

Agenda item 4

Adoption of the Draft Rule of Procedure for the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

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Back Ground

- ◆ As a “10-Year Strategic Plan” provides the Common direction, as well as Individual Implementing Strategy, the “Guideline *” needs to be revised to give relevance to the Strategic Plan, i.e., how the Forum places priority on those activities in line with the 10-Year Strategic Plan.
- ◆ In addition, the “Guideline” should be revised as a “Rule of Procedure for the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum” (ROP) which is streamlined to focus on framework and procedure with criteria of the “Priorities for Activities to be implemented under the EAPVP Forum Cooperation Framework.”

*The “Guideline for Operation of the EAPVP Forum” was approved by the 1st Meeting of the EAPVP Forum on 23 July 2008 which provides background, key activities and framework of the EAPVP Forum

Purpose of ROP

- ◆ To assist members to implement cooperation activities under the Forum as well as to operate annual Meetings of the Forum.
- ◆ To apply generally to all future activities in the Forum with recognizing different contexts and situations will require different responses and adaptations.
- ◆ The Forum's cooperation activities need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan with a view to further harmonization and/or integrity of the PVP system in East Asian region.

Framework of the Forum

Members and Guests

- ◆ Members of the Forum: ASEAN 10 members, China, Japan, Republic of Korea
- ◆ The UPOV Office ,the UPOV members and the ASEAN Secretariat are invited as the guests.
- ◆ Any guests are allowed to express their views and the comments with the consent of the all delegates of the participating member countries.

Planning and Implementation of the Forum Activities

- ◆ Member country is expected to plan and implement activities based on Individual Implementing Strategy with priorities in line with the Common direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan.
- ◆ Member countries receive support from donor(s) in organizing the Forum and implementing cooperative activities, which may be subject to the consultation with the donor(s) followed by adoption at the annual meeting.
- ◆ Activities under the Forum will be carried out based on the autonomy of member countries, and will be promoted mutual contributions by member countries.
- ◆ The UPOV Office extends assistance to the Forum activities under the cooperative framework of Japan and in accordance with UPOV's priorities

Reporting and Communications

- ◆ Member countries are encouraged to report their cooperative activities after as well as during the activities to share those experiences and expand those activities in the member countries.
- ◆ All members are encouraged to plan and implement their activities reflecting information shared by other countries under the Forum activities.

Revision of the ROP

- ◆ The revision of the ROP may be raised by any member countries and should be adopted by consensus at the Meeting of the Forum.