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Overview of UPOV e-PVP

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document reports on:

1. developments concerning UPOV e-PVP, as set out in paragraph 3 of this document;
2. the test campaign for the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module and UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module, as set out in paragraphs 4 to 7 of this document;
3. Launch of UPOV e-PVP, as set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of this document;
4. How to join, as set out in paragraphs 10 to 12 of this document; and
5. Future plan, as set out in paragraph 13 of this document.

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# Overview of UPOV e-PVP

The aim of UPOV e-PVP is to provide coherent and comprehensive assistance in the implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection, some or all of the components of which can be used by UPOV members, as considered appropriate. UPOV e-PVP comprises the following package of components:

* UPOV PRISMA: online application tool (see document EAM/2/3);
* UPOV e-PVP Administration Module (see document EAM/2/4) for PVP offices to:
  + administer applications/grants; communicate with applicants/title holders,
  + publish PVP data in the PVP office publication and [PLUTO database](https://www.upov.int/pluto/en/index.html);
* UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module for PVP offices to: cooperate with other PVP offices in the examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (“DUS”) (see document EAM/2/5);
* PLUTO database
* Member Cooperation Platforms: platform for UPOV members’ cooperation in the administration and examination of applications. The first platform will be e-PVP Asia.

# TEST Campaign (JULy-August 2023)

A test campaign for the UPOV e-PVP Administration module and UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange module was organized from July 18 to August 11, 2023.

The following authorities were invited to participate in the test:

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|  | Authority | UPOV member |
|  | Azerbaijan | ✓ |
|  | Brazil | ✓ |
|  | Brunei Darussalam |  |
|  | Canada | ✓ |
|  | China | ✓ |
|  | Ecuador | ✓ |
|  | Egypt | ✓ |
|  | European Union (CPVO) | ✓ |
|  | Ghana | ✓ |
|  | Israel | ✓ |
|  | Japan | ✓ |
|  | Lao People’s Democratic Republic |  |
|  | Malaysia |  |
|  | Mexico | ✓ |
|  | Myanmar |  |
|  | Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | ✓ |
|  | United Republic of Tanzania | ✓ |
|  | Singapore | ✓ |
|  | South Africa | ✓ |
|  | Switzerland | ✓ |
|  | United Kingdom | ✓ |
|  | Viet Nam | ✓ |

An invitation was also sent to UPOV PRISMA Task force members and to breeders and agents active in the Asian Region. Twenty-three individuals from 12 companies/organizations participated in the test campaign.

By accepting to participate in the testing sessions for UPOV e-PVP authorities, breeders and agents acknowledged the following te

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# Launch of UPOV e-PVP

UPOV e-PVP was launched on September 28, 2023. Viet Nam was the first UPOV member joining UPOV e-PVP by using the full package of components.

The Office of the Union has received requests from Ghana and the United Kingdom to join UPOV e‑PVP.

# How to JOIN

## Initiating the process

To initiate the process to join UPOV e-PVP, the UPOV Council representative will need to send, or endorse, a request. This request should include the following information:

* Information on their current application system, including information on whether it is electronic;
* Which component(s) of UPOV e-PVP they would like to utilize;
* Whether the standard components would be used; and
* Date by when they would like the system to become operational.

Upon receipt of the request, the Office of the Union will make an assessment of the timeline to implement the UPOV e-PVP components according to the availability of resources and discuss a plan with the UPOV member concerned.

## Acknowledgement of the Terms of Use

To join UPOV e-PVP, the representative to the UPOV Council of the UPOV member concerned will need to sign a letter of acknowledgement of the terms of use (see <https://www.upov.int/upovepvp/en/termsuse.html>).

# Future PLANS

The Annex to this document presents the current situation and future plans of UPOV members as of October 12, 2023, in relation to the use of UPOV e-PVP and its components.

[The Annex follows]

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ANNEX

CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PLANS OF UPOV MEMBERS IN RELATION TO   
THE USE OF UPOV e-PVP AND ITS COMPONENT

[see Excel sheet at: <https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=77234>]

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