DRAFT PROGRAM

8.30  Registration

9.30  Opening by Mr. Francis Gurry, Secretary-General, UPOV

9.35  Opening by Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary ad interim of the ITPGRFA

Co-Moderators:  Mr. Muhamad Sabran, Chairperson of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, ITPGRFA and Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV

Session 1:  Overview of the UPOV Convention and the ITPGRFA

9.45  Overview of the UPOV Convention
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

10.00  Overview of the ITPGRFA
Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary ad interim of the ITPGRFA

Session 2:  Analysis of the Interrelations between Farmers’ Rights and Plant Breeders’ Rights Under the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention

10.15  Ms. Szonja Csörgő
Director, Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, European Seed Association (ESA), Belgium

10.30  Mr. Bryan Harvey
Professor Emeritus, Plant Sciences Department, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

10.45  Coffee

11.15  Mr. Bram de Jonge
Seed Policy Officer, Oxfam Novib, Netherlands
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11.30  Ms. Sangeeta Shashikant  
*Legal Advisor, Third World Network International Secretariat, Malaysia*

11.45  Mr. Stephen Smith  
*Professor in Agronomy, Iowa State University, United States of America*

12.00  Discussion

12.30  Lunch

Session 3: Experiences of the Contracting Parties in Implementing the UPOV Convention and the ITPGRFA

14.30  Argentina  
Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, President, *Instituto Nacional de Semillas (INASE)*

14.45  Canada  
Mr. Anthony Parker, Commissioner, *Plant Breeders’ Rights Office*

15.00  European Union  
Ms. Päivi Mannerkorpi, Team Leader - Unit G1, Plant Reproductive Material, *Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANCO), European Commission* and Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Head of Varieties and Seeds Policy, *Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom*

15.15  Kenya  
Mr. Simon Maina, Head, *Seed Certification and Plant Variety Protection, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)*

15.30  Norway  
Ms. Svhaild-Isabelle Batta Torheim, Senior Advisor, *Department of Forest and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food*

15.45  Discussion

16.15  Coffee

Session 4: Overview of initiatives involving the ITPGRFA and UPOV

- Information initiatives
- Practical initiatives
- Mutual attendance, participation, and information exchange

16.30  ITPGRFA  
*Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary ad interim of the ITPGRFA*

16.45  UPOV  
*Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV*

17.00  Discussion

17.15  Closing remarks by Co-Moderators: Mr. Muhamad Sabran, Chairperson of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, ITPGRFA and Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV

17.30  End of Symposium