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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF LAO PDR

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1. National goal (10-year strategic plan 2021-2030)

- 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.
- Create legislation and guidelines under the new Intellectual Property Law
- Collect new statistical data and new plant varieties data base
- Create DUS testing guideline for new plant varieties that is a priority for the Lao PDR
- Strengthening the new Plant Varieties inspection authority of the Lao PDR
- Create condition to encourage the submission of Application for registration of new Plant Varieties of rice, corn, mulberry, sugar cane, tomato, chillie, eggplant, bean and lettuce (Which are in the priority crop group)

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

➤ Objectives

2024

- Cooperation 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.
- Collect new statistical data and new plant varieties data base
- Revise the legislation and create Dus testing guideline for new plant varieties under the new Intellectual Property Law

- Translated Dus testing guideline for new plant varieties of sugarcane and mulberry for the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand to prepare for the creation of Dus testing guideline for Lao PDR.
- Strengthening for the authorities which perform the DUS testing of rice and corn
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention.

2025

- Continue 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.
- Update database and new plant statistics
- Translate the Dus testing guideline of tomatoes and chilies of the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand in preparation for the Creation of Dus testing guideline for Lao PDR
- Continue to create a Dus testing for Lao PDR's priority Crops

Strengthening to the authorities which perform Dus testing of sugarcane and mulberry

- Continue to disseminate laws related to plant varieties protection to researchers, breeders, businessmen, investors, cooperative groups and general farmers

2026

- 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.
- Update database and new plant varieties statistics
- Strengthen the unit to check new varieties of tomato and chili
- Translate the Dus testing guideline of eggplant, beans and lettuce of the republic of Vietnam and Thailand in preparation for the Creation of Dus testing guideline for Lao PDR
- Continue to Create a Dus testing guideline for Lao PDR's priority crops
- Continue the dissemination of related laws on new plant varieties management to stakeholders, teacher or lecturer, students.
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention.

➤ **Challenges**

- Difficult to arrange the DUS testing.
- Insufficient technical expertise and facilities to conduct DUS examination.
- 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)

- Conduct the Consultation Meeting on DUS test with Organizations which conduct DUS test and Setup the organization whose conduct on testing of DUS (2024-2025).
- Cooperate on seminars or trainings to exchange of experience on PVP administration, DUS examination and share the best practice of PVP system. (2024-2026).
- Conduct and participate workshops, seminars or training related to PVP, DUS Test and quality control system to officers, public and private sectors. (2024–2026).
- Dissemination of relevant law, implementing regulations and other handbook related plant variety protection, plant breeding, to the officers, farmers, public and private sectors. (2024 –2026).
- Seeking support for accession to UPOV Convention. (2024-2026).
- Create media to advertise on new plant varieties protection through online platform (2024-2026)
- Organize a seminar under the theme of the rights of breeders and the rights of farmers and growers 2025-2026