

**Consejo**

Quincuagésima quinta sesión ordinaria  
Ginebra, 29 de octubre de 2021

**C/55/INF/2****Comité Administrativo y Jurídico**

Septuagésima octava sesión  
Ginebra, 27 de octubre de 2021

**CAJ/78/INF/2****Comité Técnico**

Quincuagésima séptima sesión  
Ginebra, 25 y 26 de octubre de 2021

**TC/57/INF/8****Original:** Inglés**Fecha:** 21 de septiembre de 2021

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**INFORME DEL SECRETARIO GENERAL ADJUNTO SOBRE LAS NOVEDADES ACAECIDAS EN LA UPOV**

*Documento preparado por la Oficina de la Unión*

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1. En el Anexo del presente documento figura una copia de la ponencia titulada “Informe sobre las novedades acaecidas en la UPOV”, presentada por el Secretario General Adjunto, por videoconferencia, para la quincuagésima quinta sesión ordinaria del Consejo, la septuagésima octava sesión del Comité Administrativo y Jurídico (CAJ) y la quincuagésima séptima sesión del Comité Técnico.
2. La ponencia, grabada en vídeo en inglés, con subtítulos en alemán, español, francés e inglés, está disponible en las siguientes páginas web: [C/55](#), [CAJ/78](#) y [TC/57](#).

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## Developments in UPOV

*Peter Button*  
*Vice Secretary-General, UPOV*

*September 24, 2021*

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

## A time of transformation...

- Sustainable food production and climate change:  
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Food Systems Summit 2021

**“What is the Food Systems Summit?”**

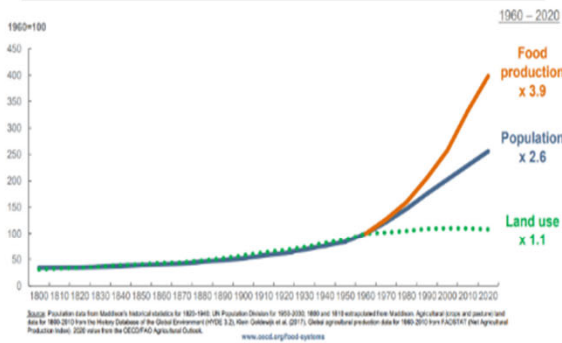
“In 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres will convene a Food Systems Summit as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The Summit will launch bold new **actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs**, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable and equitable food systems.

“The Summit will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to **transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food...**”

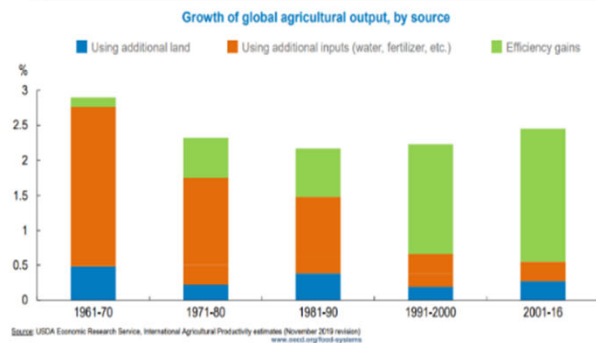
<https://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit>



Historically, greater food production meant greater land use; but there has been a “decoupling” since about 1960



This “decoupling” was initially driven by greater use of inputs, but production growth increasingly comes from efficiency gains



Source: Food Systems Summit, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate

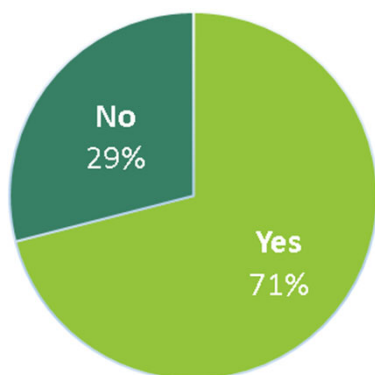


# FARMERS' NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS ON NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES

*Highlights from the WFO consultation  
and technical workshop*

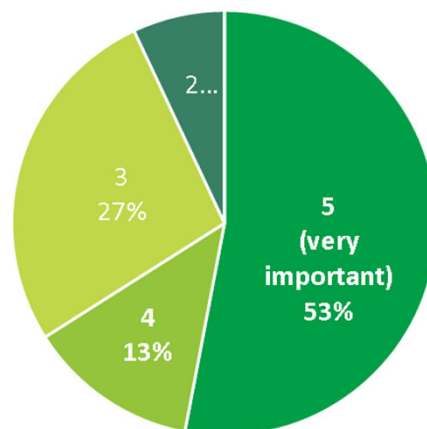
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GLOBAL FARMERS' VOICE

