

Provisional Agenda

“Seminar on the benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for farmers and growers”

March 28, 2023

Vientiane Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Lao PDR

Language: English with simultaneous interpretation

*Vientiane Time

Main topics: Provisions for farmers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention; Impact of plant variety protection in the development of agriculture in UPOV members; Implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection; and Introduction of e-PVP Asia		
08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and opening addresses by DIP (DG or DDG)Special address by MAFFSpecial address by UPOVGroup photos inviting guest speakers	Mr. Saybandith SAYAVONGKHAMDY, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, MOIC. Ms. Akiko Nagano, Deputy Director, Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Affairs Bureau MAFF Japan Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel and Director of Training and Assistance, UPOV
09.30-9.50	Session 1: Benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for Farmers and Growers	Mr. Manabu Suzuki, Technical Regional Officer (Asia), UPOV
9.50-10.00	Coffee & Tea Break	
	Session 2: Experiences of plant variety protection in the development of agriculture in UPOV members; benefits for farmers and growers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention	The presentations should include; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brief information about agriculture (only in plants) in relevant UPOV member- Impact after becoming UPOV member; delivering benefits for farmers and growers under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention: (1) Role of PVP in Improving Incomes for Farmers and Growers; (2) Enabling Farmers and Growers to Become Breeders; (3) Scope of the breeder's right and exceptions (e.g. diversity of breeders, public-private partnerships; subsistence farming, farm saved-seed)
10.00-10.20	2.1 PVP Impact and Implementation in Japan	Ms. Akiko Nagano, Deputy Director, Intellectual Property Division, Export and International Affairs MAFF Japan
10.20-10.40	2.2 Introduction of e-PVP Asia	Ms. Trang Thi Thu Tran, JATAFF
10.40-11.20	2.3 Progress in Accession to UPOV: Impacts and Challenges for Agriculture in Vietnam	Ms. Pham Thai Ha, Officer, Plant Variety Protection Office, Department of Crop Production, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

11.20-11.50	2.4 Expectation and challenges: PVP in line with UPOV system	Ms. Soo Foong Lian, Principal Assistant Director, Plant Variety Registration Section, Crop Quality Control Division, Department of Agriculture, Malaysia
11.50-13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30-14.00 (7:30-8:00)	2.5 Structure and Benefit of Regional Plant Variety Protection System	Mr. Francesco MATTINA, President, CPVO (Online)
14.00-15.00	3.1 Overview of Laws relate to Plant Variety Protection, implementation and challenging in Lao PDR	Mr. Khamphout Phengmueangkoun, Deputy Director of Plant Variety Protection, DIP
15.00-15.30	3.2 Research and Development of Agriculture In Lao PDR	PhD. Ms. Keovivone Outhachack, Director of Ecology and Biotechnology Institute, Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture
15.30-15.45	Coffee & Tea Break	
15.45	Session3: Q & A on panel	
16.20	Closing Session	