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**REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Developments in UPOV” for consideration by the fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA).

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## Developments in UPOV

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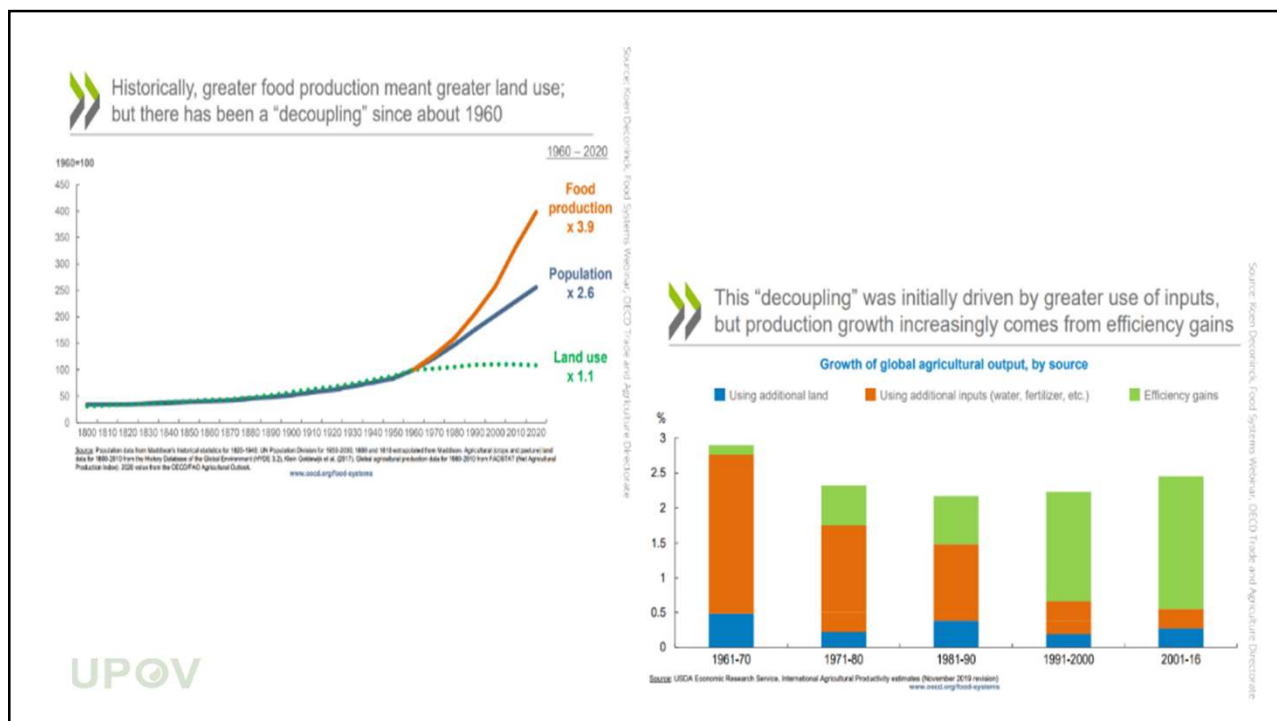
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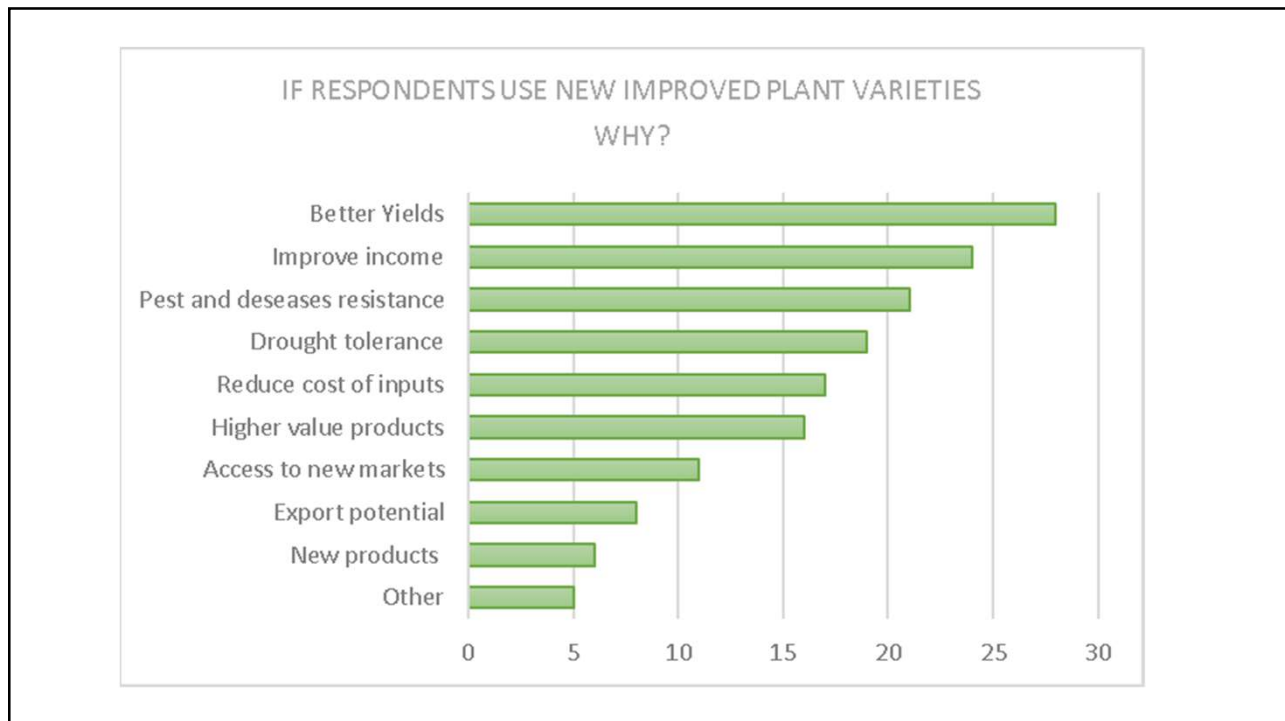
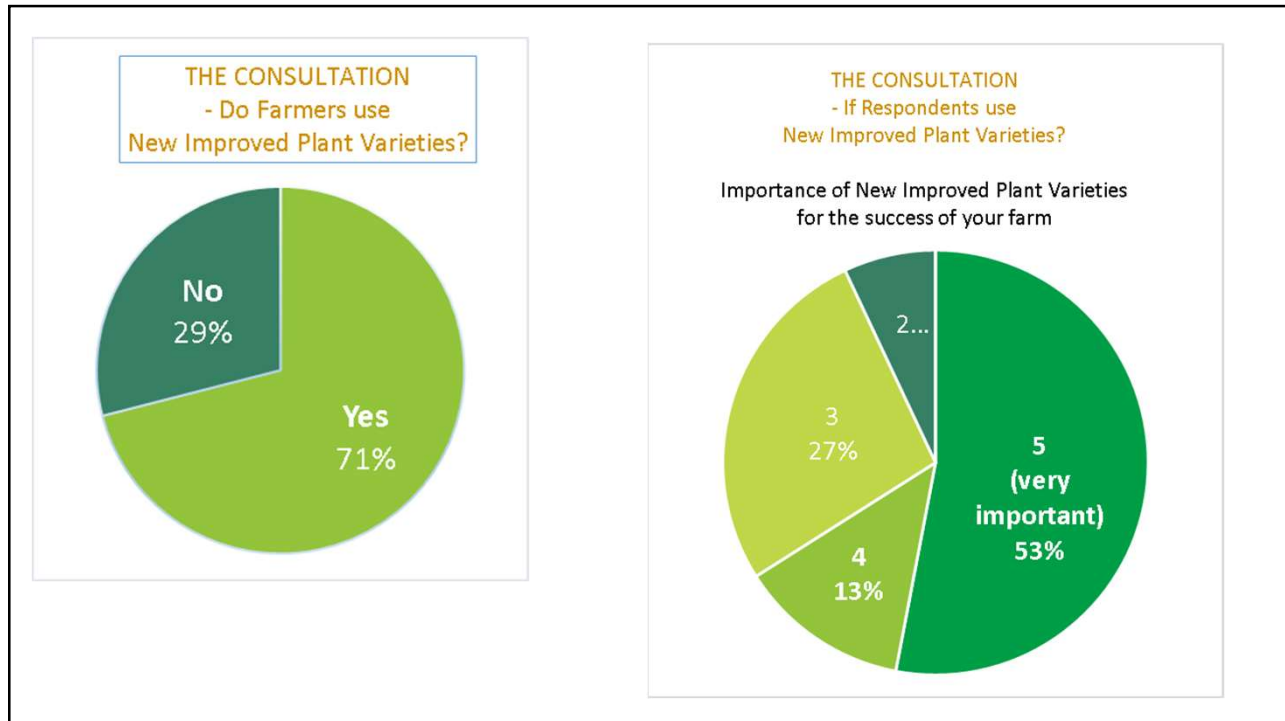