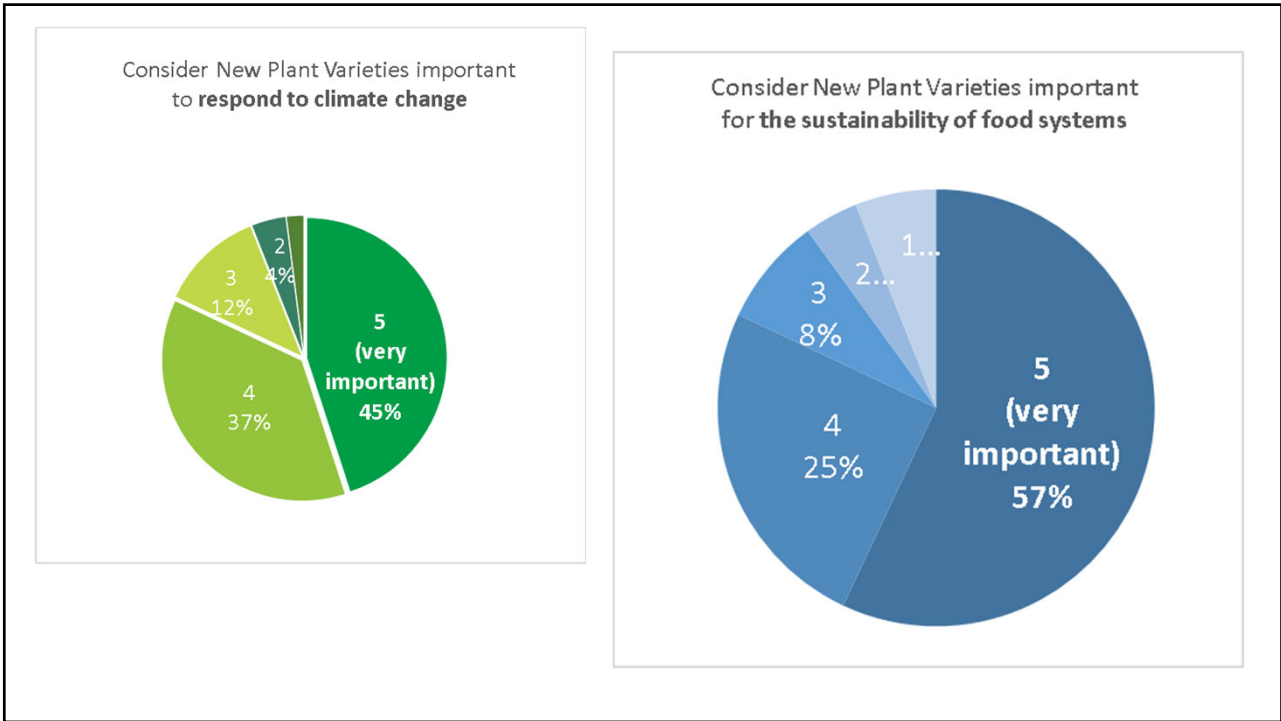
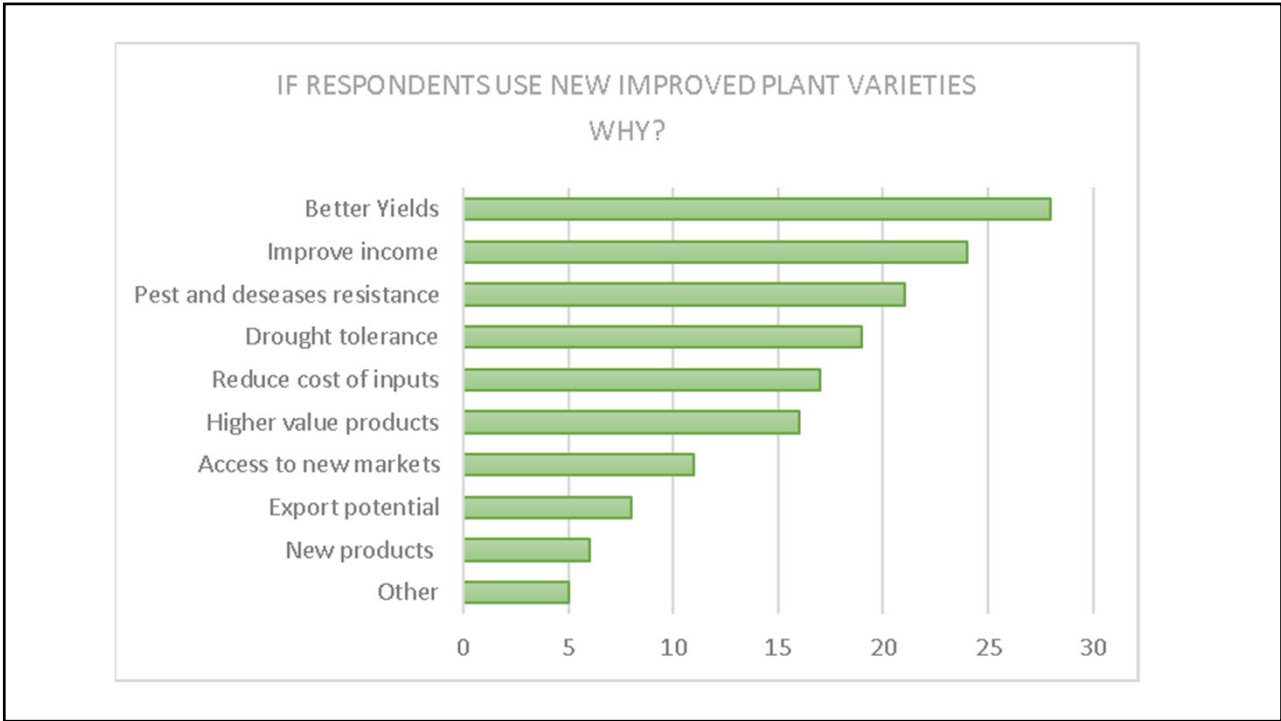
THE CONSULTATION  
- Do Farmers use  
New Improved Plant Varieties?



