

Technical Working Party for Vegetables**TWV/55/2****Fifty-Fifth Session****Antalya, Turkey, May 3 to 7, 2021****Original:** English**Date:** May 3, 2021

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV*Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Developments in UPOV” for consideration by the fifty-fifth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV).

[Annex follows]

Technical Working Party for Vegetables Fifty-Fifth Session

Developments in UPOV

Office of the Union
Antalya, Turkey, May 3 to 7, 2021
(by electronic means)



International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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UPOV status
(February 22, 2021)

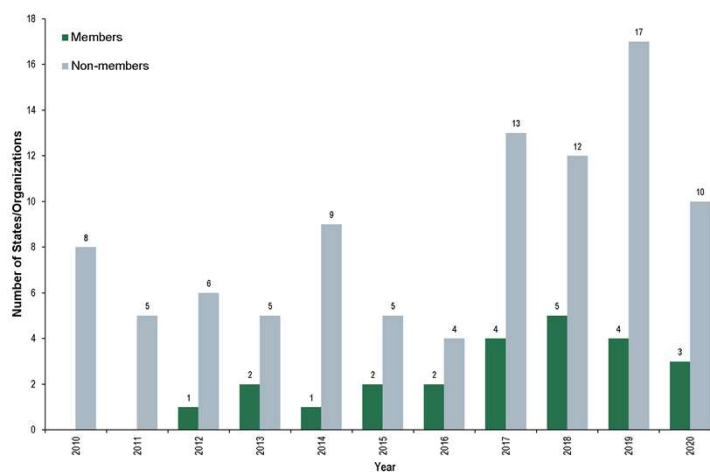


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Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)

Number of States/Organizations
provided with comments on laws



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Examination of [draft] Laws (2019-2020) (all positive)



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- Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)
- Initiating States (20) and Organization (1)
- States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

Appointment of new UPOV Secretary-General



Mr. Daren Tang
Secretary-General
from October 2020

Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)

*Thanks and farewell
to*
Tomochika Motomura



*Welcome
to*
Manabu Suzuki
(Since June 2020)



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COVID-19 pandemic measures

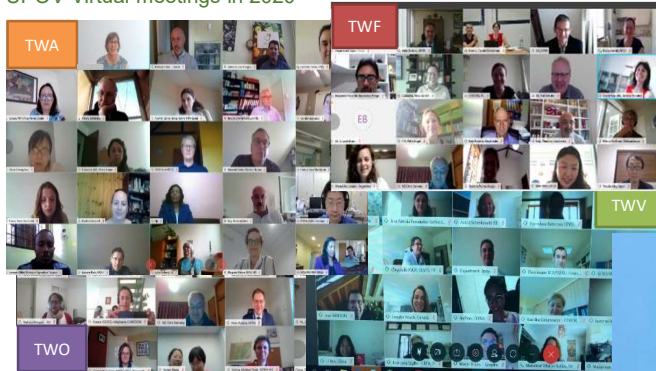
UPOV Sessions in October 2020 held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:

- **Technical Committee:** Fifty-Sixth Session (TC/56), held on October 26 and 27
- **Administrative and Legal Committee:** Seventy-Seventh Session (CAJ/77), held on October 28
- **Consultative Committee:** Ninety-Seventh Session (CC/97), held on October 29
- **Council:** Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Session (C/54), held on October 30

