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Cinquante-cinquième session ordinaire
Genève, 29 octobre 2021

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Genève, 25 et 26 octobre 2021

TC/57/INF/8**Original : anglais****Date : 21 septembre 2021****RAPPORT DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL ADJOINT SUR LES FAITS NOUVEAUX INTERVENUS À L'UPOV***Document établi par le Bureau de l'Union**Avertissement : le présent document ne représente pas les principes ou les orientations de l'UPOV*

1. L'annexe du présent document contient une copie de l'exposé "Rapport sur les faits nouveaux intervenus à l'UPOV" présenté par le Secrétaire général adjoint, en vidéo, pour la cinquante-cinquième session ordinaire du Conseil, la soixante-dix-huitième session du Comité administratif et juridique (CAJ) et la cinquante-septième session du Comité technique (TC).
2. La vidéo préenregistrée de l'exposé en anglais, avec des sous-titres en français, allemand, anglais et espagnol est disponible sur les pages Web [C/55](#), [CAJ/78](#) et [TC/57](#).

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Developments in UPOV

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September 24, 2021



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...**"

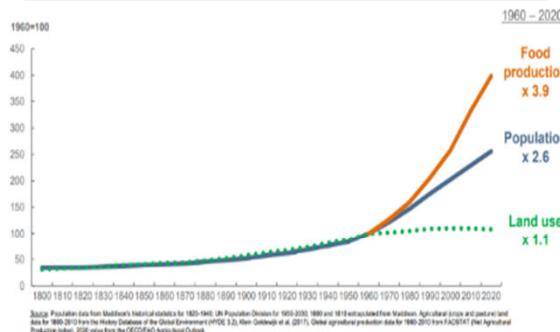
<https://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit>

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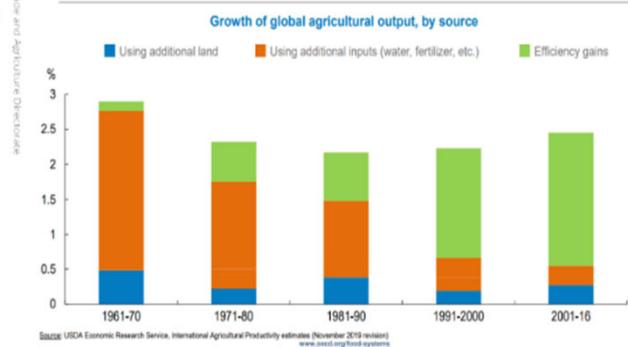
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Historically, greater food production meant greater land use; but there has been a "decoupling" since about 1960



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



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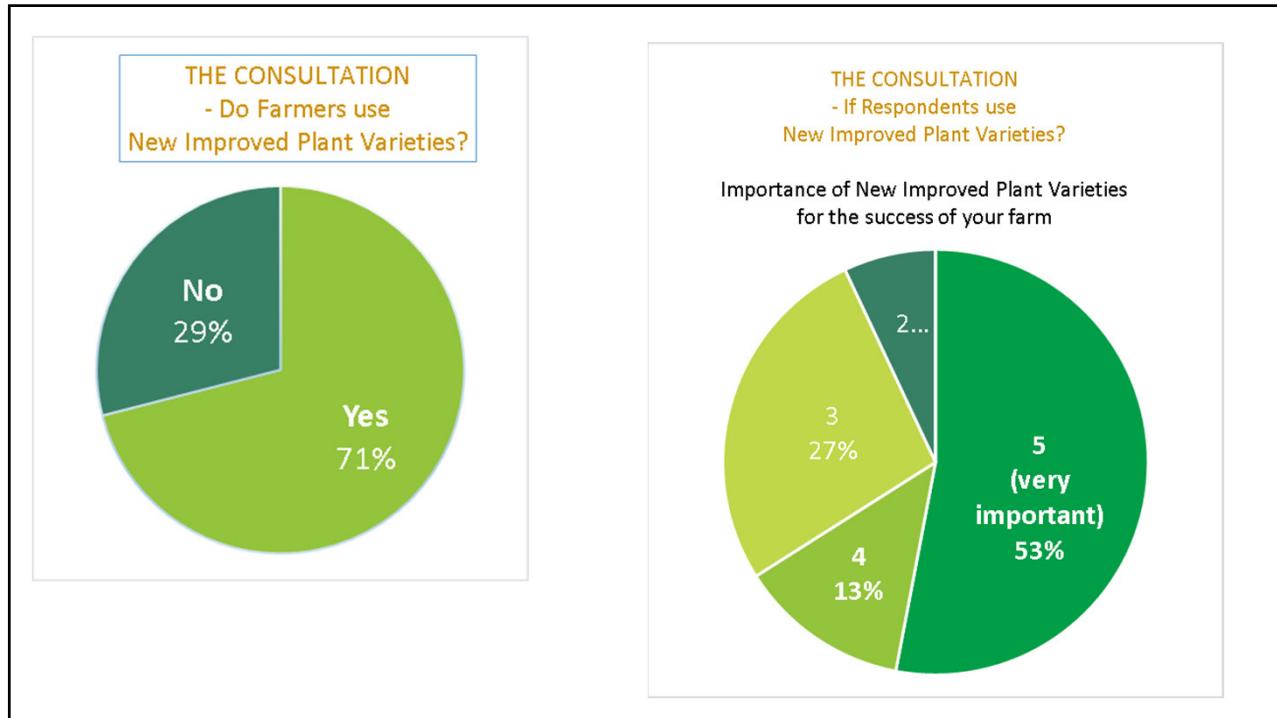
10th anniversary