THE CONSULTATION  
- If Respondents use  
New Improved Plant Varieties?

Importance of New Improved Plant Varieties  
for the success of your farm





## SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION October 20, 2021

to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant  
 breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues

### UPOV

International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Seminar on strategies that address policies involving  
 plant breeding and plant variety protection  
 Geneva, October 20, 2021

UPOV/SEM/2021/1  
 Original: English  
 Date: June 21, 2021

#### DRAFT PROGRAM

prepared by the Office of the Union

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The purpose of the seminar is to exchange information and experiences of members of the Union on  
 strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues.

- 12:00 Welcome and opening remarks  
 Mr. Clément Tardif, Secretary-General, UPOV
- 12:10 Program and organization of the Seminar  
 Moderator of the Seminar: Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV
- 12:15 CANADA  
 The role of plant variety protection in supporting public breeding  
 institutions, and partnerships with producers and industry  
 Mr. Anthony Parker, Commissioner, Plant Breeder's Rights Office,  
 Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- 12:25 CHINA  
 Seed Policies Promoting China's Plant Breeding Innovation  
 Mr. Yuhua Guo, Principal Consultant, Development Center of Science and  
 Technology (DCST), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)
- 12:35 EUROPEAN UNION  
 EU strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection –  
 European Green Deal (Farm to Fork Strategy)  
 Mr. Peter Madsen, Vice-Chair – Plant Breeding Working Group (EU),  
 Plant Health, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE),  
 European Commission
- 12:45 Break

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- 13:00 JAPAN  
 Japan's Intellectual Property Strategy in the Field of PVP  
 Mr. Tetsuya Miyawaki, Deputy Director of Plant Variety Office,  
 Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau,  
 Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
- 13:10 KENYA  
 The role of plant variety protection in promoting food security,  
 employment creation and improving farmers' livelihoods  
 Mr. Simon Mwachiaji, Head, Seed Certification and Plant Variety  
 Protection, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
- 13:20 MEXICO  
 Public policies to promote innovations in plant varieties  
 Mr. Leonardo Cortés, Chief, Plant National Service for Seed Inspection  
 and Certification (SNICS), Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development  
 (SECTORIA)
- 13:30 ISRAEL  
 The importance of plant breeding for food security, Recent policy  
 development in Israel  
 Mr. Shoshitza Ben-Dor, Deputy Director, Department of Forest  
 and Natural Resources Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 13:40 Break
- 14:00 INDIA  
 Strategies for promoting India's Plant Breeding Protection  
 Mr. Manoj Kumar, Director, Directorate of Plant and New  
 Technologies, National Institute for Defense of Competition and Protection of  
 Intellectual Property (INDCOP)
- 14:10 SWEDEN  
 The need to sustain "intel" breeders  
 Mr. Magnus Peters, Deputy Head, Plant and Control Department,  
 Swedish Board of Agriculture
- 14:20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 Initiatives from the 2018 Farm Bill Supporting Farm Production,  
 Conservation, and Plant Variety Protection in the United States  
 Mr. Jeffrey Rogers, Commissioner, Plant Variety Protection Office,  
 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- 14:30 Questions
- 14:55 – 15:00 Concluding remarks and Closing  
 Mr. Marco Vassio, President of the Council, UPOV