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Virtual meetings

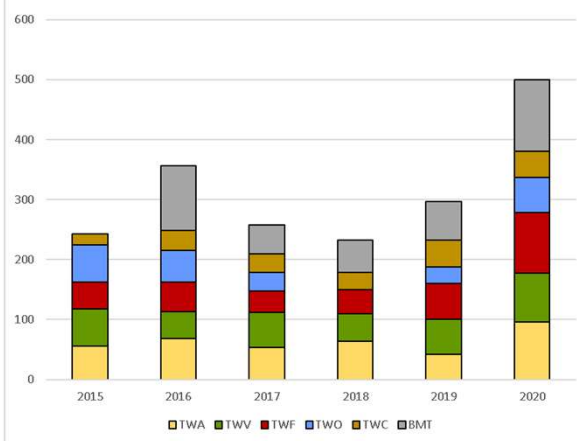
UPOV Virtual meetings in 2020



**Increasing participation in the work
of the TC and TWPs
Document TWP/5/12**

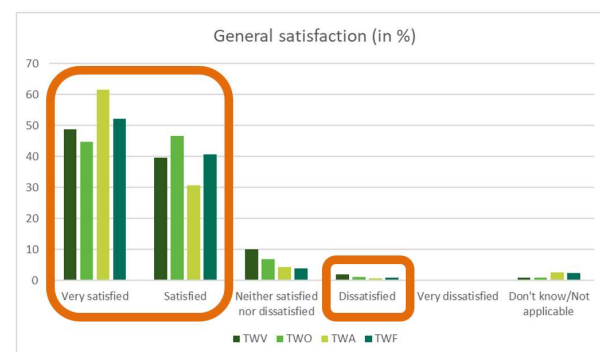
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Number of Technical Working Party (TWP) participants



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Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings: satisfaction



Responding now ...and moving towards a new and better normal?

- UPOV virtual activities (meetings, webinars)
- Support virtual activities by partners
- Materials to support virtual activities (e.g. training videos)
- IT tools (online services, virtual communication tools)
- Redesigning meetings to make the most of virtual and physical participation (e.g. TWPs)
- Paperless/lesspaper office

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Responding now ...and moving towards a new and better normal?

Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars

Overview of the Week

April 19, 2021: Webinar 1:

How to organize DUS examination and international cooperation

April 20, 2021: Webinar 2:

International harmonization in DUS examination

April 21, 2021: Webinar 3:

Developing and using UPOV Test Guidelines

April 22, 2021: Webinar 4:

Using molecular markers in DUS examination and the role of the BMT

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upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=60589

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UPOV - Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV/55)

Fifty-Fifth Session

May 3 to May 7, 2021 (Antalya, Turkey)

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Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars ([video/recordings](#))

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Meeting Documents

CODE	TITLE(S)
FORM FOR TWV/55 COMMENTS	Form for comments on documents and Test Guidelines
TWV/55-1 REV.	Revised draft agenda

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Essentially Derived Varieties (EDV)

Seminar on the
Impact of Policy on Essentially Derived Varieties (EDVs)
on Breeding Strategy



October 2019

Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties (WG-EDV)

to draft a **revision** of the
**Explanatory Notes on
Essentially Derived Varieties**
for consideration by the
Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ).

...plus EDV information session

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SMALLHOLDER FARMERS

Development of guidance regarding the implementation of the exception of acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes in relation to smallholder farmers

(a) members of the Union and observers to provide their experience and views...



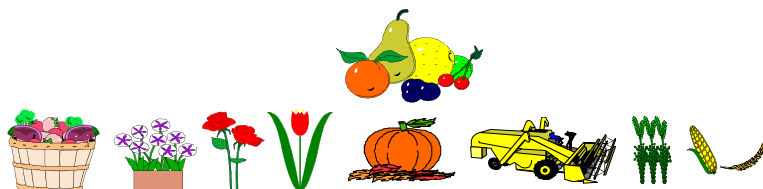
(d) to draft guidance for consideration of the Consultative Committee at its session in 2021, together with consideration of the status (e.g. explanatory note, guidance document, FAQ) that any agreed guidance should have.

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HARVESTED MATERIAL

seminar to exchange information on matters concerning harvested material and unauthorized use of propagating material

to be held by
electronic means on May 27, 2021



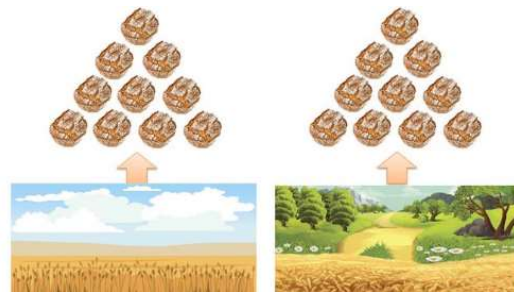
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SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

