



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

**SYMPOSIUM ON POSSIBLE INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN THE
INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE (ITPGRFA) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV CONVENTION)**

Geneva, October 26, 2016

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

Session 2: Analysis of the Interrelations between Farmers' Rights and Plant Breeders' Rights Under the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention (cont/d)

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. Svahild-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