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| **Seminar on cooperation with breeders in DUS examination**  **Geneva, October 22, 2025** | **UPOV/SEM/GE/25/1 Prov.**  **Original:** English  **Date:** June 19, 2025 |

**Draft Program**

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| 14.30 – 14.40 | **Welcome and opening remarks**  *Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV* |
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|  | **SESSION I: OVERVIEW OF COOPERATION WITH BREEDERS IN DUS EXAMINATION FROM DIFFERENT UPOV MEMBERS  (ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREEDERS/PVP OFFICES)** |
|  | *Moderator: Ms. Beate Rücker, Chair, Technical Committee (TC)* |
| 14.40 – 14.50 | **Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)** |
| 14.50 – 15.30 | **Panel Discussion** |
|  | *[to be nominated] Plant Breeder’s Rights, IP Australia* |
|  | *[to be nominated] Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Kenya* |
|  | *Mr. John Oates, Qualified Person, Australia* |
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|  | **SESSION II: THE SUSTAINABILITY OF COOPERATION WITH BREEDERS IN DUS EXAMINATION (ASPECTS ON INDEPENDENCE, SELECTION OF SIMILAR VARIETIES, ON-SITE EXAMINATION, PUBLICATION, COSTS)** |
|  | *Moderator: Ms. Minori Hagiwara, Vice-Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ)* |
| 15.35 – 15.45 | **Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)** |
| 15.45 – 16.25 | **Panel Discussion** |
|  | *Mr. Yoshiyuki Ohno, Examiner, Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan* |
|  | *[to be nominated] Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Canada* |
|  | *[to be nominated] Applicant with experience with Canada* |
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|  | **SESSION III: BENEFITS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  (PVP OFFICES AND THE BREEDERS’ PERSPECTIVES)** |
|  | *Moderator: Ms. Laura Villamayor, Chair, Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ)* |
| 16.25 – 16.35 | **Moderator – summary of preparatory webinars (on topic of session)** |
| 16.35– 17.15 | **Panel Discussion** |
|  | *Mr. Christopher Barnaby, PVR Assistant Commissioner, Plant Variety Rights Office, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand* |
|  | *Mr. Manuel Toro Ugalde, Head of Section, Registry of Protected Varieties, Seeds and Plants Department, Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), Chile* |
|  | *[to be nominated] Breeders’ Perspectives* |
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| 17.15 – 17.30 | **Closing remarks**  *Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV* |

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