

Seminar on the impact of policy on essentially derived varieties (EDVs) on breeding strategy

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DRAFT PROGRAM*approved by the Administrative and Legal Committee**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***Abstract**

The concept of Essentially Derived Varieties (EDVs) was introduced in the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention with the aim of providing an effective incentive for plant breeding that would maximize progress in the development of new, improved varieties for the benefit of society.

The purpose of the Seminar is to consider the impact of EDV policy on breeding strategies and the consequences for the development of new, improved varieties of plants. The Seminar will provide perspectives covering various breeding methods and different types of plants. The Seminar is expected to assist the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) in its review of the guidance on EDV provided in document [UPOV/EXN/EDV/2](#).

8.30 Registration**9.30 Welcome address and opening***Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV***SESSION I: TO AN EDV CONCEPT FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE***Moderator: Mr. Peter Button***9.40 Plant breeding and the EDV concept: challenges of the past, opportunities for the future?***Key note Speaker: Mr. Sven J.R. Bostyn, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, Centre for Advanced studies in Biomedical Innovation Law (CeBIL), Denmark***10.10 UPOV guidance on EDV***Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel and Director of Training and Assistance, UPOV***SESSION II: IMPACT OF EDV CONCEPT ON PLANT BREEDING***Moderator: Mr. Anthony Parker, Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), UPOV***10.20 Outlook for agricultural crops***Ms. Magali Pla, Deputy Manager of Industrial Property, Limagrain, France***10.40 Outlook for ornamental plants***Mr. Micha Danziger, Danziger "Dan" Flower Farm, Israel***11.00 Coffee break**

11.20 Outlook for vegetables

Mr. Laurens Kroon, Head of Research, Bejo, Netherlands

11.40 Outlook for fruit

Ms. Emma Brown, Business Development Manager, Plant & Food Research, New Zealand

12.00 Panel discussion and questions

12.25 Closing remarks

Mr. Anthony Parker

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