

Priorities for Activities to be implemented under the East Asia Plant Variety  
Protection Forum Cooperation Framework (draft)  
in 2016-2017

1. Recognizing that the East Asia Plant Variety Protection (EAPVP) Forum, established in 2007 is a framework to promote mutual cooperation for ASEAN+3 countries to develop and implement PVP systems based on the UPOV system, for the overall goal of achieving food security and other benefits to the society, through sustainable plant breeding activities, and the necessity to focus our efforts on certain activities to achieve maximum outcomes, the following are priorities for EAPVPPF cooperation activities in 2016-2017;
  - (a) In-country training (training organized by host country)
  - (b) Harmonization of test guidelines, testing methods and other tools for PVP examination to UPOV TG.
  - (c) Information sharing including through the Forum Website.
  - (d) Awareness raising for key persons in decision making (Seminars, Workshops)
  - (e) Support for PVP law development and other activity to assist accession to UPOV\*

Note: Activities related to (e) Support for PVP law development will in principle be implemented by the Office of UPOV. This means some form of official request to UPOV will be required, in addition to proposal to the EAPVPPF Office.

2. Based on the above and the following criteria as a basis for considering proposals, the schedule of activities would be as described in the Annex to this document.  
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  - (1) Relevance to the priorities into which the proposal has been classified
  - (2) Accuracy of objectives and contents of the proposal
  - (3) Availability of resources including from the proposing country, and/or donor country
  - (4) Cooperation among ASEAN member states are also encouraged, taking into consideration the launching of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015
  - (5) Other specific circumstances