

Seminar on cooperation with breeders in DUS examination

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14.30 – 14.40

Welcome and opening remarks

Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

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

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

**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

17.15 – 17.30

Closing remarks

Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

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