUS testing.

UPOV PRISMA

28. The coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of crops for Morocco, Republic of Moldova and Serbia has been expanded. The number of authorities supporting national listing has been expanded to include the Uruguay in July 2026. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2026 (1,401), was 17% greater than the same period in 2025 (1,199).

PLUTO database

29. From January 1 to September 30, 2026, the Office published 2,272 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO) (2,120 updates from UPOV e-PVP Administration module).

30. There was a strong growth in the number of standard service users (+22%). However, there was a decrease in the number of *premium* service users (-27%) between September 2025 and September 2026. The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

Service	Number of users September 2025	Number of users September 2026	Difference (%)
Standard service	6,665	8,106	22%
Premium service	26	19	-27%
Eligible officials	227	241	6%

Publications

Test Guidelines

31. The following Test Guidelines were adopted by the Technical Committee (TC) by correspondence:

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
<u>NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN</u>							
CN	TWF	TG/LYCIUM_BAR (proj.7)	Goji	Baie de Goji	Bocksdom	Baya de goji	<i>Lycium barbarum</i> L.; <i>Lycium chinense</i> Mill.; <i>Lycium cylindricum</i> Kuang & A. M. Lu; <i>Lycium dasystemum</i> Pojark.; <i>Lycium ruthenicum</i> Murray; <i>Lycium truncatum</i> Y. C. Wang; <i>Lycium yunnanense</i> Kuang & A. M. Lu
<u>REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
QZ	TWO	TG/24/7(proj.5)	Poinsettia	Poinsettia	Poinsettie, Weihnachtsstern	Flor de Pascua	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Willd. ex Klotzsch × <i>Euphorbia cornastra</i> (Dressler) Radcl.-Sm., <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Willd. ex Klotzsch
NL	TWV	TG/117/5(proj.6)	Egg Plant	Aubergine	Eierfrucht, Aubergine	Berenjena	<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.
<u>PARTIAL REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
TWO	NL	TG/25/9 Rev.(proj.1)	Carnation	Oeillet	Nelke	Clavel	<i>Dianthus</i> L.

Videos

32. Between January and September 2026, the UPOV Office published five video case studies, each produced in English and Spanish (ten videos in total), on the UPOV [website](#) and YouTube channel. Four case studies were produced in collaboration with the Dominican Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with support from the PVP Toolbox Project. The videos documented how protected table grape varieties enabled the Dominican Republic to start growing a new crop, leading to new opportunities for local development, diversification and export possibilities.

33. One video case study was produced in collaboration with Peru and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with support from the PVP Toolbox Project. It shows how plant variety protection helped Peru build a year-round blueberry export industry on a coast once considered too warm for the crop.

Press Releases and Newsletter

34. The UPOV Office published one edition of the UPOV newsletter in [June 2026](#). As of 30 September 2026, the newsletter had more than 5,000 subscribers, an increase of 67 per cent from 3,000 in the previous reporting period. The second edition of the year is scheduled for publication on Friday, 23 October 2026, to coincide with the sixtieth ordinary session of the UPOV Council.

New UPOV Website

35. The UPOV website was redesigned in 2025 for easier navigation and content access, providing superior user experience of the platform for meeting documents, guidance, databases and UPOV services.

36. In 2026, the second phase of development is the multilingual rollout in UPOV official languages, having reached about 90% of the total number of pages on the website.

Social media

37. UPOV continued to utilize social media channels (LinkedIn, X and YouTube) to expand communications outreach and direct users to the UPOV website as the authoritative source of information. Between 1 January and 30 September 2026, UPOV published 435 social media posts, generating over 242,000 impressions, 19,100 engagements, 14,500 link clicks and 17,400 video views across its social media channels. During the same period, UPOV's combined social media audience reached 14,570 followers.

Communication materials

38. Communication materials continued to be developed and expanded during 2026 in collaboration with UPOV members and stakeholders. Between January and September 2026, the UPOV Office published [10 news articles](#), and [seven beneficiary stories](#) for the UPOV Case Studies webpage and social media. The communication materials included beneficiary stories and examples of how protected varieties contribute to agricultural development, food security, sustainability and economic growth.

