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The Annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation "Reports on developments in UPOV" made by the Vice Secretary-General at the seventy-sixth session of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ).

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DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV

Peter Button
Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

Geneva, October 30, 2019

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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UPOV on Social Media

UPOV on Twitter

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UPOV @UPOVint · Aug 29
The #UPOV Council has taken a positive decision on conformity of the Draft Law on #PlantVarietyProtection of #Nigeria with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. It adopted and brought in force without changes. Nigeria can become a UPOV member.
#UPOV #News #press...

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International Union for the Protection of New...
Promoting the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

@vsgupov



Peter Button @vsgupov · Aug 23
A theme @worldfarmerorg GA 2019 was mainstreaming 🌱 farmer-driven @ agricultural innovation. 🌱 Putting farmers in financial control of choosing varieties 🌱 leads to successful #plantbreeding and #agriculture. The #UPOV #PlantVarietyProtection system does just that.



Peter Button
Vice Secretary-General at UPOV

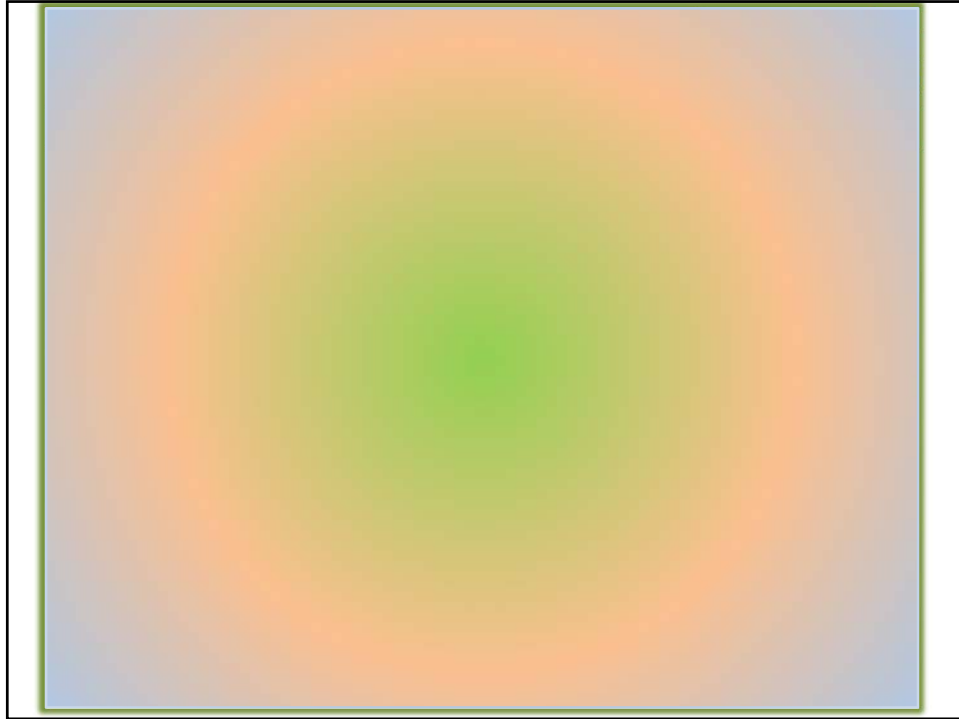