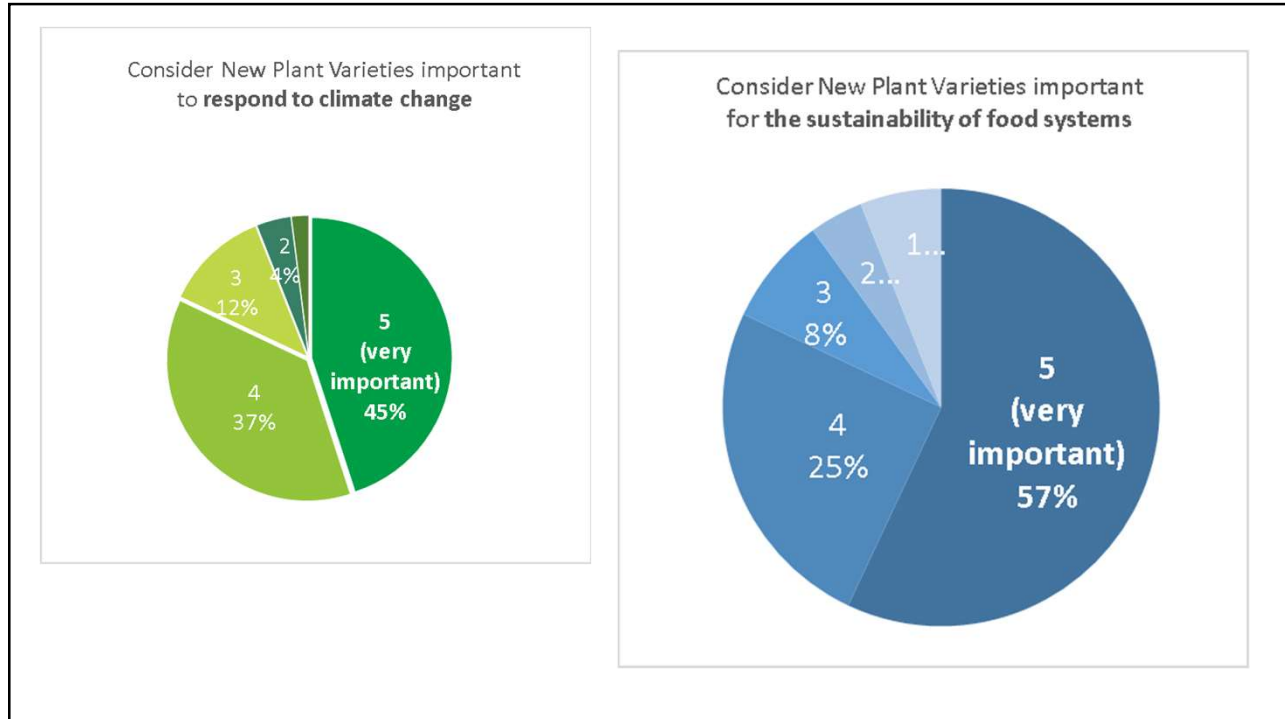
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WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION

# FARMERS' NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS ON NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES

*Highlights from the WFO consultation and technical workshop*

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## SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION October 20, 2021

to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues

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**Seminar on strategies that address policies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection**  
Geneva, October 20, 2021

**DRAFT PROGRAM**  
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The purpose of the seminar is to exchange information and experiences of members of the Union on strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues.

