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**TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE ON
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION**

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Geneva, Switzerland - May 15 to 19, 2017

PROGRAM

Location: UPOV Headquarters
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland
Room AB 13.1

Day 1. Monday, May 15, 2017

- 8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.00 – 9.25 **Welcome and opening**
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
Ms. Yasmine Nicole Fulena, Intellectual Property Adviser, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations in Geneva
Mr. Minelik Alemu Getahun, Assistant Director General, Global Issues Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- 9.25 – 9.30 **Program for the week**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel, UPOV
- 9.30 – 10.15 **Effective Communication Skills**
Mr. Philippe Frydman, Trainer, Correlations, Belgium
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Break**
- 10.30 – 12.30 **Effective Communication Skills (cont'd)**
- 12.30 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 14.30 **UPOV: past, present and ...future?**
Mr. Peter Button
- 14.30 – 14.45 **Requirements for becoming a UPOV member**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Impact of plant variety protection**
Mr. Ben Rivoire, Technical/Regional Officer (Africa, Arab Countries), UPOV
- 15.00 – 15.15 **Break**
- 15.15 – 16.15 **Group exercise**
Moderator: Mr. Philippe Frydman
- 16.15 – 17.15 **Discussion**

Day 2. Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8.30 – 10.30	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u>
10.30 – 10.45	Break
10.45 – 12.30	<u>Effective Communication Skills</u> <i>(cont'd)</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.15	<u>Stakeholder resources</u> <i>Mr. Peter Button and Mr. Ben Rivoire</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Discussion
	<u>Breeders' perspectives on the UPOV system of plant variety protection</u>
14.30 – 14.50	CIOPORA <i>Mr. Edgar Krieger, Secretary General, International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)</i>
14.50 – 15.10	ISF <i>Mr. Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation (ISF)</i>
15.10 – 15.25	Discussion
	<u>Farmers' perspectives on the UPOV system of plant variety protection</u>
15.25 – 15.45	An African perspective <i>Mr. Theo De Jäger, Board Member, Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)</i>
15.45 – 16.05	A European perspective <i>Mr. Thor Gunnar Kofoed, Chairman for Danish Agriculture and Food Council Seed Section, Danish Seed Council, WP on Seeds of the Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Union (COPA)/General Committee for Agricultural Co-operation in the European Union (COGECA), European Seed Growers Group</i>
16.05 – 16.20	Discussion
16.20 – 16.40	Break
16.40 – 17.00	<u>Relationship between the UPOV Convention and other International Treaties</u> <i>Mr. Peter Button</i>
17.00 – 17.15	Discussion

Day 3. Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Implementing the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention

- 9.00 – 9.15 **Operation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection**
Mr. Leontino Taveira, Technical/Regional Officer (Latin America, Caribbean countries), UPOV
- 9.15 – 9.30 **Discussion**
- 9.30 – 9.45 **Arrangements for DUS Testing**
Mr. Leontino Taveira
- 9.45 – 10.30 **DUS case studies (Group Exercise)**
Moderator: Mr. Leontino Taveira
- 10.30 – 10.45 **Break**
- 10.45 – 11.15 **DUS case studies (Group Exercise) (cont'd)**
- 11.15 – 11.40 **Experience of the European Union, Canada and the Netherlands**
Mr. Dirk Theobald, Head of the Technical Unit, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), European Union
Ms. Renée Cloutier, Examiner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Canada
Ms. Laura Piñán González, Varieties & Trials, Naktuinbouw, Netherlands
- 11.40 – 12.00 **Experience of Canada in the process that led to the ratification of the 1991 Act**
Ms. Renée Cloutier
- 12.00 – 12.15 **Discussion**
- 12.15 – 12.30 **Breeders' rights under the 1991 Act: introduction**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.15 **Exceptions and limitations**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 14.15 – 14.45 **Exercising and enforcing the breeders' rights**
Mr. John Duesing, Senior Research Director, Intellectual Property Asset Protection, Research and Development, DuPont Pioneer
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Discussion**
- 15.00 – 15.45 **Farm-saved seed (Group Exercise)**
Moderator: Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 15.45 – 16.00 **Break**
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Farm-saved seed (Group Exercise) (cont'd)**
- 16.45 – 17.00 **Discussion**

Day 4. Thursday, May 18, 2017

The role of plant variety protection in supporting the development of agriculture

Session 1: enabling the public sector to deliver public good

- 9.00 – 9.15 **Overview**
UPOV Office
- 9.15 – 9.25 **Discussion**
- 9.25 – 9.45 **Experiences in Canada**
Ms. Renée Cloutier
- 9.45 – 10.00 **Discussion**
- 10.00 – 10.20 **Experiences in the United States of America**
Mr. Paul Zankowski, Commissioner, Plant Variety Protection Office, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- 10.20 – 10.35 **Discussion**
- 10.35 – 11.05 **Break (group photo)**
- 11.05 – 11.25 **Perspective of an international research center**
Mr. Arturo Silva Hinohosa, International Consortium for the Improvement of Maize (CIMMYT)
- 11.25 – 11.40 **Discussion**
- 11.40 – 12.00 **Perspective of a public-private partnership**
Mr. Willi Wicki, Head, IP Department, Delley Seeds and Plants Ltd. (DSP)
- 12.00 – 12.15 **Discussion**

Session 2: adding value for agriculture

- 12.15 – 12.30 **Overview**
UPOV Office
- 12.30 – 12.40 **Discussion**
- 12.40 - 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.20 **The use of trademarks and geographical indications to add value to agricultural products**
Ms. Marina Foschi, Legal Officer, Design and Geographical Indication Law Section, WIPO
- 14.20 – 14.35 **Discussion**
- 14.35 – 14.55 **Experiences in Japan: Tsuyahime rice variety and the Ashiro Rindo Story**
Mr. Takayuki Nishikawa, Assistant Examiner, Plant Variety Protection Office Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- 14.55 – 15.10 **Discussion**
- 15.10 – 15.30 **Break**
- 15.30 – 15.50 **Use of Plant Variety Protection to add value to agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago**
Mr. Pathmanathan Umaharan, Director of Cocoa Research Centre, Professor of Genetics, Department of Life Sciences, University of the West Indies

15.50 – 16.05	Discussion
16.05 – 16.25	Perspective of an international breeding company <i>Mr. John Duesing</i>
16.25 – 16.40	Discussion
16.40 – 17.00	Development of the Kenyan cut flower sector <i>Mr. Thomas Kosiom, Plant Inspector, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)</i>
17.00 – 17.15	Discussion
18.30	Social dinner <i>Café du Soleil</i>

Day 5. Friday, May 19, 2017

- 9.00 – 9.15 **UPOV training and assistance strategy**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 9.15 – 9.45 **Experience of Canada, European Union, Japan, Netherlands and
the United States of America in providing training on plant variety protection**
Ms. Renée Cloutier
Mr. Dirk Theobald
Mr. Takayuki Nishikawa
Ms. Laura Piñán González
Mr. Paul Zankowski
- 9.45 – 10.00 **Trainer support system**
Ms. Yolanda Huerta
- 10.00 – 10.15 **Break**
- 10.15 – 11.15 **Feedback on the week and participants' plans for training on plant variety
protection**
Moderator: Mr. Peter Button
- 11.15 – 11.45 **Presentation of certificates**
Mr. Peter Button
Ms. Yasmine Nicole Fulena
Ms. Dalila Hamou, External Relations Division, WIPO
- 11.45 – 12.00 **Closing**

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