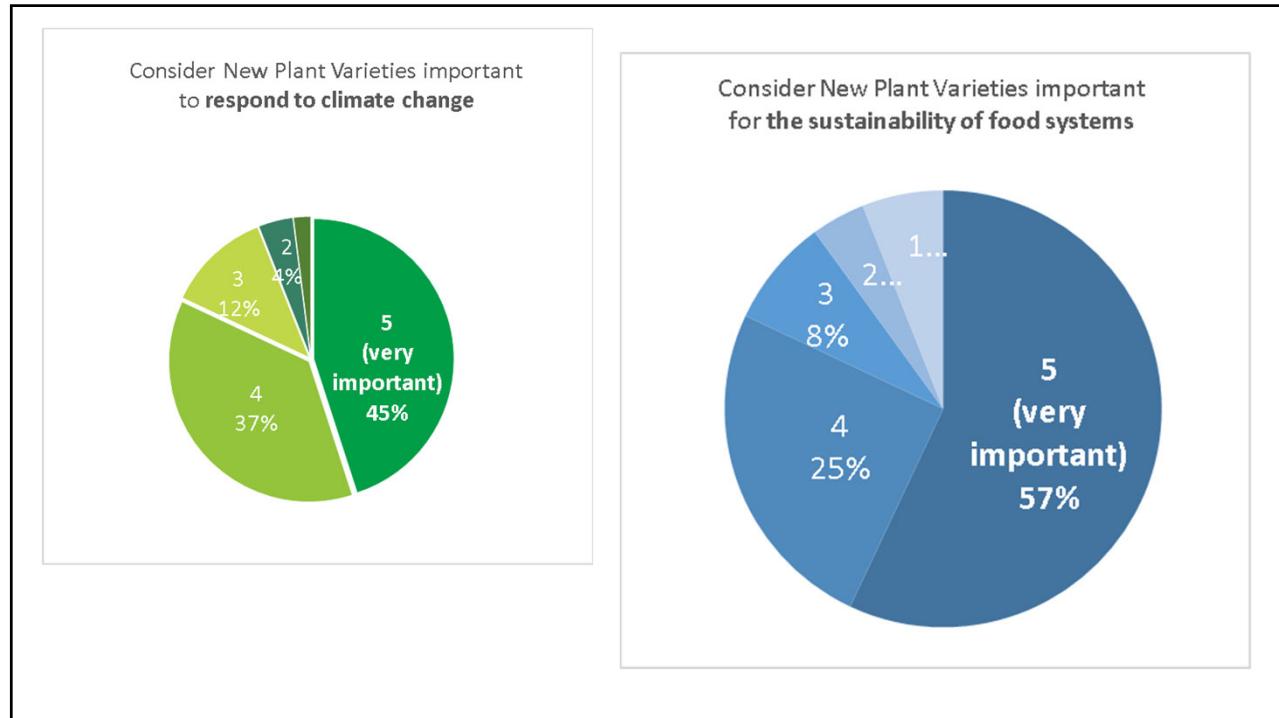
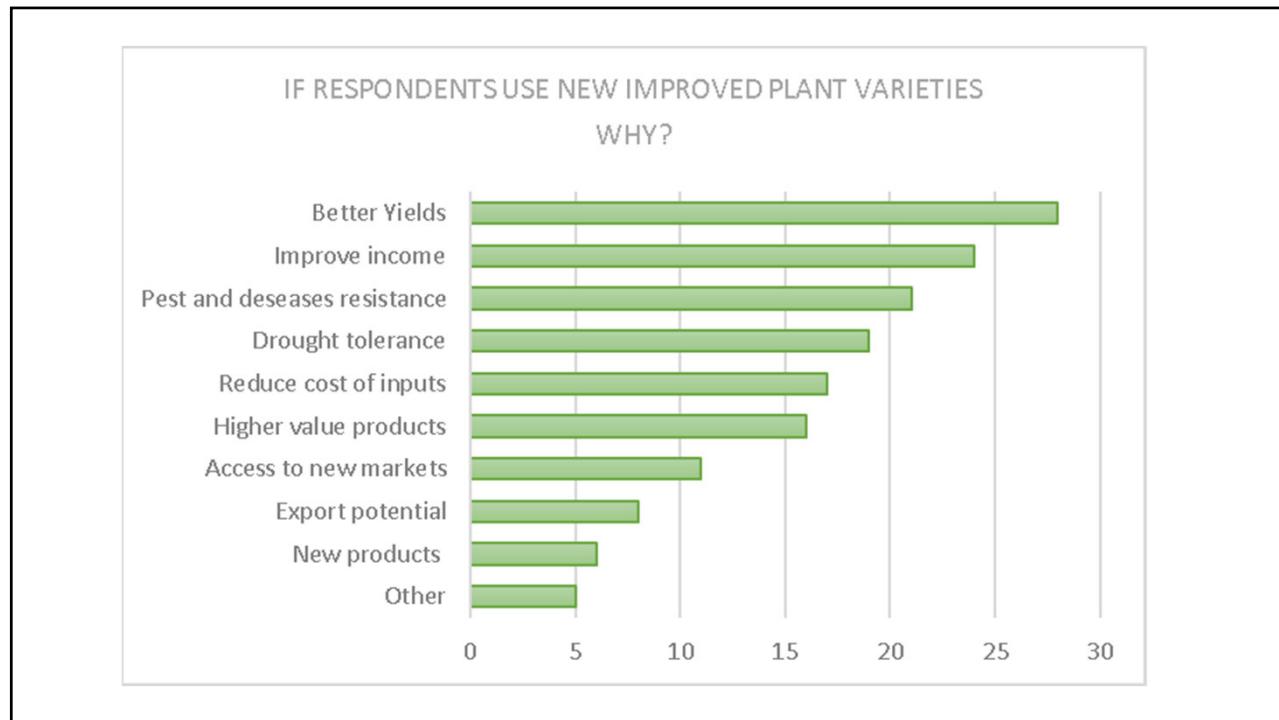
WORLD FARMERS' ORGANISATION