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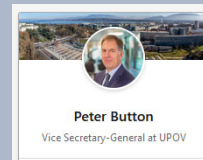
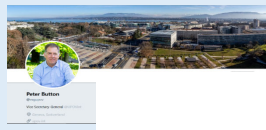
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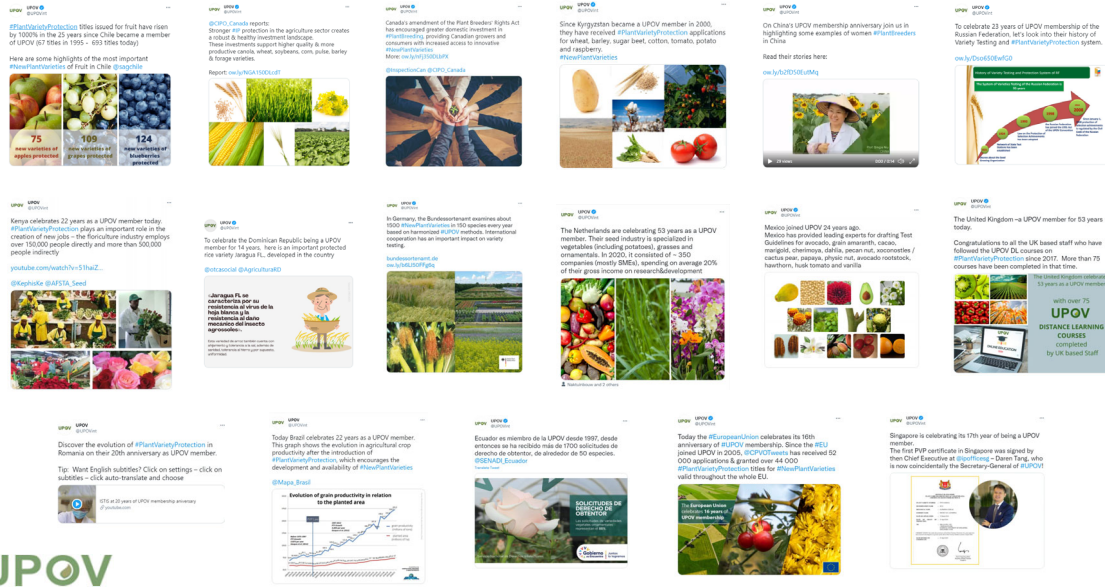




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## UPOV member anniversary posts on social media



## UPOV status (March 22, 2021)



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory



Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)

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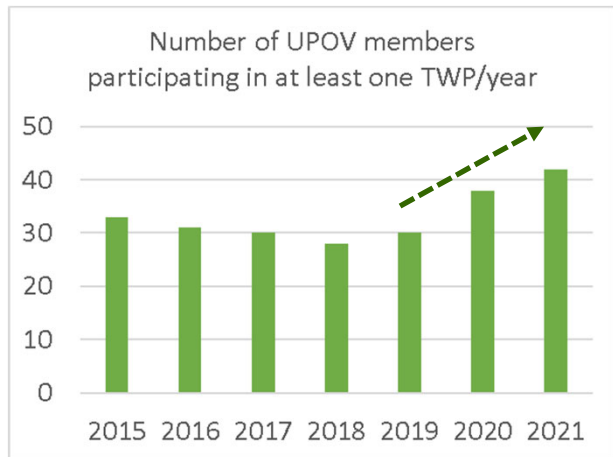
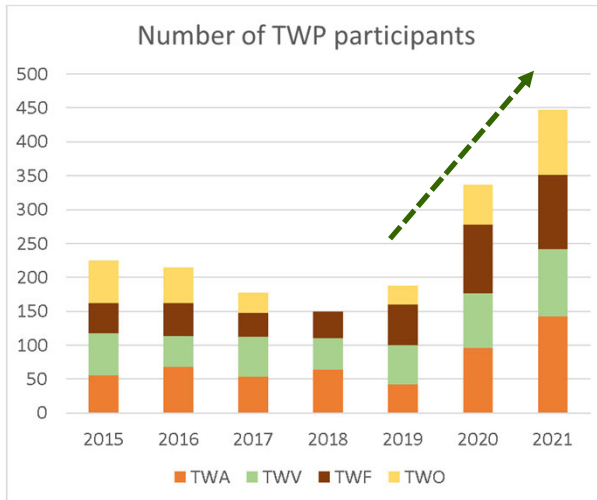
### Virtual meetings

UPOV Virtual meetings in 2020

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## Technical Working Parties



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### Webinar (recording/videos)

#### Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars 2021

If you wish to view the Webinar recordings with automated captions and auto-translate language options, please use the Youtube links below.

