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**OVERVIEW OF UPOV e-PVP**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This document reports on:
  - (a) developments concerning UPOV e-PVP, as set out in paragraph 3 of this document;
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) Launch of UPOV e-PVP, as set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of this document;
  - (d) How to join, as set out in paragraphs 10 to 12 of this document; and
  - (e) Future plan, as set out in paragraph 13 of this document.

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**OVERVIEW OF UPOV e-PVP**

3. 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;
- 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)

4. 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.

5. The following authorities were invited to participate in the test:

	Authority	UPOV member
1.	Azerbaijan	✓
2.	Brazil	✓
3.	Brunei Darussalam	
4.	Canada	✓
5.	China	✓
6.	Ecuador	✓
7.	Egypt	✓
8.	European Union (CPVO)	✓
9.	Ghana	✓
10.	Israel	✓
11.	Japan	✓
12.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	
13.	Malaysia	
14.	Mexico	✓
15.	Myanmar	
16.	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	✓
17.	United Republic of Tanzania	✓
18.	Singapore	✓
19.	South Africa	✓
20.	Switzerland	✓
21.	United Kingdom	✓
22.	Viet Nam	✓

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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]

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

UPOV member	UPOV PRISMA	UPOV e-PVP Administration Module	UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module	PLUTO: last contribution in
African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Participating	Interest expressed To be discussed further		
Albania				
Argentina*	Until required information is provided, applicants will not be able to submit application data for the concerned authorities			2023
Australia	Participating			2023
Austria				2023
Azerbaijan				
Belarus				2023
Belgium				2023
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)*	Until required information is provided, applicants will not be able to submit application data for the concerned authorities			2023
Bosnia and Herzegovina				
Brazil	Have requested to join UPOV PRISMA			2023
Bulgaria				2023
Canada	Participating	Participated in the test campaign	Has requested to join UPOV e-PVP DUS Exchange	2023
Chile	Participating			2023
China	Participating	Participated in the test campaign To be discussed further	Participated in the test campaign	2017
Colombia	Participating			2019
Costa Rica	Participating			2019
Croatia				2023
Czech Republic				2023
Denmark				2023
Dominican Republic	Participating			2023
Ecuador	Participating			2017
Egypt	Have requested to join UPOV PRISMA			2023
Estonia				2023
European Union	Participating	Participated in the test campaign	Participated in the test campaign To be discussed further	2023
Finland				2023
France	Participating			2023
Georgia	Participating			2023
Germany				2023
Ghana	Have requested to join UPOV e-PVP	Have requested to join UPOV e-PVP	Have requested to join UPOV e-PVP	
Hungary				2023
Iceland				2023
Ireland				2023
Israel	Have requested to join UPOV PRISMA	Participated in the test campaign	Participated in the test campaign	2023
Italy				2023
Japan	Will join UPOV PRISMA as part of e-PVP Asia initiative	Participated in the test campaign	Participated in the test campaign Will join UPOV e-PVP DUS Exchange Module as part of e-PVP Asia initiative	2023
Jordan				2016
Kenya	Participating			2023
Kyrgyzstan				2014
Latvia				2022
Lithuania				2022
Mexico	Participating			2023
Montenegro				
Morocco	Participating			2022
Kingdom of the Netherlands	Participating	Participated in the test campaign	Participated in the test campaign To be discussed further	2023
New Zealand	Participating			2023
Nicaragua				2022
North Macedonia				
Norway	Participating			2023

UPOV member	UPOV PRISMA	UPOV e-PVP Administration Module	UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module	PLUTO: last contribution in
Oman				2017
Panama				
Paraguay*	Until required information is provided, applicants will not be able to submit application data for the concerned authorities			2023
Peru	Participating			2023
Poland				2023
Portugal				2023
Republic of Korea	Participating			2023
Republic of Moldova	Participating			2023
Romania				2023
Russian Federation				2020
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Participating			
Serbia	Participating			2022
Singapore				
Slovakia				2023
Slovenia				2023
South Africa	Participating			2021
Spain				2023
Sweden	Participating			2023
Switzerland	Participating			2023
Trinidad and Tobago	Participating			
Tunisia	Participating			
Türkiye	Participating			2023
Ukraine				2023
United Kingdom	Participating	Have requested to join UPOV e-PVP	Have requested to join UPOV e-PVP	2023
United Republic of Tanzania	Have requested to join UPOV PRISMA			
United States of America	Participating			2023
Uruguay	Participating			2023
Uzbekistan				2018
Viet Nam	Participating	Participating	Participating	

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