FARMERS' NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS ON NEW IMPROVED PLANT VARIETIES

Highlights from the WFO consultation and technical workshop

THE BIGGEST INDEPENDENT GLOBAL FARMERS' VOICE





**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

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Seminars on strategies that address policies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection
Geneva, October 20, 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. David Tag, Secretary-General, UPOV
12:10	Program and organization of the Seminar Mr. Peter Button, Vice-Secretary-General, UPOV
12:15	CANADA The role of plant variety protection in supporting public breeding Innovation 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. Yefan Cai, Principal Consultant, Development Center of Science and Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARRA)
12:35	EUROPEAN UNION EU strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection – European Commission Mr. Paul Mennesveld, Team Leader - Plant Reproductive Material, Unit G1, Policy Department General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANCO), European Commission
12:45	Break

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13:00	JAPAN Japan's Intellectual Property Strategy in the field of PVP Mr. Teruhiko Miyamoto, Deputy Director of Plant Variety Office, Intellectual Property Bureau, Japan Patent Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, 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. Suleiman Isakha, Head, National Service for Seed Inspection and Certification (NSI), Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRIDEV)
13:20	MEXICO Public policies to promote innovations in plant varieties Mr. Lorenzo Gómez, Head, National Service for Seed Inspection and Certification (NSI), Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRIDEV)
13:30	NORWAY The importance of plant breeding for food security. Recent policy developments Mr. Sverre-Hans-Erik Børresen, Senior Advisor, Department of Forest and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food
13:40	Break
14:00	PERU Strategies for promoting Peru's Plant Breeding Protection Mr. Mauricio Castro Calderón, Director, Directorate of Patents and New Technologies, Ministry of Culture, Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI)
14:10	SWEDEN The need to enhance "Intellectual Assets" Mr. Mats-Olof Persson, Deputy Head, Plant and Control Department, Swedish Board of Agriculture
14:20	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Intellectual Property Protection Supporting Farm Production, Conservation, and Plant Variety Protection in the United States Mr. Jeffrey L. Klemm, Director, Plant Variety Protection Office, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
14:30	Questions
14:30 – 15:00	Closing/Remarks and Q&A Mr. Maximo Vazquez, President of the Council, UPOV

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Peter Button

Vice Secretary-General at UPOV



UPOV member anniversary posts on social media

Kenya UPOV

#PlantVarietyProtection titles issued for fruit have risen by 1000% in the 25 years since Kenya became a member of UPOV (7 titles in 1995 - 695 titles today).

Here are some highlights of the most important achievements of fruit in the #PlantVarietyProtection:

- 75 new varieties of apples protected
- 109 new varieties of grapes protected
- 124 new varieties of blueberries protected

UPOV Canada

Strong IP protection in the agriculture sector creates incentives for investment in research and development. These investments support higher quality & more nutritious food, like soybeans, corn, pulse, barley & forage varieties.

Report: ow.ly/9qGA10DvLuf

UPOV Kyrgyzstan

Since Kyrgyzstan became a UPOV member in 2000, they have received #PlantVarietyProtection applications for wheat, barley, sugar beet, cotton, tomato, potato and other crops.

More: ow.ly/1S0QMP

UPOV China

On China's UPOV membership anniversary join us in highlighting some examples of women #FarmersInChina.

Read their stories here:

ow.ly/2DfB0uMq

UPOV Russia

To celebrate 23 years of UPOV membership of the Russian Federation, let's look into their history of Variety Testing and #FarmersInRussia.

ow.ly/Dos00uMg2

UPOV Kenya

Kenya celebrates 22 years as a UPOV member today. #PlantVarietyProtection plays an important role in the development of the country - the horticulture industry employs over 150,000 people directly and more than 500,000 people indirectly.