12:00	Welcome and opening remarks M. Darren Tang, Secretary-General, UPOV
12:10	Program and organization of the Seminar Ambassador of the Investor, Mr. Peter Anden, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
12:15	<b>CANADA</b> The role of plant variety protection in supporting public breeding institutions, and partnerships with producers and industry M. Anthony Parker, Commissioner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
12:25	<b>CHINA</b> Seed Policies Promoting China's Plant Breeding Innovation M. Yehui Gu, Deputy Counselor, Development Center of Science and Technology (DCST), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
12:35	<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b> EU strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection – The open Court of First Instance (CJEU) M. Pieter Maronickx, Team Leader - Plant Reproduction Matters, Unit G1, Plant Health Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission
12:45	Break

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13:00	<b>JAPAN</b> Japan's Intellectual Property Strategy in the field of PVP M. Tetsuya Murakami, Chief Director of Plant Variety Office, Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
13:10	<b>KENYA</b> The role of plant variety protection in promoting food security, employment creation and improving farmers' livelihoods M. John Mwangi Mwangi, Head, Seed Certification and Plant Variety Protection, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
13:20	<b>MEXICO</b> Public policies to promote innovation in plant varieties M. Lediguito Contreras Talero, Head, National Service for Seed Inspection and Certification (SECI), Government of Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRICULTURA)
13:30	<b>NORWAY</b> The importance of plant breeding for food security, research policy development in Norway M. Sveinbjørn Skjerve, Director, Department of Plant and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food
13:40	Break
14:00	<b>PERU</b> Strategies for promoting Peru's Plant Breeding Protection M. Manuel Castro Calles, Director, Directorate of Patents and New Technologies, Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI)
14:10	<b>SWEDEN</b> The need to sustain "small" breeders M. Magnus Forsberg, Deputy Head, Plant and Control Department, Swedish Board of Agriculture
14:20	<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> Initiatives from the 2018 Farm Bill Supporting Farm Production, Conservation, and Rural Community Prosperity in the United States M. Jeffrey Hines, Commissioner, Plant Variety Protection Office, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
14:30	Questions
14:55 - 15:00	Closing remarks and Closing M. Marien Vanier, President of the Council, UPOV

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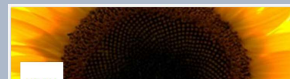
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**Peter Button**

Member

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Vice Secretary-General at UPOV

## UPOV member anniversary posts on social media

The collage displays various social media posts from UPOV member countries celebrating their anniversaries. The posts include text, photos of crops, and infographics. Countries featured include Chile, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Germany, Netherlands, Mexico, United Kingdom, Romania, Brazil, Ecuador, and Singapore.

Ghana

*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*

Members of UPOV (78) (covering 97 States)

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November 3, 2021

Head of Seed Sector Cooperation and Regional Development  
(Africa, Arab Countries)

## UPOV Team

*Thanks and farewell  
to*  
Ben Rivoire



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## Vacancy announcement “Technical Officer”

### Responsibilities:

- (i) provides guidance on plant variety examination and supports the development of plant variety examination in UPOV;
- (ii) raises awareness of UPOV in Africa and Europe and provides guidance on the implementation of PVP; and
- (iii) promotes UPOV services.

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## Vacancy announcement “Technical Officer”

### **Education (Essential)**

First-level university degree in biology, agricultural science or related discipline.

### **Experience (Essential)**

At least six years of professional experience in agriculture or plant science of which at least two have been directly related to plant breeding, plant variety testing or a related discipline.

