



East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

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10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE EAPVP FORUM (2018-2027)

The EAPVPF Forum,

- *Recalling* the 10th EAPVP Forum annual Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September 2017 adopted to discuss and prepare the next 10 years plan at the 11th Forum annual Meeting.
- *Reaffirming* enhanced technical capacity of each country including the DUS examination during the past decade thanks to series of cooperation activities under the Forum. Also recognizing that DUS test stations have been newly established or strengthened in some member countries.
- *Recognizing* that the DUS test guideline for tropical plant discussed under the EAPVP activities, and was considered in the discussion in UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs) which have served to provide detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of DUS testing.
- *Considering* harmonization of the PVP systems in the region, although some positive movement/development towards becoming UPOV member in some EAPVP member countries appears, further harmonization or integrity of the PVP system in East Asian region should be considered.
- *Assessing* the result of consecutive activities of information exchanges and public awareness, further region-specific programs in East Asia region in consistent with UPOV Convention that has function to encourage non-UPOV members in EAPVP Forum to join to the UPOV membership should be encouraged.
- *Noting* different situation and concerns of each Forum member country surrounding PVP as ever discussion in the EAPVP Forum.

adopted at its 11th EAPVP Forum annual Meeting as follows:

1. Common Direction

Composition of the Common direction is as follows:

- (a) **“Long-term direction”** as the Forum’s long-term direction reflecting its interests

Establish effective PVP systems consistent with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention (hereinafter referred to as the “UPOV Convention”) among Forum members towards achieving all Forum members’ membership of UPOV, as a foundation for building an efficient and cooperative regional PVP mechanism which encourages the development of new plant varieties in the East Asian region in order to contribute to developing sustainable agriculture and achieving food security

- (b) **“Objectives”** as Forum’s direct goals to be achieved over the next 10 years in Common direction

- **Objective1:**

Strengthen national PVP system consistent with the UPOV Convention to encourage investment in plant breeding

- **Objective2:**

Build a regionally harmonized mechanism for application and examination procedures under the UPOV Convention, encouraging mutual acceptance of DUS test reports towards an efficient and cooperative PVP system in the region for breeders

- (c) **“Core activities”** as prioritized activities to achieve the Objective1 and Objective2, national-specific activities and regional cooperation activities, are given, respectively, as follows:

- **National-specific activities** to achieve Objective 1, which will be implemented according to development of each Forum member’s PVP system consistent with the UPOV Convention
- i. *Develop national PVP laws and regulations, with the assistance of the Office of UPOV¹*
 - ii. *Establish/strengthen national administrative procedures for implementing PVP system from filing of application to granting rights*
 - iii. *Capacity building for examination of applications*
 - iv. *Develop DUS test guidelines*
 - v. *Awareness raising on UPOV system for relevant officers, policy makers and stakeholders (better understanding of UPOV system and its benefits, etc.)*

¹ The Forum member who wishes to implement the activities requires an official request to the Office of UPOV for advice and assistance according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

vi. *Strengthen private-public partnership to foster effective PVP system*

- **Regional cooperation activities to achieve Objective 2**

i. *Elaborate common test guidelines consistent with the UPOV system*

ii. *Synthesize application form and examination procedure*

iii. *Cooperate on trainings and exchange of experience on PVP administration, DUS examination, etc.*

iv. *Share best practices for effective enforcement*

The regional cooperation activities would be implemented by plural/whole of Forum members in a cooperative and effective manner

2. Individual Implementing Strategy

Each Forum member is requested to produce an Individual Implementing Strategic Plan as its national-level strategy which reflects the Common direction mentioned above in 1. The Individual Implementing Strategy includes national-specific activities taking into account each Forum member's individual circumstances. An Individual Implementing Strategy may also include regional cooperation activities. The Forum members can update its Individual Implementing Strategy on their accord periodically, and should share with the Forum member each time it happens.

The Plan includes:

i. *National goal (for next 10 years)*

ii. *Objectives (with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years)*

iii. *Planned activities (for next 3 years)*

iv. *Roadmap*

Each Individual Implementing Strategic Plans are presented in the Appendices to this document.

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