[@Kephoda @AESA_Seed](http://youtube.com/watch?v=5IauZ...)

UPOV Dominican Republic

To celebrate the Dominican Republic being a UPOV member for 20 years, we highlight the rice variety Jangla FL, developed in the country.

[@otrcsocial @agriculturaRD](http://ow.ly/1rCw0uMg1)

UPOV Germany

In Germany, the Bundesamt für den Datenschutz und Datensicherheit examines about 1500 #PlantVarietyTitles every year based on the UPOV Convention. This kind of international cooperation has an important impact on variety testing.

ow.ly/1u3C0uMg1

UPOV Netherlands

The Netherlands are celebrating 53 years as a UPOV member. Their seed industry is specialized in vegetable seeds, including ornamentals. In 2020, it consisted of ~350 companies, which generated a turnover of 20% of their gross income on research/development.

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UPOV Mexico

Mexico joined UPOV 24 years ago. Congratulations to all the UK based staff who have now completed their #PlantVarietyProtection courses since 2017. More than 75 courses have been completed in that time.

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UPOV United Kingdom

The United Kingdom – a UPOV member for 53 years today. Congratulations to all the UK based staff who have now completed their #PlantVarietyProtection courses since 2017. More than 75 courses have been completed in that time.

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UPOV Romania

Discover the evolution of #PlantVarietyProtection in Romania on their 20th anniversary as UPOV member.

Tip: Want English subtitles? Click on settings - click on choose

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UPOV Brazil

Today Brazil celebrates 21 years as a UPOV member. They have now issued over 10,000 #PlantVarietyTitles. This year, Brazil will undergo the #PlantVarietyProtection system changes the development and availability of #NewPlantVarieties.

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UPOV Ecuador

Ecuador es miembro de la UPOV desde 1997. Gracias a ello ha recibido más de 1700 solicitudes de derecho de obtención, de derechos de 90 especies. #PlantVarietyProtection.

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UPOV EU

Today the #EuropeansUnion celebrate its 16th anniversary as a UPOV member. Since the #EU joined UPOV in 2005, #ICPVOTweets has received 52 000 #PlantVarietyProtection applications. #PlantVarietyProtection titles for #NewPlantVarieties valid throughout the whole EU.

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UPOV Singapore

Singapore is celebrating its 17th year of being a UPOV member. The official IPG certificate in Singapore was signed by the Chief Executive at #ICPVOTweets - Dennis Teo, who is now coincidentally the Secretary-General of #UPOV.

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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

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 Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)

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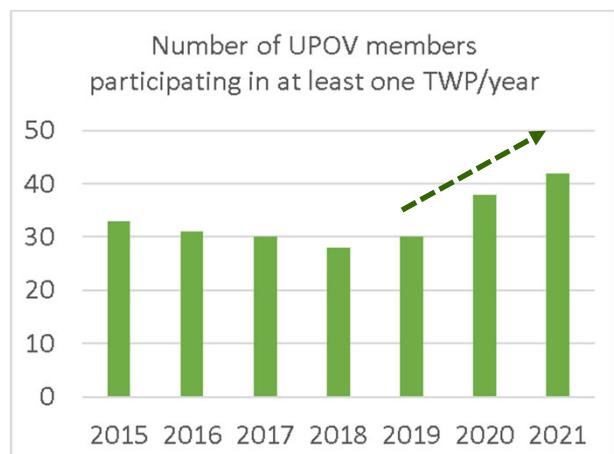
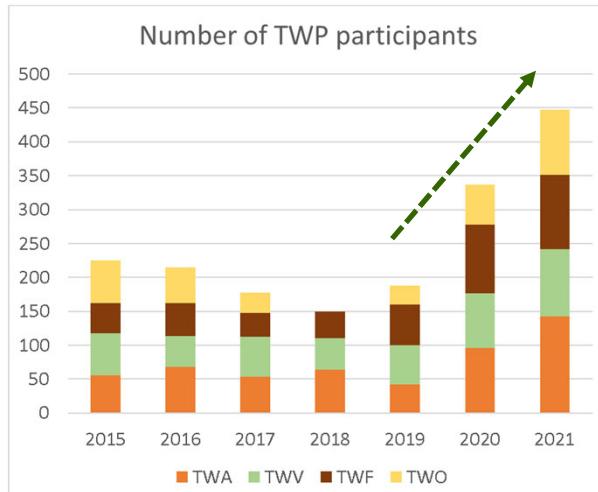
Virtual meetings

UPOV Virtual meetings in 2020



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Technical Working Parties

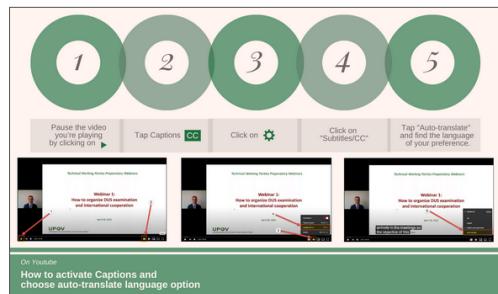


Technical Working Parties

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.