Other meetings and events

39. A summary of the main activities in which UPOV participated is provided in Annex III to this document.

40. *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, 2026

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ⁱ 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
Armenia	March 2, 2024	0.2	1991 Act March 2, 2024
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, 2010
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
Nigeria	March 27, 2025	0.2	1991 Act March 27, 2025
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

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ⁱ of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act
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 ^{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: 80)

* 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 (Kingdom of), 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, 2026: Total by language	224	41	0	89	123	477

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

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305, Session I, 2026: Total by language	91	7	0	24	122

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

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305A, Session I, 2026: Total by language	19	1	0	18	38

DL-305B "DUS Examination"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305B, Session I, 2026: Total by language	25	9	0	6	40

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2026

Date	Description of the activity	UPOV participation (Virtual or Physical)	UPOV staff/ representative	Organizers
07/01/26	Kickoff meeting of the UPOV PRISMA Plus Pilot Project	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira, Madhour, Remlawi, Nishimura, Falquet, Wang	UPOV
08/01/26	Advanced Master Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management (IPKM)	V	Ekvad	Maastricht University
13/01/26, 15/01/26	Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC)	V	Taveira, Oertel	UPOV
22/01/26	National Workshop on Laos' accession to UPOV 1991	V	Huerta, Nishimura	LA, JP
28/01/26	Visit of a delegation from Tongji University to WIPO and UPOV headquarters, Geneva	P	Huerta, Wang	UPOV, WIPO, Tongji University
29/01/26	Meeting of CPVO Working Group 3 "Revision of the Quality Audit System"	V	Taveira	CPVO
30/01/26	Official visit of WIPO Director General/UPOV Secretary-General to Japan – Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Tokyo	P	Tang	MAFF of Japan, WIPO, UPOV
25/02/26	Training Workshop on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention	V	Huerta, Taveira	INASE, ASA (Argentina)
02/03/26	Plant Variety Protection (PVP) and Intellectual Property Boot Camp 2026 for Young Nigerians	V	Huerta, Frimpong	NPVPO, NASC (Nigeria)
05/03/26	WIPO-University of Turin Master of Laws (LLM) in Intellectual Property Program	V	Ekvad	WIPO, University of Turin
05/03/26	Presentation on WIPO GREEN to UPOV staff	P	all UPOV staff	WIPO
16/03/26	Meeting on Electronic Applications (EAM/7)	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira, Madhour, Remlawi, Nishimura, Falquet, Wang	UPOV
18/03/26	Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy (CG-URS/2)	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira, Madhour, Nishimura, Wang	UPOV
24/03/26	Training on drafting Test Guidelines for Chinese Leading experts	V	Huerta, Taveira, Oertel, Wang	UPOV
25/03/26	26 th AFSTA Annual Congress	V	Huerta	UPOV
31/03/26	Meeting of the World Seed Partnership hosted by UPOV, Geneva	P	Tang, Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira	WSP, UPOV
31/03/26	Information Session on Geographical Indications – The Value of Geographical Indications Around the World	P	Ekvad	WIPO
13/04/26	5th Scientific Meeting of ABPI Study Committees - IP Protection Strategies for Crop Varieties in Emerging Markets	V	Huerta	ABPI (Brazil)
22/04/26-23/04/26	CIOFORA Annual General Meeting, Alicante, Spain	P	Huerta	UPOV
27/04/26	Meeting between ISF and UPOV at ISF headquarters, Nyon (Switzerland)	P	Tang, Huerta	ISF, UPOV
29/04/26	Visit of CIOFORA's President to the UPOV Office, Geneva	P	All UPOV staff	CIOFORA, UPOV
30/04/26	Guest Speaker on the "Issue of EDVs registration in UPOV" in an online session at the occasion of World IP Day	V	Huerta	PPVFRA (India)
30/04/26	Training Workshop on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention	V	Huerta, Taveira	Cámara Arbitral de la Bolsa de Cereales, INASE, ASA (Argentina)