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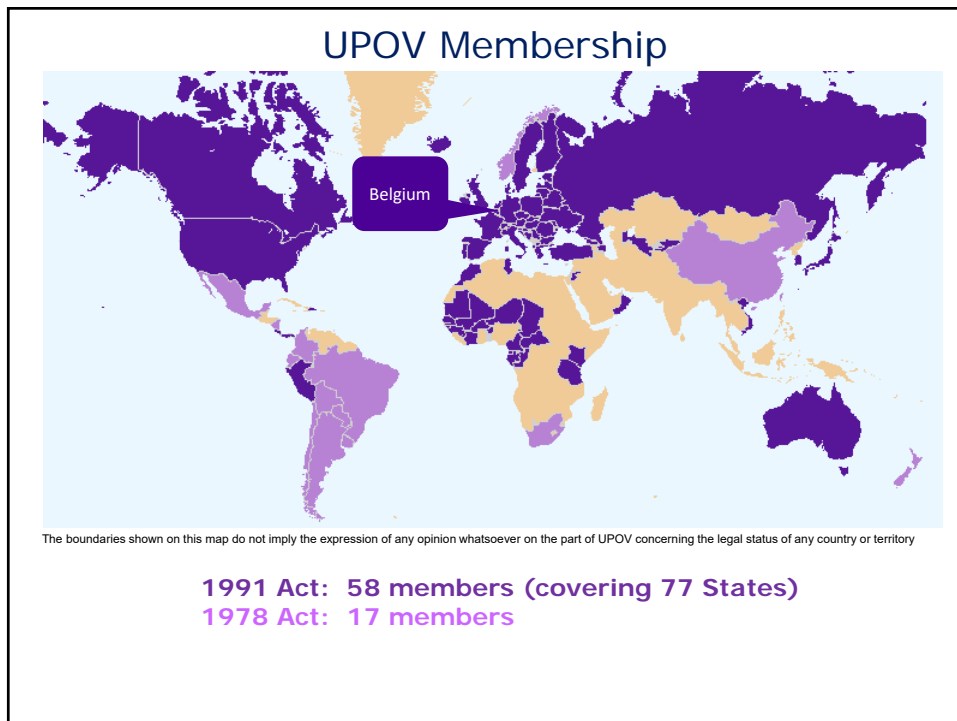
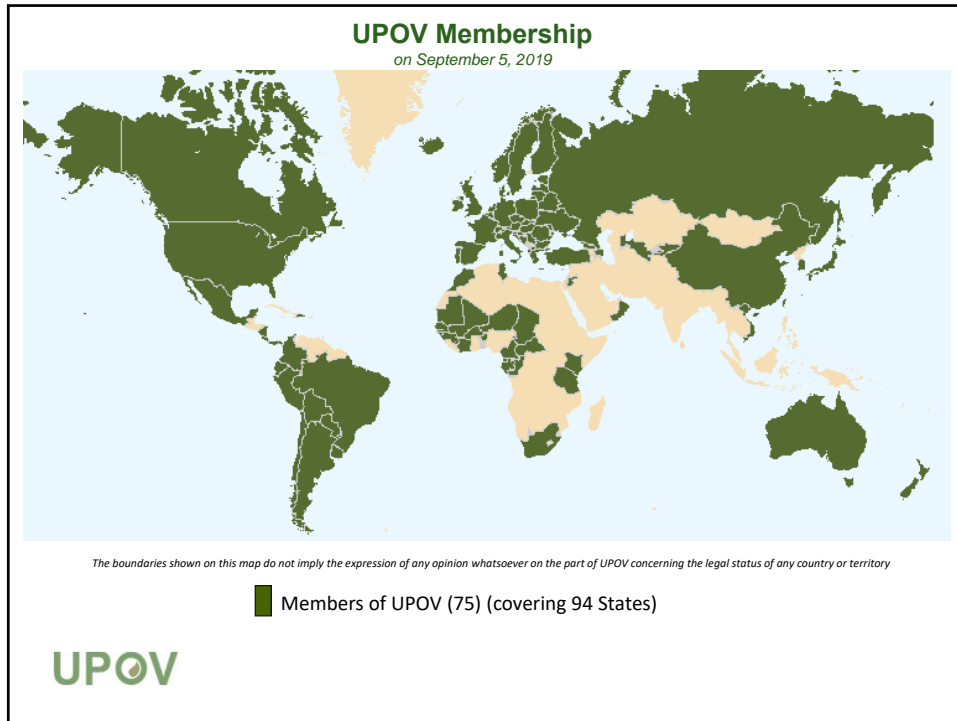
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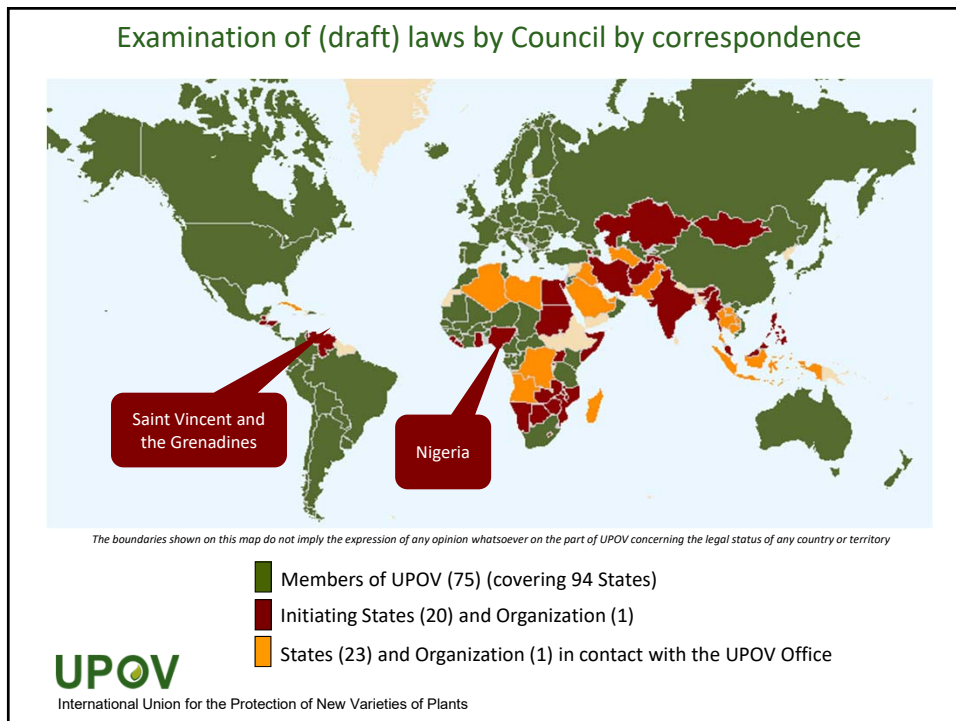
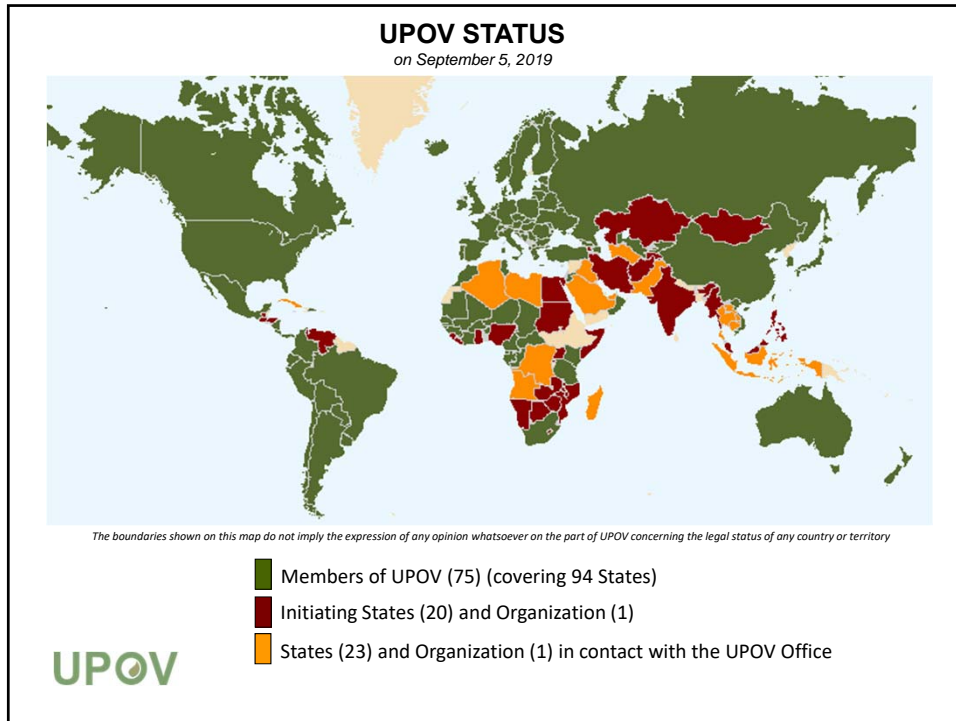
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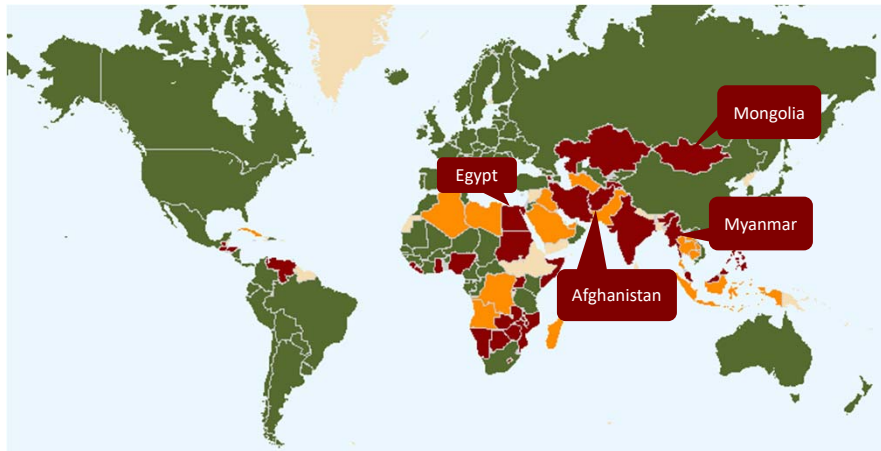
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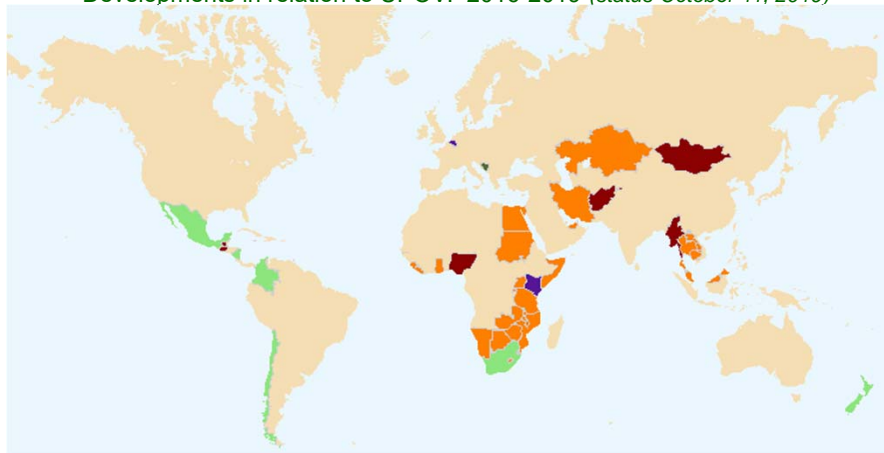
Examination of Draft Laws/Laws by the Council (November 1, 2019)