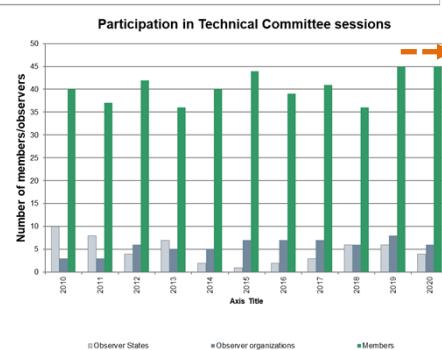
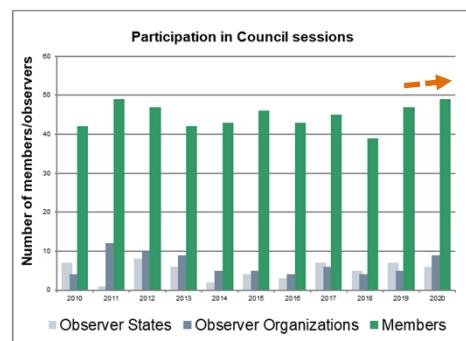
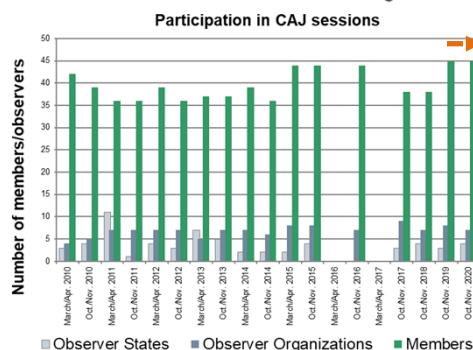
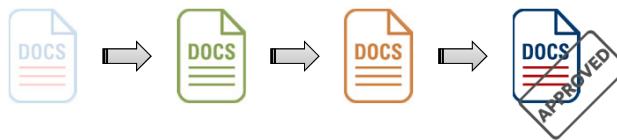
Virtual technical visits: videos & presentations



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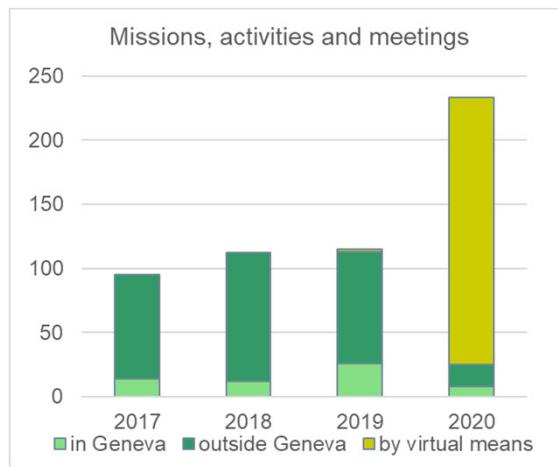
UPOV Bodies that meet in Geneva

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



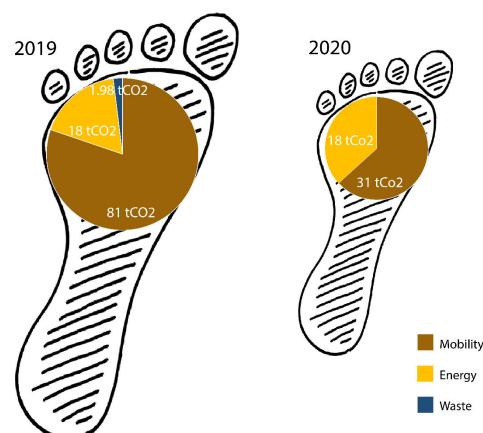
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Missions, activities, meetings



UPOV's carbon footprint

2050today
United for zero emissions



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2050Today is coordinated by the Swiss Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

