

Bringing Innovation to Farmers: New Varieties, New Opportunities

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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Daren Tang, Secretary-General, UPOV

SETTING THE SCENE

Moderator – Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

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Improved crop varieties: an imperative for agrifood systems transformation

Mr. Chikelu Mba, Deputy Director, Plant Production and Protection Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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How the UPOV Convention contributes to providing farmers' access to new plant varieties

Mr. Martin Ekvad, Director of Legal Affairs, UPOV

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Understanding farmer-managed seed systems: regulatory and non-regulatory Influences

Ms. Regine Andersen, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway

FARMERS ACCESSING NEW VARIETIES AROUND THE WORLD

Moderator – Ms. Matilda Frimpong, Associate Communications Officer, UPOV

15.10 – 15.20

Harnessing the power of plant variety protection in reaching farmers with new varieties and opportunities to improve their livelihoods in the United Republic of Tanzania

Ms. Mary Mgonja, Plant breeder and Seed systems. Founder of Namburi Seed Company in the United Republic of Tanzania and Mr. Thomas Mgonja, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Post Graduate Studies, Faculty of Mathematics and Data Science, Emirates Aviation University, United Arab Emirates

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My experience with protected varieties: from subsistence farming to small-scale raspberry grower

Ms. Yeny Aníñir Campos, Raspberry Farmer, Araucanía region, Chile

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ITUM's signature flavor: Spanish growers pioneer their own table grape varieties

Mr. Manuel Tornel Martínez, Coordinator of the table grape breeding team at the Murcia Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research and Development (IMIDA) and Researcher at the Institute for Table Grape Research and Technology (ITUM), Spain

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The impact of improved seeds on farmers' quality of life

Mr. Alexsandro Macedo Mastropaulo, Strategic Projects Brazil and Paraguay, Corteva, Brazil

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Questions & Answers*Moderator – Ms. Matilda Frimpong, Associate Communications Officer, UPOV*

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The Right to Seeds: Custodianship, Enclosure and Resistance

Ms. Shalmali Guttal, Chair-Rapporteur, UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP)

16.10 – 16.20

How the ARC commercializes its cultivars to smallholder farmers: a case of citrus

Ms. Cynthia Motsi, Senior Manager for intellectual property and commercialization, Agricultural Research Council (ARC) and Ms. Elna de Bruyn, Scientist (Production), Directorate: Genetic Resources, Division Plant Breeders' Rights, Department of Agriculture, South Africa

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He Kai Kei Aku Ringa - Prosperity by our own hands: new varieties, new opportunities for Māori growers in Aotearoa, New Zealand

Mr. Charles Russell, Chief Executive of Mātai Pacific Iwi Collective, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

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How PBRs coexist with other seed systems to the benefit of farmers

Ms. Lorelei Garagancea, Legal Director – IP & Genetic Resources, International Seed Federation (ISF)

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Questions & Answers

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HOW FARMERS ACCESS NEW VARIETIES: EXPERIENCES AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS*Moderator: Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV*

Mr. Anthony Parker, Commissioner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Canada

Mr. Okelola Folarin, Registrar, Nigerian Plant Variety Protection Office, National Agricultural Seeds Council (NASC), Nigeria

Mr. Niels Louwaars, Fellow, Wageningen University and SeedNL, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Ms. Joyce Eligi Mosile, Principal Agricultural Officer, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Ministry of Agriculture, United Republic of Tanzania

Mr. Saybandith Sayavongkhamdy, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mr. Pieter Verhelst, World Farmers' Organization (WFO) Board Member (Boerenbond, Belgium)

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CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Grace Issahaque, Registrar-General, Ministry of Justice, Ghana

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