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- Members of UPOV (75) (covering 94 States)
- Initiating States (20) and Organization (1)
- States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

Developments in relation to UPOV: 2016-2019 (status October 11, 2019)



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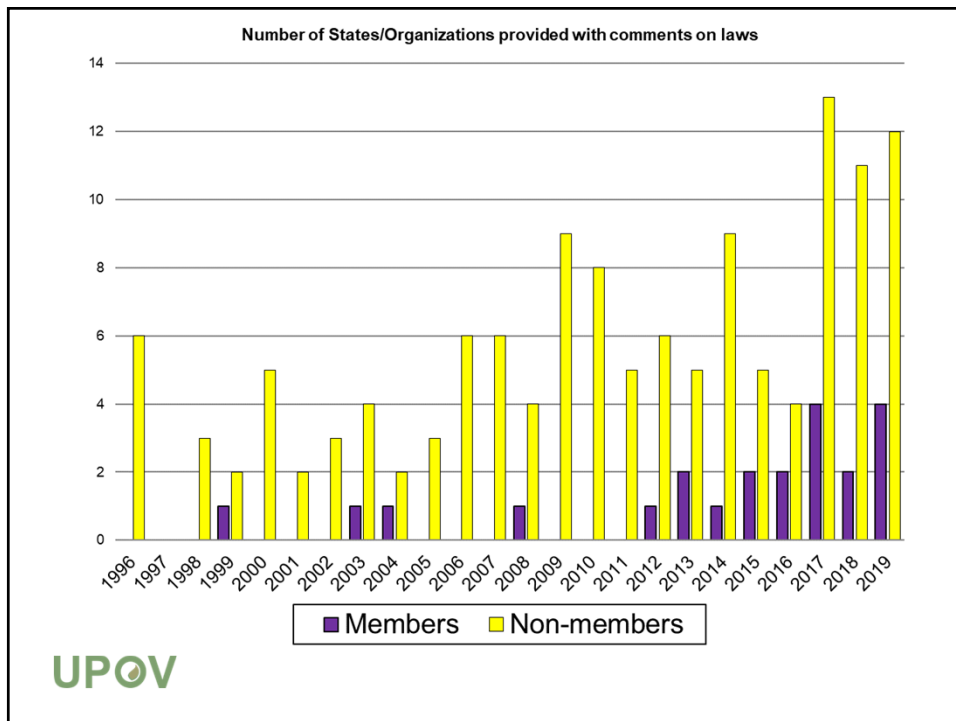
- States and organizations that became members of the Union during 2016-2019 (1) (BA)
- States and organizations that acceded or ratified the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention during 2016-2019 (2) (BE, KE)
- Members that contacted the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention during 2016-2019 (7) (CL, CO, MX, NI, NZ, TT, ZA)
- States and organizations that initiated with the Council of UPOV the procedure for becoming members of the Union during 2016-2019 (7) (AF, BN, GT, MM, MN, NG, VC)
- States and organizations that contacted the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention during 2016-2019 (17) (AE, ARIPO, BH, BB, KH, EG, GH, IR, JM, KZ, LA, LI, MY, MU, TH, ZM, ZW)

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Workshop on drafting legislation
in accordance with the UPOV Convention

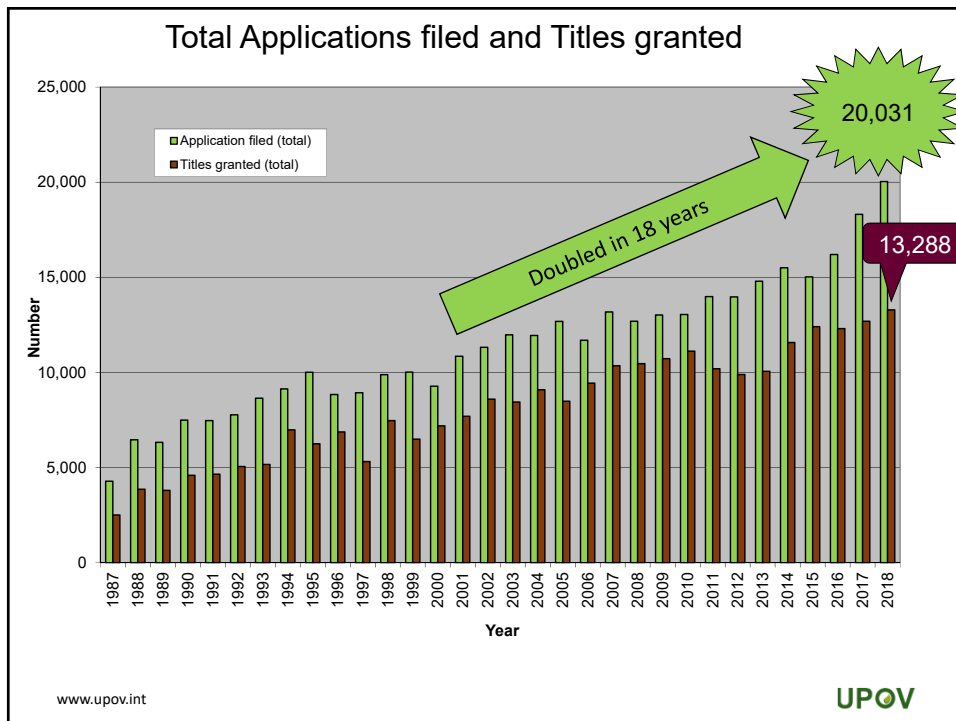
- Held in Geneva, from January 28 to 30, 2019
- 26 participants from 14 States