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Pause the video you're playing by clicking on

Tap Captions

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Click on "Subtitles/CC"

Tap "Auto-translate" and find the language of your preference.

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### Virtual technical visits: videos & presentations



Two replications (No. of rows and plants per plot depends on Crop species)

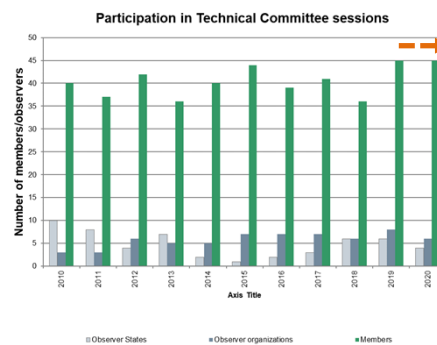
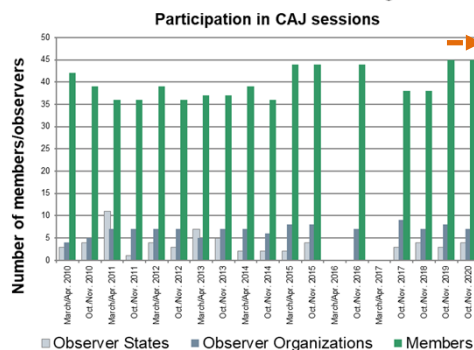
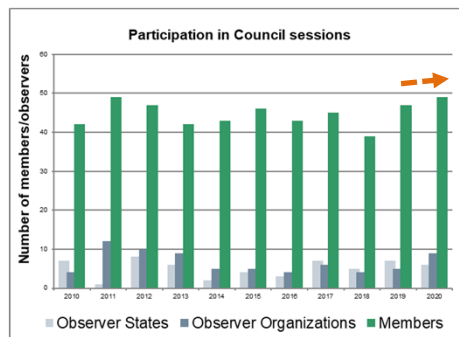
Example: 9 varieties DUS test Layout

V1	V3	V4
V2	V2	V5
V3	V1	V6
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V5	V8	V8
V6	V7	V9

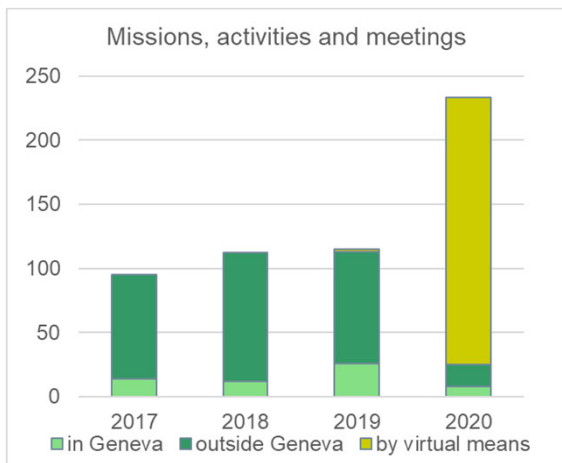
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## UPOV Bodies that meet in Geneva

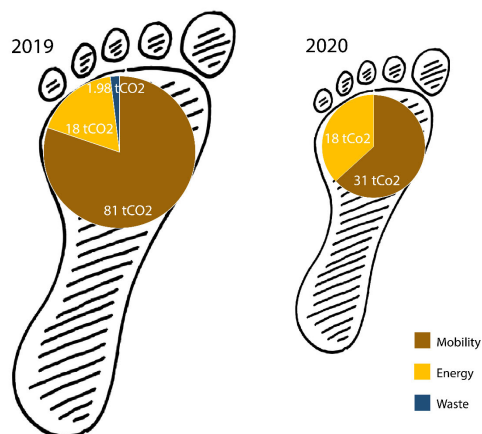
In 2020, UPOV bodies that meet in Geneva used a procedure for approval of documents by correspondence in conjunction with virtual meetings