<https://2050today.org/>

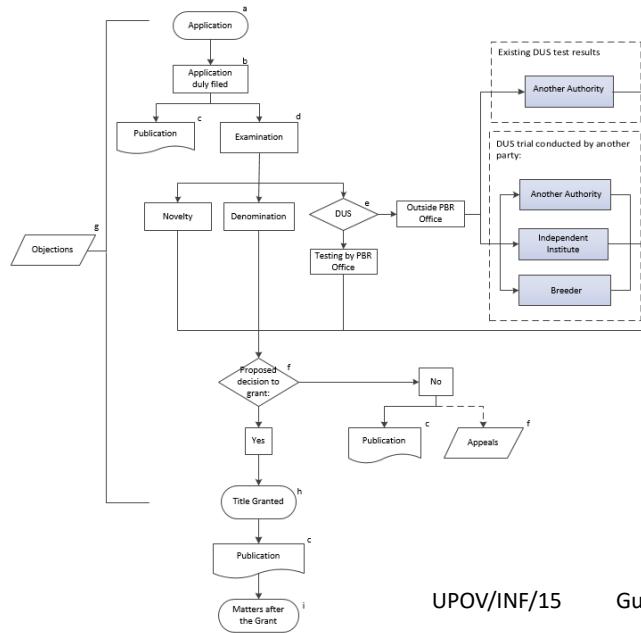
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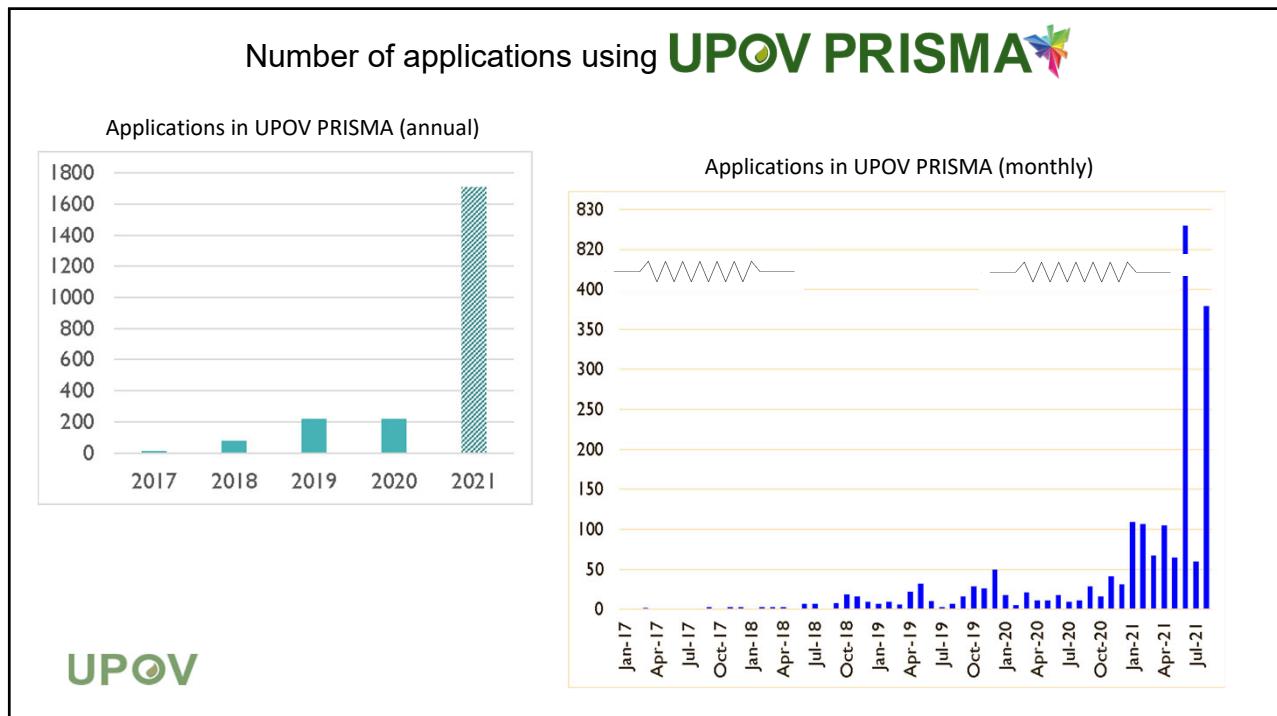