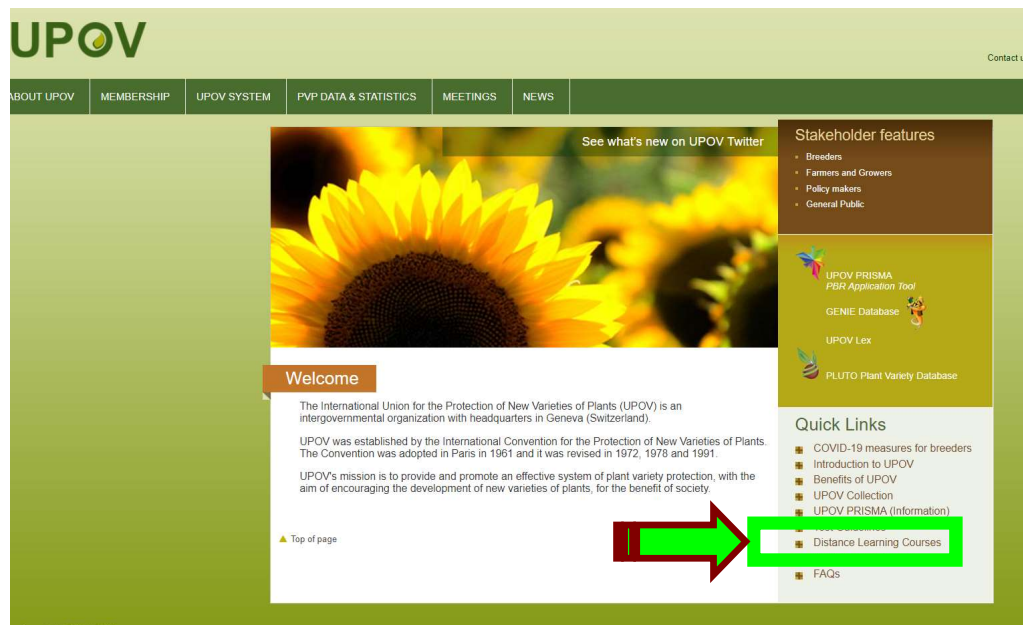
to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant
breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues
At the fringes of the UPOV sessions in October 2021*



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*to be confirmed



DL-205

Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention

DL-305

Advanced Distance Learning Courses

Registrations can be made in three different categories:

Category 1:

Government officials of members of the Union nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council
No fee

Category 2:

Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council
(One non-fee paying student per State / intergovernmental organization;
Additional students: CHF 1,000 per student)

Category 3:

Others

Fee: CHF 1,000



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UPOV Distance Learning Courses

Code	Course	Session	Study period	Registration period
DL-205	Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
DL-305A	Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights (Part A of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
DL-305B	DUS Examination (Part B of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
DL-305	Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021

The UPOV Courses are hosted on the WIPO eLearning Center.



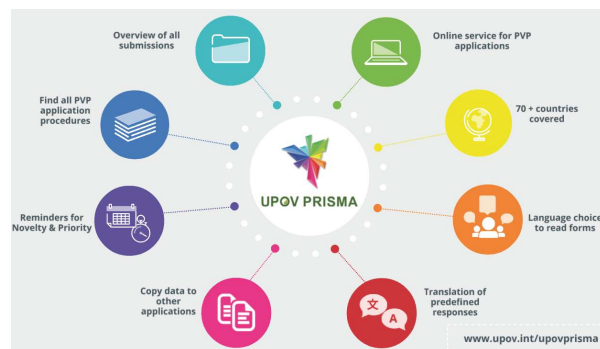
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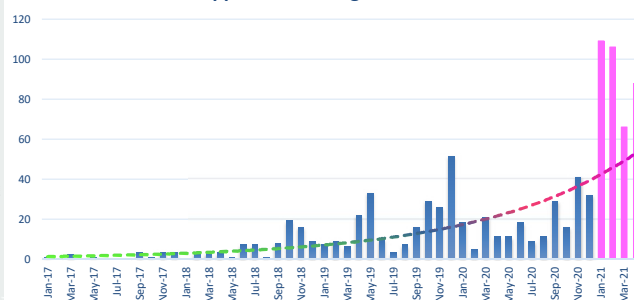
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UPOV PRISMA