## Missions, activities, meetings



## UPOV's carbon footprint



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<https://2050today.org/>

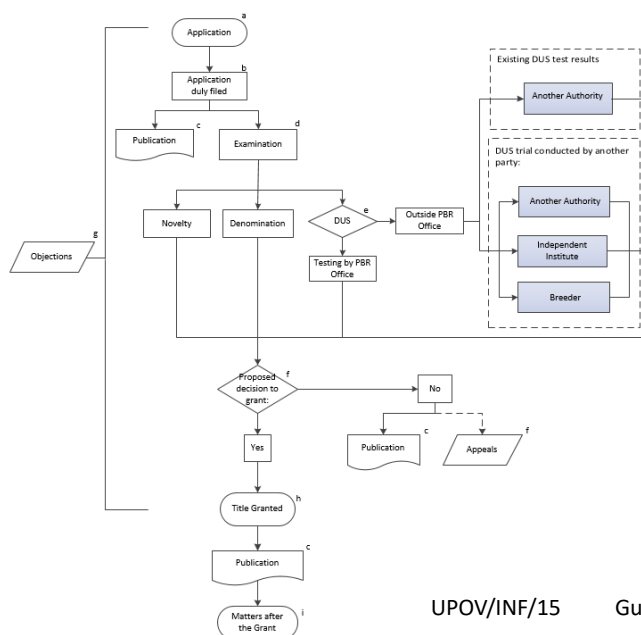
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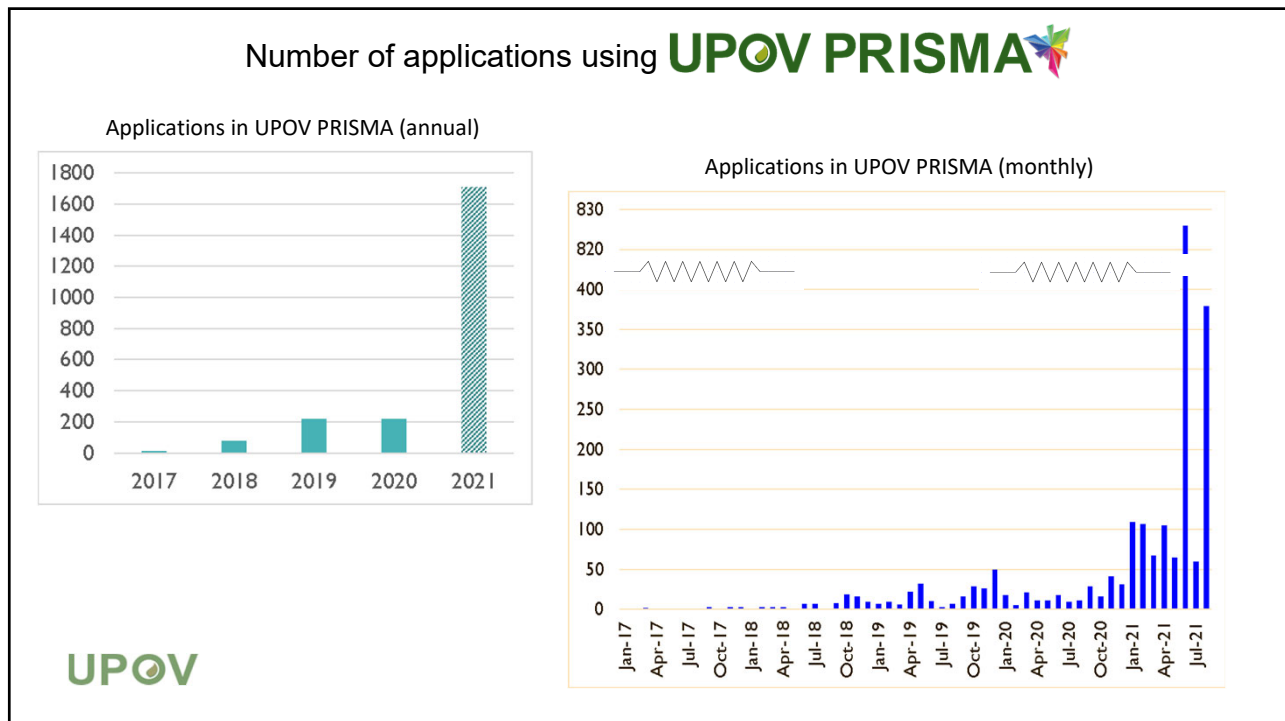