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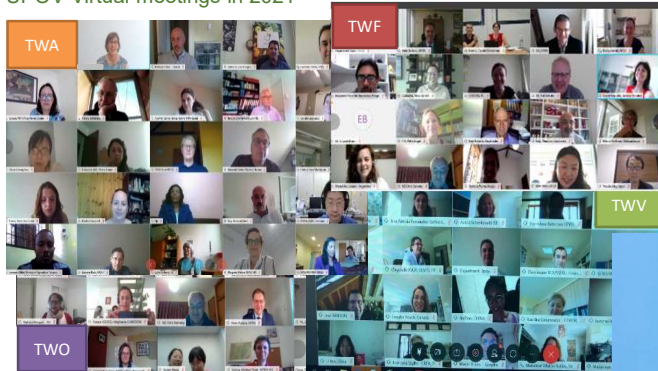
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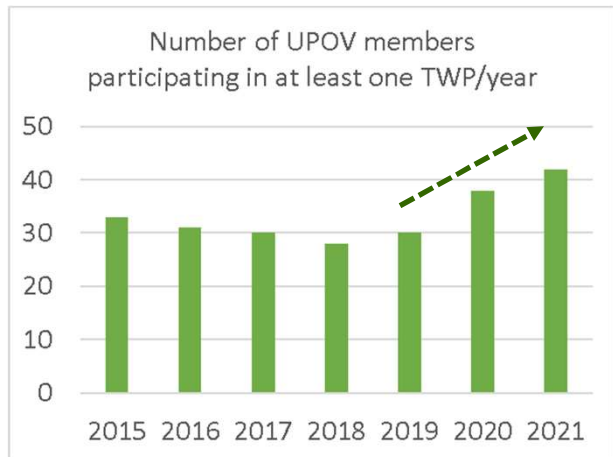
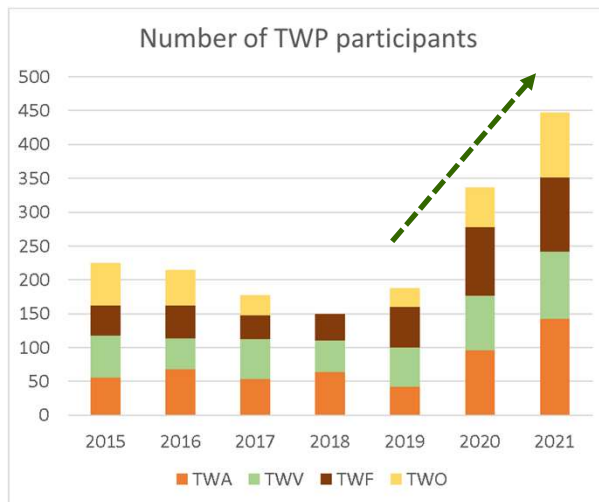
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UPOV Virtual meetings in 2021



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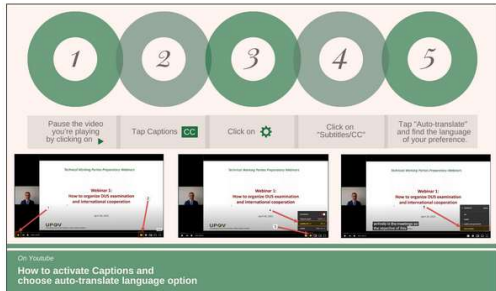


## Technical Working Parties

### Webinar (recording/videos)

#### Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars 2021

If you wish to view the Webinar recordings with automated captions and auto-translate language options, please use the Youtube links below.



### Virtual technical visits: videos & presentations



Two replications (No. of rows and plants per plot depends on Crop species)  
Example: 9 varieties DUS test Layout

V1	V3	V4
V2	V2	V5
V3	V1	V6
V4	V9	V7
V5	V8	V8
V6	V7	V9

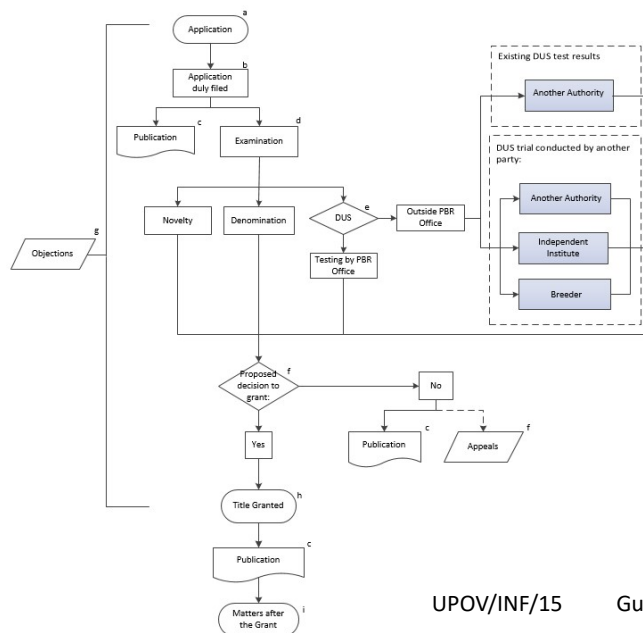
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## Basic tasks within the PBR Office



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Guidance for Members of UPOV

## e-PVP