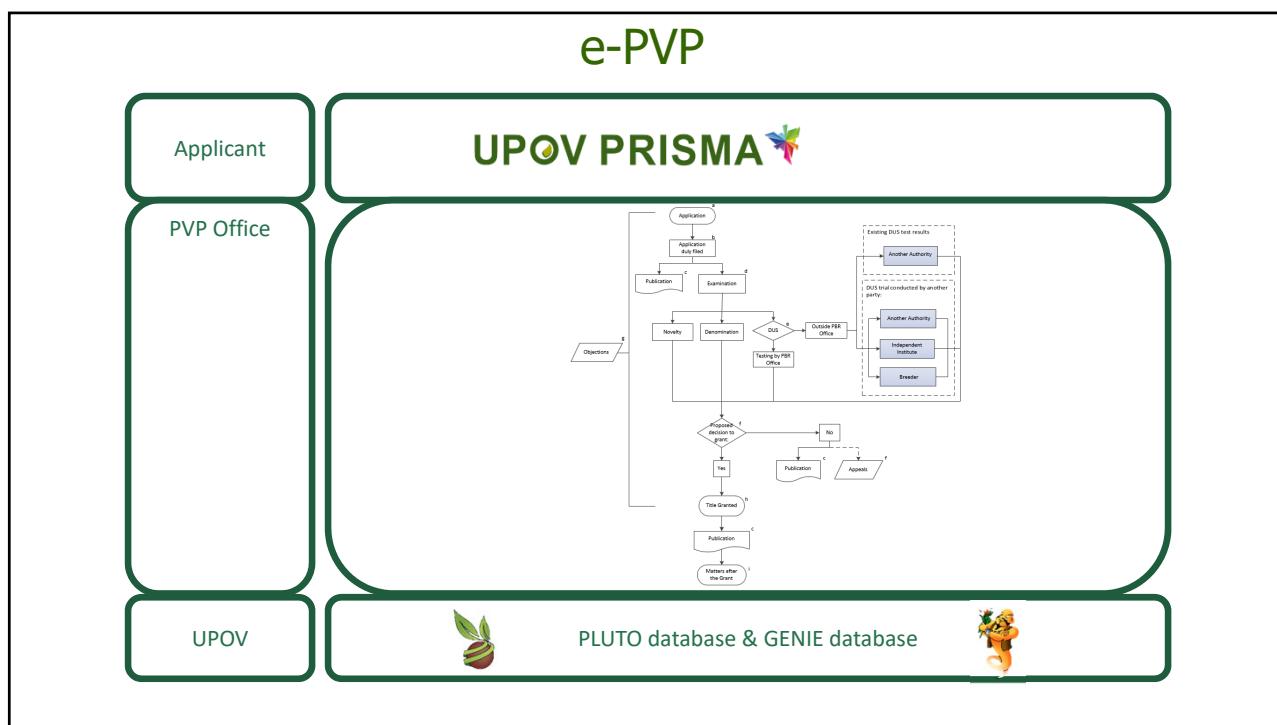
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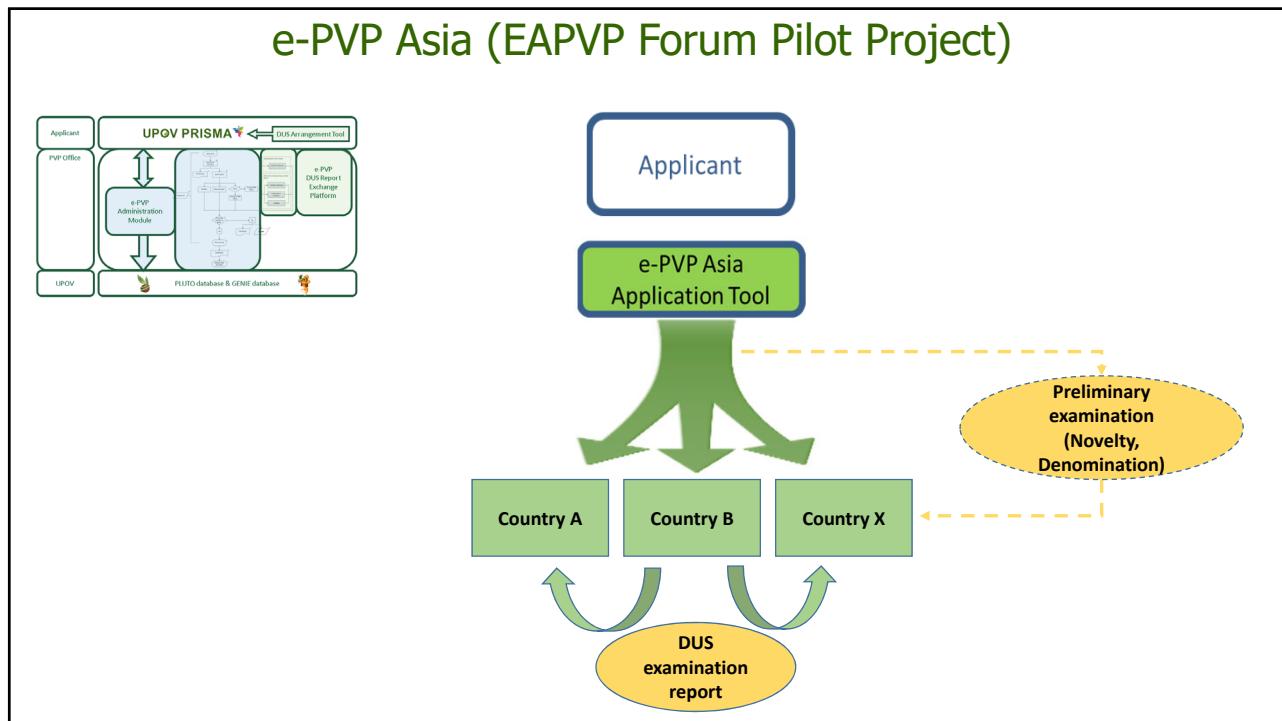
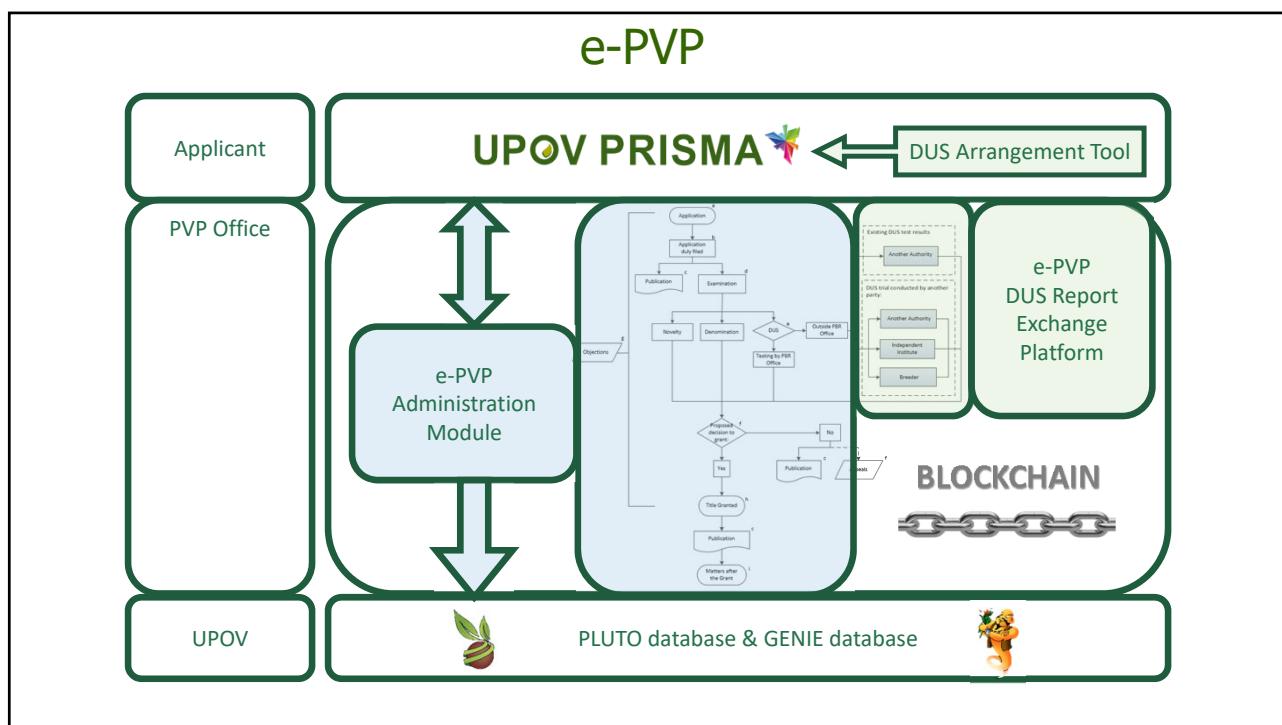