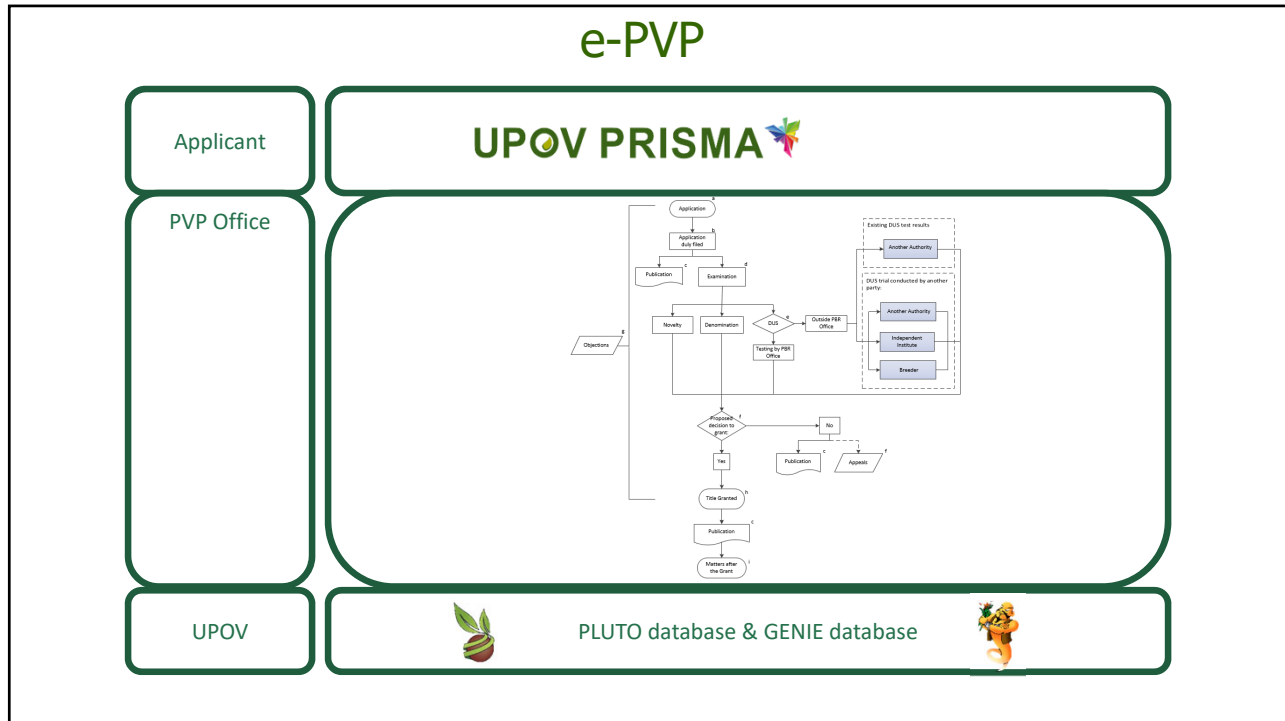
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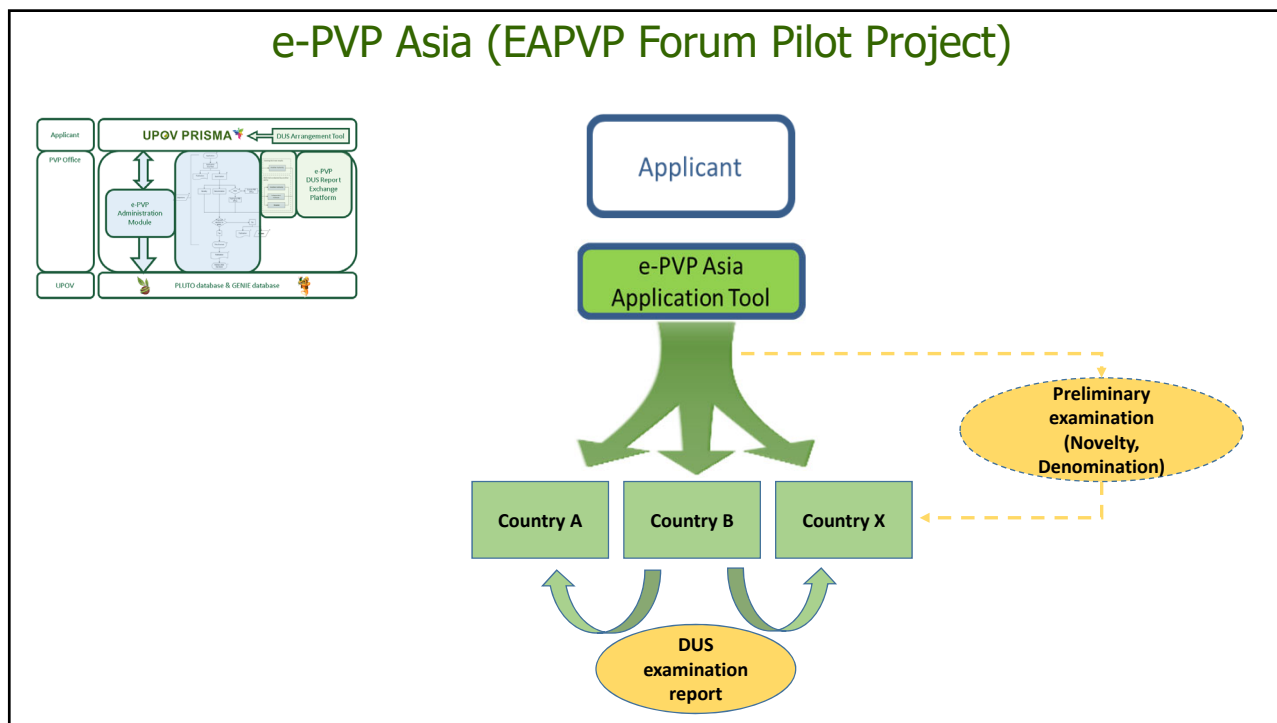
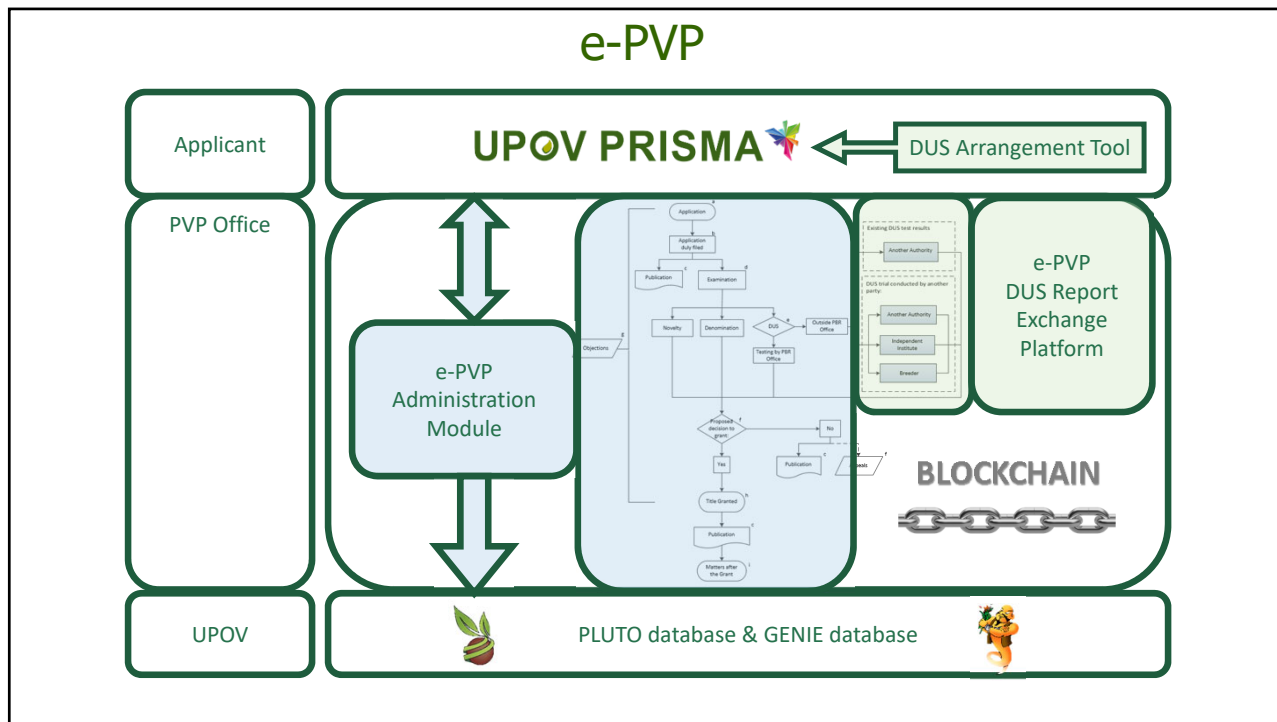


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Guidance for Members of UPOV

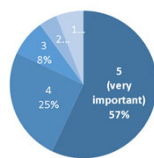




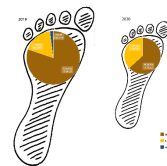
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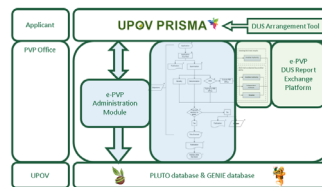
Consider New Plant Varieties important for the sustainability of food systems



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