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9.30 – 9.40 Welcome and opening remarks
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

SESSION I: DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGIES USED IN PLANT BREEDING
Moderator: Mr. Yehan Cui, President of the UPOV Council

9.40 – 9.50 Induction Gene-based DH Breeding for Multicrops
Mr. Chen Shaojiang, Professor, Department of Genetics and Breeding, China Agricultural University, China

9.50 – 10.00 Integration of new breeding technologies (NBTs) into variety breeding: how to find the right balance for incentivising innovators?
Mr. Michiel van Lookeren Campagne, Honorary Fellow, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia

10.00 – 10.10 Improvement of new fruit tree cultivars and usage of genetic markers for characterization and maintenance of plant breeders’ rights
Mr. Doron Holland, Newe Yaar Research Center (Agricultural Research Organization), Ramat Yishay, Israel

10.10 – 10.20 Natural and induced mutations secured by clonal propagation: impact and implications
Ms. Zelda Bijzet, Research Team Manager: Crop Development, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa

10.20 – 10.30 Breeding and biotechnology in Argentina: a sugarcane genetics perspective
Mr. Germán Serino, Director, Chacra Experimental Agrícola Santa Rosa, Argentina

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion with speakers of Session I

Coffee break

SESSION II: PARTNERING IN USE OF TECHNOLOGY
Moderator: Ms. María Laura Villamayor, Chair of UPOV Administrative and Legal Committee

11.35 – 11.45 New breeding techniques: public research institute perspective
Mr. Marcelo Daniel Labarta, Technology Transfer Office, National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), Buenos Aires, Argentina
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The importance of public-private collaboration to enhance application of biotechnology in plant breeding
Mr. Muath Alsheikh, Head of Research and Development, Graminor AS, Norway

11.55 – 12.05
How to balance PBR and patents in breeding programs: Lantmännen (farming cooperative) perspective
Mr. Bo Gertsson, Group Manager Product Development Plant breeding, Lantmännen lantbruk, Stockholm, Sweden

12.05 – 12.30
Discussion with speakers of Session II

12:30 – 14.30
Lunch Break

SESSION III: ROLE OF IP RIGHTS IN SECURING INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS IN BREEDING
Moderator: Ms. Minori Hagiwara, Vice-Chair of UPOV Administrative and Legal Committee

14.30 – 14.40
What if your crop abundantly produces EDVs by itself
Mr. Arend van Peer, Team Leader Mushroom Research, University of Wageningen, Netherlands

14.40 – 14.50
Intellectual property and legal perspective on new technologies and variety development
Ms. Heidi Nebel, Managing Partner and Chair of the Chemical and Biotechnology Practice Group at McKee, Voorhees & Sease PLC, Des Moines, United States of America

14.50 – 15.00
Plant variety protection according to the 1991 UPOV Convention and new plant breeding technologies
Mr. Ricardo López de Haro y Wood, PBR Advisor, Madrid, Spain

15.00 – 15.10
Role of plant breeders rights and other forms of IP in promoting plant breeding
Mr. Michael Kock, Senior Vice President, Innovation Catalyst, Inari Agriculture Inc., Cambridge, United States of America

15.10 – 15.20
Origin and goal of the EDV principle in UPOV and its importance in the use of new breeding technologies
Mr. Huib Ghijsen, Juridical Counsellor Plant Breeder’s Rights / Director “RechtvoorU”, Middleburg, Netherlands, on behalf of AIPH

15.20 – 15.45
Discussion with speakers of Session III

15.45 – 16.15
Coffee break

SESSION IV: SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW VARIETIES THAT MAXIMIZE BENEFIT FOR SOCIETY – THE ROLE OF THE UPOV SYSTEM OF PVP
Moderator: Mr. Anthony Parker, Vice-President of the UPOV Council

16.15 – 16.25
Setting the scene
Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel and Director of Training and Assistance, UPOV

16.25 – 16.35
Role and importance of phenotype/genotype for the granting of PVP and EDV-status
Mr. Gert Würtenberger, Chairman of the GRUR Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties (Vorsitzender des GRUR Ausschusses für den Schutz von Pflanzenzüchtungen) and Lawyer, Meissner Bolte, Munich, Germany
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16.35 – 16.45  Breeders’ view on essentially derived varieties  
Ms. Erin Wallich, Intellectual Property Manager, Summerland Varieties Corporation, Summerland, Canada, on behalf of ISF, CropLife International, CIOPORA, APSA, AFSTA, SAA and Euroseeds

16.45 – 16.55  Diversity of breeding technologies and impact for plant variety protection  
Mr. Christian Huyghe, Scientific Director for Agriculture, National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE); Chair of the scientific committee of the CTPS (French committee for variety registration and seed certification), France

16.55 – 17.20  Discussion with speakers of Session IV

17.20 – 17.30  Closing remarks  
Mr. Yehan Cui, President of the UPOV Council

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