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Elna de Bruyn works since 1984 at the Department of Agriculture in Pretoria, South Africa, and acts as Scientist: Production in the Directorate Genetic Resources, Sub-Directorate Plant Breeders' Rights.

Ms. de Bruyn is responsible for the administration of the South Africa Plant Breeders' Rights Act, 2018 which include the following main responsibilities:

- Develop and implement methodologies, policies, systems and procedures regarding new applications submitted in terms of the Plant Breeder's Rights Act, and DUS reports from evaluation centres for Agricultural, Vegetable, Fruit and Ornamental Crops.
- Provide scientific data, information and advice with regard to the registration of varieties in terms of Plant Breeder's Rights Act.
- Perform scientific analysis and regulatory functions in relation to the administration of the PBR Act.
- Research and Development in relation to the management of Plant Breeder's Rights registers and the publication of relevant information in the Plant Variety Journals, Special Editions, the SA Government Gazette, and UPOV Pluto Database quarterly.

Professional experiences include Research Technician at the Botany Herbarium Windhoek, Namibia assisting with research on indigenous Namibian plants with illustrations of the publication of Mr Mike Muller, author of TREES OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA. Performed seed analysis as Seed Analyst at the Official Seed Testing Laboratory in Pretoria. Accepted position as Plant and Quality Official at Plant Health Services dealing with import conditions of plant material and seed.

Ms. de Bruyn holds a TUT National Diploma: Agriculture: (Research Pasture Crops 3 Year) and Intellectual Property Law Specialisation Programme through UNISA & WIPO Worldwide Academy.