

UPOV EDV Seminar - Summary

- Evidence that the current UPOV guidance does not reflect the practice amongst breeders in the understanding of essentially derived varieties (EDV).
- Evolution of breeding techniques has created new opportunities/incentives for predominately deriving varieties from initial varieties, more rapidly and at a lower cost.
- Clear indication from presentations and discussions that the understanding and implementation of the EDV concept influences breeding strategy – therefore, it is important that UPOV guidance is tuned to maximize benefits to society in terms of maximizing progress in breeding.