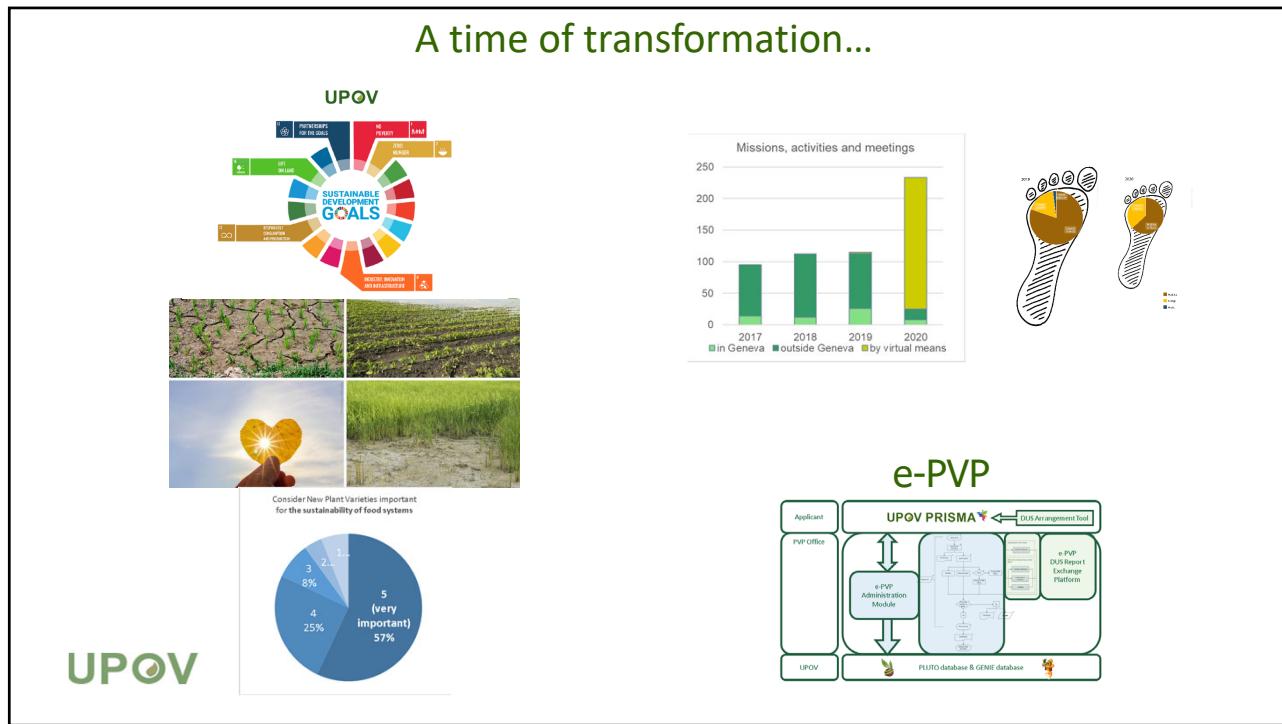
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