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My name is Evans Sikinyi, I am from Kenya. I'm the Executive Officer for the Seed Trade Association of Kenya.

**Q: the impact of PVP in your country and in the African region in particular as well?**

Particularly if you talk about my country, Kenya is a leading exporter of cut flowers on to the European market and the cut flowers are one of the crops that are highly applied for or have protection in Kenya. In fact 60 per cent, over 60 per cent of all applications within Kenya are for cut flowers. Now cut flowers were being grown in Kenya but unfortunately due to lack of plant variety protection the elite materials were not available for growers but with the incoming of plant variety protection and membership to UPOV we have some of the elite materials that are available in Kenya and even on the world market. We have the advantage that in Kenya and in the region we have some of the best quality that brings out the color in these varieties and there is a lot of interest in growing these materials within the East African region and South Africa.