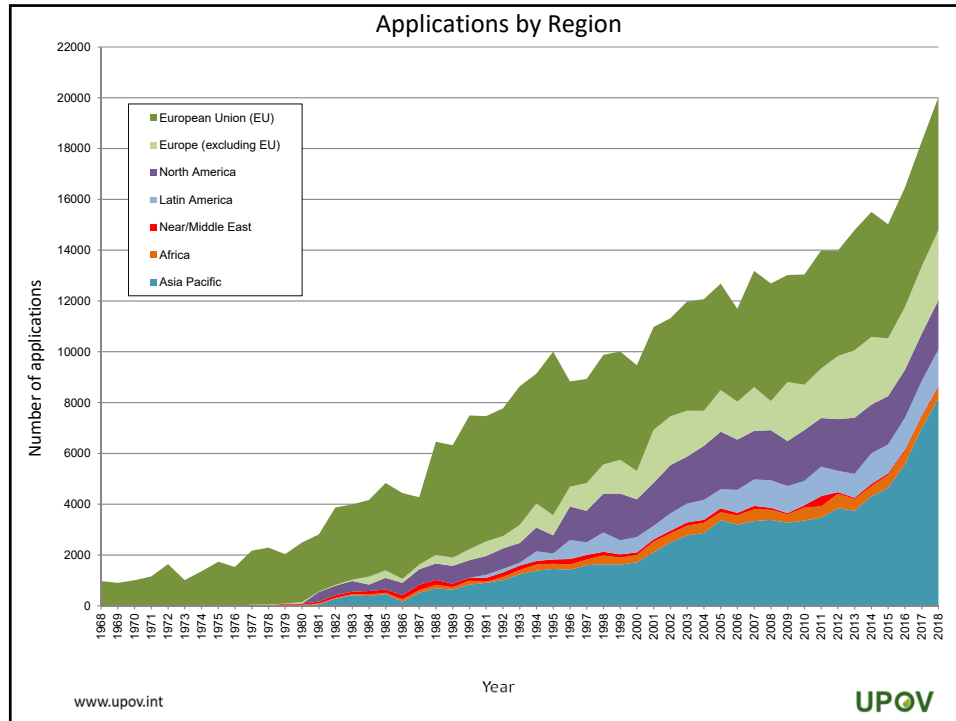
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Top 10: UPOV members by number of applications

Rank	2008		2017		2018	
	Member	Number of applications	Member	Number of applications	Member	Number of applications
1	European Union	3,013	China	↑3 4,465	China	5,760
2	United States of America	1,624	European Union	↓1 3,422	European Union	3,554
3	Japan	1,384	United States of America	↓1 1,557	United States of America	1,609
4	China	945	Ukraine	↑13 1,345	Ukraine	1,575
5	Netherlands	751	Japan	↓2 1,019	Japan	880
6	Russian Federation	718	Russian Federation	807	Netherlands	↑1 792
7	Republic of Korea	490	Netherlands	↓2 763	Russian Federation	↓1 780
8	Australia	374	Republic of Korea	↓1 745	Republic of Korea	765
9	Canada	348	Australia	↓1 343	Australia	384
10	Brazil	207	Brazil	339	Brazil	327