C/60/3
Annex III, page 2

Date	Description of the activity	UPOV participation (Virtual or Physical)	UPOV staff/ representative	Organizers
11/05/26	Visit of students from Sciences Po (campus Dijon) to UPOV headquarters, Geneva	P	Huerta	Sciences Po (France)
13/05/26	XXXII Edition Master's Degree in Intellectual Property and Digital Innovation (Magister Lvcentinvs)	V	Huerta	Universidad de Alicante
17/05/25	Meeting of the World Seed Partnership, Lisbon, Portugal	P	Huerta	WSP, ISF
18/05/26-20/05/26	ISF World Seed Congress, Lisbon, Portugal	P	Huerta	ISF
18/05/26-21/05/26	Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV/60), Pacific Grove, California, United States of America	P	Taveira, Oertel	US, UPOV
21/05/26-22/05/26	ARIPO Symposium "Nurturing Agricultural Innovation: Advancing the Protection of New Plant Varieties for Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Africa", Maseru, Lesotho	P	Ekvad	ARIPO, LS, NL
02/06/26-05/06/26	Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques (TWM/4), Cambridge, United Kingdom	P	Taveira, Madhour, Nishimura	GB, UPOV
15/06/26-18/06/26	Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA/55), Seoul, Republic of Korea	P	Taveira, Oertel	KR, UPOV
24/06/26	Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy (CG-URS/3)	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira, Madhour, Nishimura, Wang	UPOV
25/06/26	Meeting of ISF Disease Resistance Terminology Expert Group, hosted by UPOV at its headquarters	P	Taveira, Nishimura	ISF, UPOV
06/07/26-09/07/26	Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO/58)	V	Taveira, Nishimura, Oertel, Wang	UPOV
03/07/26	Videoconferencia internacional "La contribución de las variedades vegetales al desarrollo agrícola del Perú"	V	Taveira	INDECOPI (Peru)
07/07/26	AFSTA Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Members' Webinar	V	Huerta	AFSTA
07/07/26-15/07/26	Bilateral meetings held at the fringes of the WIPO Assemblies in Geneva with delegations from Antigua and Barbuda, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Ecuador, Egypt, Gambia (The), Ghana, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Panama, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, Zambia, ARIPO and ASIPI.	P	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira	AG, CV, KH, EC, EG, GM, GH, LA, LS, MW, PA, PE, SA, TT, VN, ZM, ARIPO, ASIPI, UPOV
21/07/26	3rd Rwanda National Seed Congress (RNSC 2026) - "Seeds as a Strategic Engine for National Transformation: Advancing a Competitive, Private-Sector-Led Seed System for Food Security, Jobs and Trade"	V	Huerta	NSAR (Rwanda)
22/07/26	Bilateral meeting between CIOPORA and UPOV	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira	CIOPORA, UPOV
23/07/26	Trilateral meeting between CIOPORA, ISF and UPOV	P	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira	CIOPORA, ISF, UPOV
29/07/26	Training Workshop on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention	V	Huerta, Taveira	ASA, INASE (Argentina)
11/08/26-12/08/26	APSA 2026 Regional Plant Variety Protection Consultation, Seoul, Republic of Korea	V	Ekvad, Nishimura	APSA
26/08/26	KOICA-KSVS Training Programme "Capacity Building for Plant Variety Protection and DUS Testing (2026–2028)"	V	Huerta	KOICA, KSVS
31/08/26	TAIEX Study visit for Guatemala to the Netherlands (Kingdom of) on the Plant Variety Protection System and UPOV Membership	V	Huerta	TAIEX, GT, CPVO, Naktuinbouw
31/08/26-02/09/26	Seventh Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG-FR7), Rome, Italy	V	Ekvad	ITPGRFA
02/09/26	Information session on UPOV to MAFF of Japan	V	Nishimura, Terayama	MAFF of Japan
02/09/26-03/09/26	33 rd China Beijing Seed Industry Conference – Forum on Intellectual Property Protection and International Cooperation in Seed Industry	V	Huerta, Taveira	BSA (China)

