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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF

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1. National goal (10-year strategic plan 2018-2027)

- Revise the Law on Intellectual Property and Ministerial Decision on New Plant Variety to be in line with the UPOV Convention.
- Accession to UPOV Convention.
- Strengthen the cooperation within neighboring countries on plant variety protection system that aims to improve national administrative procedures and encourage investment in plant breeding.

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

➤ Objectives

2023

- Revise the Law on Intellectual Property, in the part of New Plant Variety.
- Setup the organization which conduct on variety testing of DUS base on the UPOV guideline.
- Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in DUS testing/examination.
- Dissemination of legislation related plant variety protection, plant breeding, DUS test guideline of Maize and Rice to the officers at relevant Authorities, farmers, public and private sectors.
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention.

2024

- Revise the Ministerial Decision on New Plant Variety to be in compliance with the Law on Intellectual Property and UPOV Convention.
- Corporate to develop DUS test guideline on Sugarcane and Mulberry varieties.
- Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in DUS testing/examination and Setup the organization which conduct on testing of DUS.
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention.
- Dissemination of legislation related plant variety protection, plant breeding, DUS test guideline of Sugarcane and Mulberry varieties to the officers at relevant Authorities, farmers, public and private sectors.

2025

- Dissemination laws and implementing regulation to officers, plant breeding, public and private sectors.
- Raising Awareness on plant variety protection system and other related issues to plant breeding, public and private sector to be better understanding of plant variety protection system in Laos.
- Raising Awareness on UPOV system for relevant officers, policy makers and stakeholders to be better understanding of UPOV system and its benefits.
- Seeking a cooperation in capacity building particularly in DUS examination and experience on plant variety administration from filling of an application to granting rights to the applicants/breeders.
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention.

➤ **Challenges**

- Difficult to arrange the DUS testing.
- Insufficient technical expertise and facilities to conduct DUS examination.
- Drafting Law and implementing regulations may not completely be in compliance with UPOV Convention in terms of format, words, etc.
- Limited amount of PVP applications due to lack of awareness on the Plant Variety Protection System.

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

- Revise law on IP and Ministerial Decision on New plant variety to consistent and comply with the UPOV Convention. (2023-2024).
- Organize the seminars on Benefits of the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection for Farmers, Growers and public, and organize Legal Consultation Meeting to discuss how to draft/revise Law on Intellectual Property to be in compliance and consistency with UPOV Convention (2023).
- Organize the Seminar on development of resilient and sustainable agriculture in Laos with PVP under UPOV System (2023).
- Conduct the Consultation Meeting on DUS test with Organizations which conduct DUS test and Setup the organization whose conduct on testing of DUS (2023-2024).
- Preparation for signing the MOU between Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and relevant organizations which conduct DUS and establishment of DUS testing center/institutes. (2023-2024).
- Cooperate on seminars or trainings to exchange of experience on PVP administration, DUS examination and share the best practice of PVP system. (2023-2025).
- Conduct and participate workshops, seminars or training related to PVP, DUS Test and quality control system to officers, public and private sectors. (2024–2025).
- Dissemination of relevant law, implementing regulations and other handbook related plant variety protection, plant breeding, to the officers, farmers, public and private sectors. (2024 –2025).
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention. (2023-2025).