Top 10: UPOV members by number of titles issued

Rank	2008		2017		2018	
	Member	Number of titles issued	Member	Number of titles issued	Member	Number of titles issued
1	European Union	2,208	European Union	2,865	European Union	2,757
2	United States of America	1,589	China	↑4 1,646	China	2,395
3	Japan	1,236	United States of America	↓1 1,604	United States of America	1,424
4	Ukraine	704	Ukraine	887	Ukraine	1,021
5	Russian Federation	639	Japan	↓2 812	Japan	758
6	China	489	Netherlands	↑2 672	Netherlands	713
7	Republic of Korea	407	Russian Federation	↓2 641	Republic of Korea	↑1 574
8	Netherlands	360	Republic of Korea	↓1 541	Russian Federation	↓1 544
9	Canada	333	Brazil	↑4 327	Mexico	↑3 295
10	South Africa	315	Australia	↑1 244	Brazil	↓1 270

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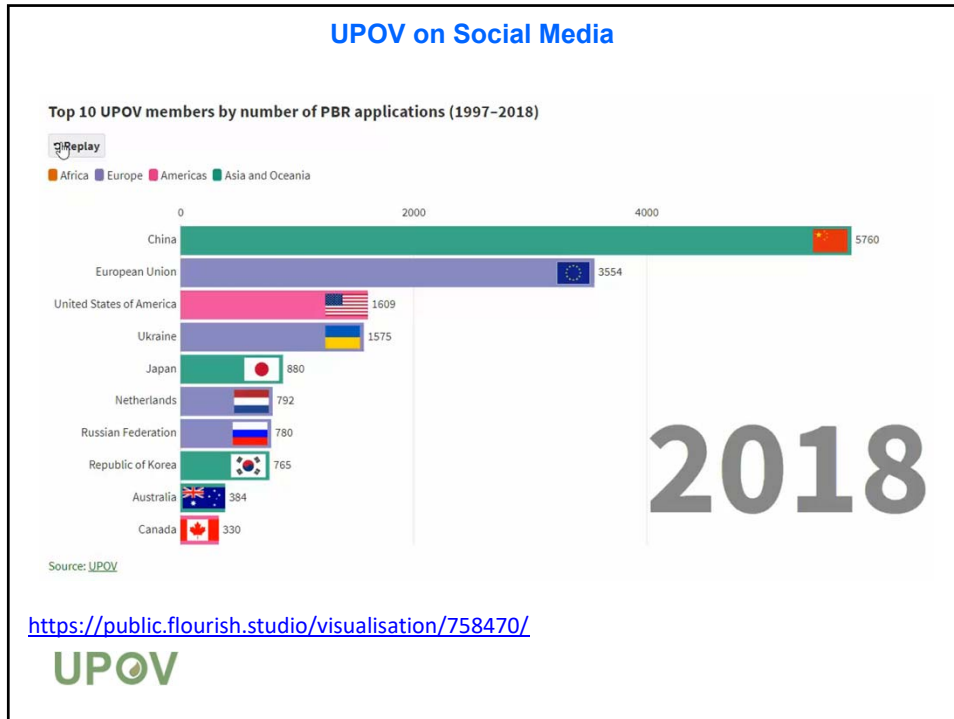
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Top 20: Country of residence of applicants

Rank	2008		2017		2018	
	Residence	App. #	Residence	App. #	Residence	App. #
1	Netherlands	2,517	China	↑5 4,041	China	5,254
2	United States of America	1,731	Netherlands	↓1 3,364	Netherlands	3,616
3	Germany	1,179	United States of America	↓1 2,108	United States of America	2,308
4	Japan	1,089	France	↑1 1,085	France	1,066
5	France	888	Germany	↓2 869	Germany	1,046
6	China	853	Japan	↓2 865	Japan	898
7	Russian Federation	601	Republic of Korea	↑1 641	Russian Federation	↑1 626
8	Republic of Korea	425	Russian Federation	↓1 603	Republic of Korea	↓1 603
9	Australia	340	Ukraine	↑13 538	Ukraine	542
10	Argentina	301	Switzerland	↑1 329	Switzerland	358
11	Switzerland	286	Australia	↓2 301	Spain	↑7 337
12	United Kingdom	268	Argentina	↓2 289	Australia	↓1 336
13	Denmark	192	Italy	↑5 246	Argentina	↓1 268
14	Israel	192	United Kingdom	↓2 238	Italy	↓1 232
15	Spain	189	Brazil	↑2 225	United Kingdom	↓1 225
16	New Zealand	166	Denmark	↓3 221	Brazil	↓1 213
17	Brazil	152	Spain	↓2 218	Viet Nam	↑1 195
18	Italy	146	Viet Nam	↑16 212	Denmark	↓2 187
19	South Africa	120	Israel	↓5 163	Israel	151
20	Canada	116	Belgium	↑1 159	Canada	↑1 130

