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Carmen Gianni is a lawyer graduated at the National University of Buenos Aires. She specialized in Intellectual Property and agrarian law. She has been a lecturer and trainer on intellectual property rights in Argentina and in different countries since 1992 up to the present.

She started working as a legal adviser of the Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishery and food in 1975. She was the legal advisor of the National Agrarian Council from 1975 to 1980.

Legal Adviser of the Forestry Institute from 1980 to 1989 and of the Seeds National Service from 1989 to 1992.

She was the Director of the Judicial Affairs Office from 1993 to may 2008. Now she is the Intellectual Property Area Manager working at the National Institute of Seeds.

President of the Administrative and legal Committee of the UPOV from 2007-2010. She was the Vice President of the Administrative and legal Committee of the UPOV from 2004-2008.

She has been the Delegate from Argentina in different international Organizations, namely: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Mercosur working groups on Seeds and Intellectual Property, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its working groups, International Union for the protection of new varieties of plants UPOV, World Trade Organization WTO, amongst others.

She has been the consultant for the new seeds law of Paraguay and she was a member of the legal Committee of UPOV to compose a draft of a model law according to the 1991 Act, in 1995.