Date	Description of the activity	UPOV participation (Virtual or Physical)	UPOV staff/ representative	Organizers
03/09/26	Second Meeting of UPOV PRISMA Plus Pilot Project	V	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira, Madhour, Remlawi, Nishimura, Falquet, Wang	UPOV
07/09/26-10/09/26	Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF/57), Leipzig, German	P	Taveira, Oertel, Wang	DE, UPOV
14/09/26	International Phytosanitary and Seed Quality Conference 2026 – “Revitalizing phytosanitary and seed systems for climate resilient and sustainable agriculture”, Nairobi, Kenya	V	Huerta	KEPHIS (Kenya)
16/09/26	Bilateral meeting between Euroseeds and UPOV, Geneva	P	Huerta, Ekvad, Taveira	Euroseeds, UPOV
16/09/26	Visit of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine to UPOV and WIPO, Geneva	P	Huerta, Taveira	OIV, UPOV, WIPO
30/09/26	Meeting of the SAA Intellectual Property Working Group, Montevideo, Uruguay	V	Huerta, Taveira	SAA

[Appendix follows]

APPENDIX ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UPOV terms

CAJ	Administrative and Legal Committee
CC	Consultative 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
EAM	Meeting on Electronic Applications
EDV	essentially derived variety
Office	Office of the Union
PBR	Plant Breeder’s Right
PLUTO	UPOV Plant Variety Database
PVP	plant variety protection
TC	Technical Committee
TC-EDC	Enlarged Editorial Committee
TWA	Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops
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
WG-HRV	Working Group on harvested Material and Unauthorized use of Propagating Material
WSP	World Seed Partnership

Acronyms

ABPI (Brazil)	Associação Brasileira da Propriedade Intelectual (Brazilian Intellectual Property Association)
AFSTA	African Seed Trade Association
AmCham Argentina	American Chamber of Commerce in Argentina
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Association
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
ASA (Argentina)	Asociación Semilleros Argentinos (Argentine Seed Association)
ASIP	Asociación Interamericana de la Propiedad Intelectual (Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property)
BSA (China)	Beijing Seed Industry Association (BSA)
CIOPORA	International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties
COPE Africa	Center of Phytosanitary Excellence Africa
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union
INASE (Argentina)	Instituto Nacional de Semillas de Argentina (National Seed Institute of Argentina)
INDECOPI (Peru)	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual del Perú (National Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property of Peru)
ISF	International Seed Federation
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
KEPHIS (Kenya)	Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service
KOICA	Korea International Cooperation Agency
KSVS	Korea Seed & Variety Service
MAFF of Japan	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

Naktuinbouw	Inspection Service for Horticulture of the Netherlands (Kingdom of)
NASC (Nigeria)	National Agricultural Seeds Council of Nigeria
NPVPO (Nigeria)	Nigerian Plant Variety Protection Office
NSAR (Rwanda)	National Seed Association of Rwanda
OIV	International Organisation of Vine and Wine
PPVFRA (India)	Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare of India
SAA	Seed Association of the Americas
TAIEX	Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument of the European Union
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WSP	World Seed Partnership
WTO	World Trade Organization

ISO codes

AG	Antigua and Barbuda	LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic
CV	Cabo Verde	LS	Lesotho
DE	Germany	MW	Malawi
EC	Ecuador	NL	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
EG	Egypt	PA	Panama
GB	United Kingdom	PE	Peru
GH	Ghana	RU	Russian Federation
GM	Gambia (The)	SA	Saudi Arabia
GT	Guatemala	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
JP	Japan	US	United States of America
KH	Cambodia	VN	Viet Nam
KR	Republic of Korea	ZM	Zambia

[End of Appendix and of document]