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UPOV Distance Learning Courses:
Registration open

Stakeholder features

- Breeders
- Farmers and Growers
- Policy makers
- General Public

UPOV PRISMA
PBR Application Tool

GENE Database

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Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)

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Welcome

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

UPOV was established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Convention was adopted in Paris in 1961 and it was revised in 1972, 1978 and 1991.

UPOV's mission is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of farmers and consumers.

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Benefits of UPOV

UPOV (Japan) Tsuyahime Rice

UPOV
TSUYAHIME RICE
THE SECRET OF ITS SUCCESS

Tsuyahime

A new rice variety bringing increased income for farmers in Japan.

[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Kenya) Rose Industry Blooming

**ROSE INDUSTRY
BLOOMING IN KENYA**

Rose industry blooming in Kenya

Discover how the UPOV system enabled Kenya to develop a \$500 million cut flower industry that employs 300,000 Kenyans.

[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Canada) Canadian cherry growers benefit from government policy

Canadian cherry growers benefit from government policy

See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.

[Long Version](#)

[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Japan) PVP in Japan (Ashiro Rindo)

Ashiro Rindo (Japan)

The story of a global and profitable rice farmer that used PVP to develop an international export business.

[Audio for all versions](#)

[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (China) Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention

China

Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention.

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UPOV (Colombia) UPOV system bringing benefits for agriculture in Colombia

DERECHOS OBTENTORIOS EN COLOMBIA

Colombia 21 years of UPOV in 2012

UPOV system bringing benefits for agriculture in Colombia

See how the UPOV system is supporting agriculture and promoting rural development through new improved varieties, with examples of legal seed and ornamentals.

[Alternative link](#)

UPOV (Argentina) Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild guinea pig in Argentina

Argentina

Using the UPOV system to benefit custodians of native wild guinea pig in Argentina.

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UPOV (Ecuador) PVP in Ecuador

Ecuador

The role of PVP in the development of a new blackberry variety that improves berry's marketing conditions.

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UPOV (Uruguay) Plant variety protection in Uruguay

Uruguay

How PVP enabled a public breeder to ensure a supply of high quality onion seed to farmers.

[Translations](#)

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UPOV Videos



China

Celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the accession of China to UPOV Convention

Languages available: EN audio
Subtitles: EN






The collage features three video thumbnails at the top: 'Interview: Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV' (with 'europeanseed' and 'ESA' logos), 'Interview: Anthony Parker, Commissioner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, CFIA' (with 'GIANT VIEWS' logo), and 'Interview: Director Nguyen Thanh MINH of the Plant Variety Protection Office of Viet Nam' (highlighted with a green border). Below these is a 'PUBLICATIONS' section showing document covers for 'Socio-economic benefits of UPOV membership in Viet Nam' and 'Impact of Plant Variety Protection'. A green callout bubble points to the publications with the text: 'Available in English, Vietnamese and Thai'. The UPOV logo is at the bottom left.

The screenshot displays the UPOV website's multi-language interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with language options: Deutsch, Español, Français, and Other. A search bar and social media links (YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn) are also present. The main content area is titled "Resources in other languages" and lists several languages with corresponding links: العربية, 中文, Русский, ไทย, and Tiếng Việt. Below this, there are several content blocks, each representing a different language. The "Русский" block contains text about UPOV's mission and a link to a document. The "Tiếng Việt" block features a video player with the UPOV logo and a title in Vietnamese: "Công ước Quốc tế về Bảo hộ giống cây trồng mới (1991)". The "ไทย" block also features a video player with the UPOV logo and a title in Thai: "พิธีเปิดการประชุมประจำปีขององค์การเพื่อคุ้มครองพันธุ์พืชใหม่ (UPOV) ครั้งที่ 56".


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