Online PBR Application Tool



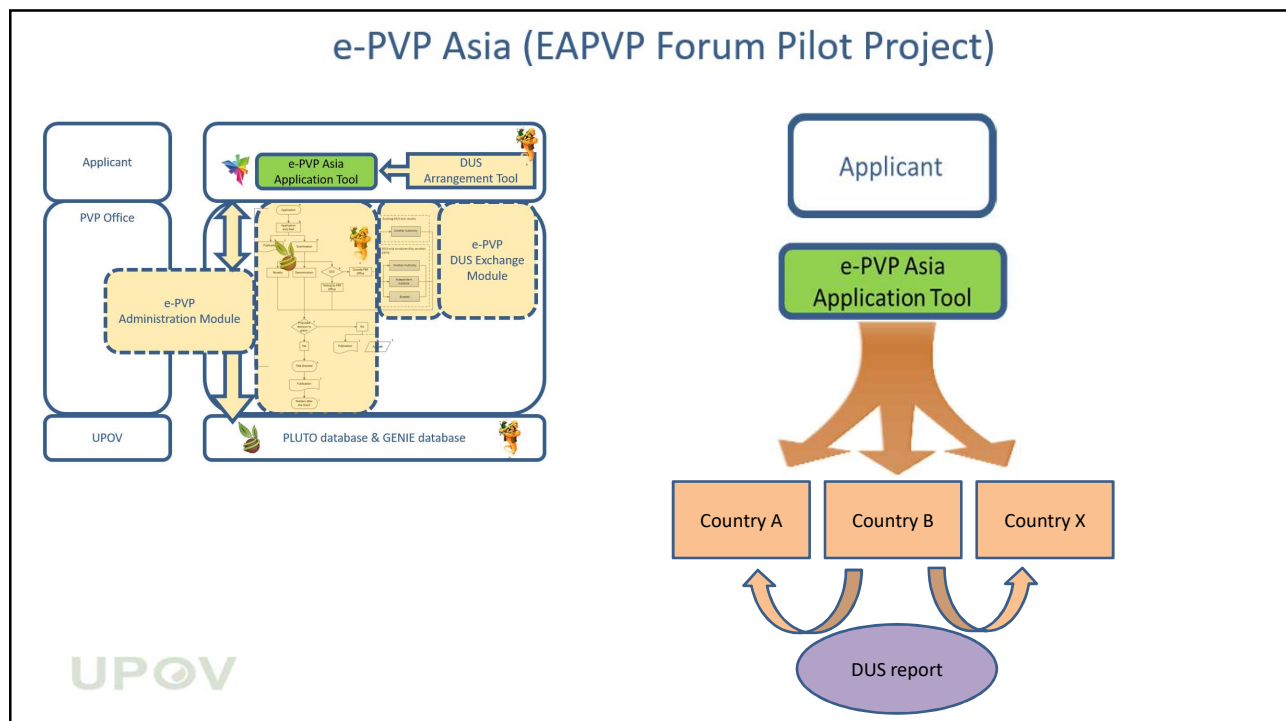
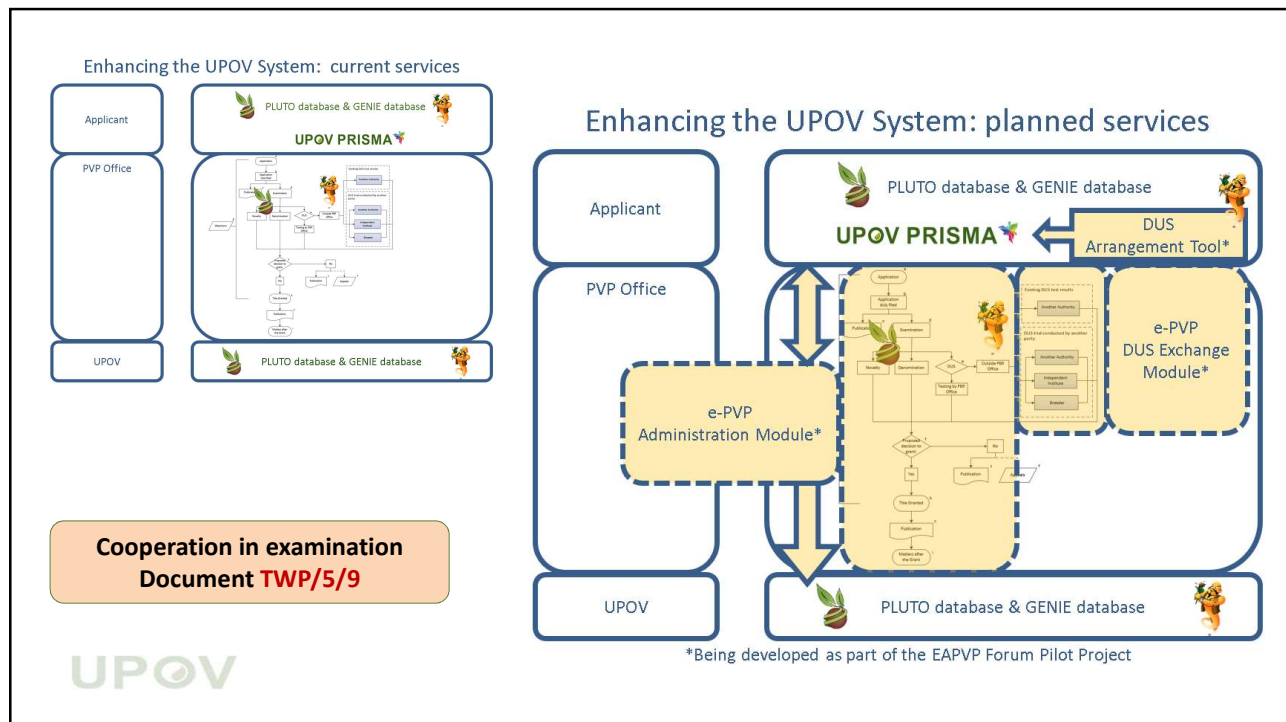
No. applications using UPOV PRISMA



