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## **INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF LAO PDR**

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### **1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2021 to 2030)**

- Revise Intellectual Property Law and Ministerial Decision in Plant Variety Protection field to be in line with the UPOV Convention
- Accession to UPOV Convention

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

#### **2021**

- Conduct and participate workshops, seminars or training related to PVP and DUS Test
- Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in PVP, DUS and Seed quality control.
- Developed of the legal framework such as Seed policy, Plant Variety Legislation and Develop Decree Plant Variety to guideline, handbooks.
- Setup the organization taking on variety testing of DUS protocols base on the UPOV guideline.

#### **2022**

- Development/Establishment the DUS test Center
- Preparing for amendment of IP Law in PVP field
- Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in PVP, DUS examination and developing Test Guidelines.
- Dissemination of seed policy, development Decree plant variety to guideline, handbooks, related plant variety legislation to the staff, farmers and private sectors.
- Develop a priority crops for evaluation of varieties.
- Setup the organization taking on variety testing of DUS protocols base on the UPOV guideline.
- Conduct seminars related to PVP, DUS Test and quality control system under UPOV convention.

**2023**

- Amendment of IP Law in PVP field
- Amendment of Ministerial Decision on PVP
- Dissemination of the Decree plant variety legislation to the high-level officer, staff and private sector.

**3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)**

- Preparation for signing the MOU between Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and relevant organizations on PVP protection and Development/Establishment of DUS testing center. (2021-2023)
- Amendment of IP Law and Ministerial Decision in PVP Protection field. (2023)
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention. (2021-2023)
- Developed seed policy, seed decree and other handbook related plant variety legislation, plant breeding, seed control. (2021)
- Dissemination of seed policy, seed decree and other handbook related plant variety legislation, plant breeding, seed control to the staff, farmers and private sectors. (2022 –2023)
- Establish the station or section for plant and seed testing agency. (2021)
- Developed of Test Guidelines. (2022 –2023)
- Conduct DUS test on rice and Maize. (2022 –2023)
- Participate workshops, seminars or training related to PVP, DUS Test and quality control system. (2021–2023)
- Conduct Seminar on UPOV and Legal consultation. (2022)

**4. Proposal of Cooperation Activity (Members who submitted proposals ONLY. The proposals will be presented with explanation of relevance to its 10-YSP. )**

**Title:** *Workshop on UPOV Convention and Legal Consultation*

**Expectation:** DIP and Relevant Agencies to be able to understand the overview of the UPOV Convention, the best practices of implementation, information sharing and lesson learnt and the Legal Aspect of the UPOV for preparing Lao's legal system to be in line with UPOV and accession to the convention in the future.

**Propose Activities:**

1. Dissemination Workshop on UPOV Convention
  - Pre-Accession
  - Post-Accession
  - Best Practise from the members

2. Legal Consultation Workshop on UPOV Convention

- Seeking support for advice and the gap analysis between national legislation and UPOV Convention to prepare the national legislation to be in line with UPOV Convention

**Proposed Venue:** Online

**Expected target groups:** MAF, MOIC, MOH, MOJ and relevant authorities

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