







## SEMINAR ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION

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## **PROGRAM**

Hanoi, Viet Nam - September 7 and 8, 2016

## Day 1. Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.40	Welcome and opening Welcome by Mr. Le Quoc Doanh, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) of Viet Nam
	Opening address by Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
	Opening address by Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, Patent Attorney, Department of Commerce, Office of Policy and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
	Opening address by Mr. Katsumi Yamaguchi, Plant Variety Protection Office, Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
9.40 – 10.00	Overview of enforcement of breeders' rights under the UPOV Convention Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel, UPOV
	<u>Session 1</u> <u>Measures for the effective enforcement of breeders' rights: key challenges</u> <i>Moderator: Ms. Elaine T.L. Wu, Attorney-Advisor, USPTO</i>
	a) Perspective of breeders' associations:
10.00 – 10.30	Asian and Pacific Seed Association  Mr. Narendra K. Dadlani, Director, Technical Affairs, The Asia & Pacific Seed Association (APSA)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 11.30	American Seed Trade Association Mr. John Duesing, Senior Research Director, Intellectual Property Asset Protection Dupont Pioneer
11.30 – 12.00	Discussion
	b) Experiences of breeders' enforcing their rights:
12.00 – 12.30	Breeders Trust Mr. Geert Staring, General Director, Breeders Trust, Belgium
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Private seed company Mr. Madoka Koshibe, President of Mikado Kyowa Seed Co., Ltd., Japan
14.30 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 15.30	Legal and institutional requirements for effective breeders' rights enforcement: the experience of the Anti-Infringement Bureau for Intellectual Property Rights on Plant Material (AIB)  Mr. Casper van Kempen, Managing Director, AIB, Belgium
15.30 – 16.00	Discussion
	<u>Session 2</u> <u>Experiences in the enforcement of breeders' rights in selected countries/organizations</u> Mr. Martin Ekvad, President, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
16.00 – 16.30	Experiences of UPOV members in Africa Mr. Evans Sikinyi, International Consultant, Kenya
16.30 – 17.00	Discussion

## Day 2. Thursday, September 8, 2016

	Session 2 Practical experiences in the enforcement of breeders' rights in selected countries/organizations (cont'd)
9.00 – 9.30	Argentina: the experience of the Instituto Nacional de Semillas (INASE)  Ms. María Laura Villamayor, Legal adviser, Presidency Unit, National Institute of Seeds (INASE)
9.30 – 10.00	<b>China</b> Ms. Luo Xia, Judge, Third Civil Tribunal, The Supreme People's Court of People's Republic of China
10.00 – 10.30	European Union Mr. Martin Ekvad, President, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 11.30	France Mr. François Burgaud, Director of External Relations, French Association for Seeds and Seedlings (GNIS)
11.30 – 12.00	Japan Mr. Katsumi Yamaguchi
12.00 -12.30	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Republic of Korea Mr. Jun Yon Jang, Senior Examiner, Korea Seed and Variety Service
14.30 – 15.00	United States of America Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda
15.00 – 15.30	Viet Nam Mr. Thanh Minh Nguyen, Director, Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) Department of Crop Production (DCP), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 16.40	<u>Discussion</u> <u>Effective enforcement of breeders' rights: key challenges and possible measures</u> <i>Moderator: Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda</i>
16.40 – 16.50	Concluding remarks by moderator
16.50 – 17.00	End of the Seminar address

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