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UPOV PRISMA
Document TWP/5/3

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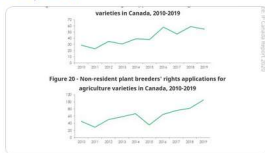


Communicating information about UPOV members e.g. Canada – UPOV anniversary - March 4

UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 4
Congratulations to #Canada – celebrating 30 years as a #UPOV Member today.
@InspectionCan
@CIPO_Canada
ow.ly/X8Y500M7V



UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 4
@CIPO_Canada reports:
• 20 in applications for protection of vegetable & fruit varieties
• 20 in applications for foreign agriculture varieties
Access to #NewPlantVarieties from around the globe supports farmers' competitiveness in a global marketplace
ow.ly/110T500Lb1t



UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 4
We are pleased to share the IP Canada Report 2020, published by @CIPO_Canada which shows the positive impact the move to UPOV 1991 Act had on the number of #PlantVarietyProtection applications.
Full report: ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipoi...

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UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 5
To celebrate Canada's 30th anniversary of UPOV membership, let's look at how the Government of Canada uses #PlantVarietyProtection to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.

#NewPlantVarieties
youtube.com/CWWAya3Hk

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(Canada) Canadian cherry growers benefit from go...
See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.
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UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 5
Canada's amendment of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act has encouraged greater domestic investment in #PlantBreeding, providing Canadian growers and consumers with increased access to innovative #NewPlantVarieties
More: ow.ly/nF330DL6PXA

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UPOV @UPOVint · Mar 5
@CIPO_Canada reports:
Stronger #PVP protection in the agriculture sector creates a robust & healthy investment landscape.
These investments support higher quality & more productive canola, wheat, soybeans, corn, pulses, barley & forage varieties.

Report: ow.ly/NGA1500LcdT



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