

Symposium on
the Benefits of Plant Variety Protection for
Farmers and Growers

CLOSING REMARKS

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Session I: The Role of PVP in Improving Incomes for Farmers and Growers

The UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection:

- Encourages the breeding of new varieties - enabling farmers to respond to the environmental and economic challenges confronting agriculture
- **Provides farmers and growers with access to the best local and global varieties**
- Enables variety choice to be combined with information and delivery of good quality planting material
- **Is a tool for capturing value through farmer cooperation**
- Facilitates “WIN-WIN” cooperation between farmers and breeders
- **Provides business opportunities for small farmers and growers**
- Has the potential to be even more effective through improvements in implementation

Session II: The Role of PVP in Enabling Farmers and Growers to Become Breeders

The UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection:

- **Provides an incentive for farmers and growers to become breeders**
- **Enables any farmer or grower to use the best available, protected varieties for breeding work**
- **Offers an effective and transparent system that is easily accessible for small and medium-sized enterprises**
- **Enables farmers and growers to develop local, national and international businesses**
- **Empowers farmers and growers in the production chain**
- **... BUT we need to explain it better**