



East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum  
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## LIST OF THE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2025-2026

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The cooperation activities in 2025-2026 were proposed by Forum members. As agreed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, these proposals were submitted by two months before the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

The cooperation activities need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan of the EAPVP Forum with a view to streamlining the Forum's cooperation activities toward further harmonization of the PVP system in the region. In order to maximize the effect of Member countries' efforts and available resources in progressing in line with the 10-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE EAPVP FORUM (2018-2027), the Forum office previously consulted with some Forum members bilaterally based on the checkpoints below for assessing cooperation activity proposals submitted by member countries and accepted the revision of the proposals.

These checkpoints will increase transparency to the following description in the Rule of Procedure (EAPVPF/12/07)

*The Forum's cooperation activities proposed by the members each year, which require financial support in particular, need to be in line with the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan with a view to streamlining the Forum's cooperation activities toward further harmonization of the PVP system in East Asian region.*

### Checkpoints

- (1) The proposed activities are in line with establishing or promoting PVP systems consistent with the UPOV Convention.
- (2) The proposed activities address the key challenge of the proponent in progressing the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan (i.e. joining UPOV or further PVP harmonization and cooperation)
- (3) The proposed activities do not promote implementation of systems not in line with UPOV.

The Forum is invited to consider and adopt following cooperation activities.

*The cooperation activities will be conducted within the limits of the EAPVP Forum budget.*

### 1. Cambodia

1-1. Title of program: **To develop and translate for documenting the DUS examination guideline for some potential crops such as Ginger, Bottle Gourd, Papaya and Tobacco aligned with International UPOV guideline**

1-2. Proposed date: January - March, 2026

1-3. Proposed venue: General Directorate of Agriculture, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1-4. Note: Subject to be implemented within budget

## 2. Indonesia

- 2-1-1. Title of program: **Advanced Training for Indonesia PVP Examiner**
  - 2-1-2. Proposed date: Online: Jan 2026, On site: Feb 2026
  - 2-1-3. Proposed venue: On site: KPS PVT Mojokari, East Java, Indonesia
  - 2-1-4. Expected participants: experts from JP/KR/CN/VN, Director of CPVP office, PVP officers and examiners of Indonesia, plant breeders from seed companies
  - 2-1-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member).
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- 2-2-1. Title of program: **Legal Analysis in Strengthening the Plan of Indonesia UPOV Membership**
  - 2-2-2. Proposed date: Aug - Dec 2025 (online and in person)
  - 2-2-3. Proposed venue: On site: CPVPAP office, Indonesia
  - 2-2-4. Note: Subject to clarify UPOV involvement.

## 3. Japan

- 3-1. Title of program: **Technical training on DUS test reports**
- 3-2. Proposed date: TBC
- 3-3. Proposed means: Online hosted by Japan
- 3-4. Expected target groups: PVP staff members, examiners, other related staff members and management persons of EAPVP Forum member countries
- 3-5. Note: Subject to be implemented online.

## 4. Lao PDR

- 4-1-1. Title of program: **Workshop on DUS Testing**
  - 4-1-2. Proposed date: Oct-Dec 2025
  - 4-1-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR
  - 4-1-4. Expected participants: PVP staff, relevant stakeholders, public and private sectors, breeders
  - 4-1-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member) without duplication among Program 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3.
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- 4-2-1. Title of program: **Establishing PVP database and creating DUS testing guidelines for Lao PDR**
  - 4-2-2. Proposed date: Jan-Mar 2026
  - 4-2-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR
  - 4-2-4. Expected participants: PVP staff, relevant sectors, potential testing centers
  - 4-2-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member) without duplication among Program 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3.
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- 4-3-1. Title of program: **Raising awareness of Laos's PVP, update on legislation**
  - 4-3-2. Proposed date: Apr-May 2026
  - 4-3-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR
  - 4-3-4. Expected participants: PVP staff, relevant stakeholders, public and private sectors
  - 4-3-5. Note: Subject to clarify plan details, including identification of target stakeholders. To be conducted in next fiscal year.
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- 4-4-1. Title of program: **Workshop on PVP administration, DUS examination**
  - 4-4-2. Proposed date: May 2026
  - 4-4-3. Proposed venue: Lao PDR
  - 4-4-4. Expected participants: PVP staff, relevant stakeholders, public and private sectors

4-4-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member) without duplication among Program 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3. To be conducted in next fiscal year.

## 5. Myanmar

5-1-1 Title of program: **Enhancing PVP Awareness and UPOV Compliance through Multi-Stakeholder Workshops**

5-1-2 Proposed date: November 2025

5-1-3 Proposed venue: Department of Agricultural Research (DAR), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Naypyitaw, Myanmar

5-1-4 Expected participants: 100 participants including the representatives from EAPVP forum members

5-1-5. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable workshop is to be held in a member country and explaining target audience.

5-2-1. Title of program: **Participating of Myanmar PVP examiners (who are the members of Technical and Sub- technical Plant Variety Protection Committee of Myanmar) in DUS test training, Development of National TG trainings and Database trainings to be held among the region**

5-2-2 Proposed date: 2025-2026

5-2-3. Proposed venue: Any EAPVP forum member country

5-2-4. Expected participants: 2 or 3 participants from Myanmar in one time

5-2-5. Note: Subject to online participation due to budget and administrative constraints if applicable training is to be held in a member country.

## 6. Philippines

6-1 Title of program: **Development Of Plant-Specific Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) Test Guidelines, Calibration Manual, and Variety Database**

6-2 Proposed date: November 26-27, 2025,

6-3 Proposed venue: Philippines (hybrid)

6-4 Expected participants: PVP Examiners, PVP Technical Staff, IT personnel involved in database developments, observers and representatives from forum member countries. Resource Person for each topic from EAPVP member countries will be invited to attend in-person

6-5. Note: Subject to revision in line with the long-term direction of the 10-year-strategic plan (i.e. becoming UPOV member). Online participation in trainings held in other member countries is possible

## 7. Thailand

7-1-1 Title of program: **Stakeholder Consultation Meetings on the Protection of New Plant Varieties under the UPOV System**

7-1-2 Proposed date: Sep-Oct, 2025

7-1-3 Proposed venue: Ubon Ratchathani and Khon Kaen, Thailand

7-1-4 Expected participants: Fifty people are divided into five groups, with each group consisting of 10 people from the following categories: Government agencies, Private sector representatives, Academic institutions, Farmers, Media representatives

7-1-5. Note: Subject to be implemented within budget

7-2-1 Title of program: **Legal consultation among the DOA working group on the amendment of the Plant Varieties Protection Act B.E. 2542 (1999) and UPOV officer(s)**

7-2-2 Proposed date: Sep-Oct, 2025,

7-2-3 Proposed venue: Bangkok, Thailand

- 7-2-4 Expected participants: Twenty people from DOA working group on the amendment of the Plant Varieties Protection Act B.E. 2542 (1999) and UPOV officer(s)
- 7-2-5. Note: Subject to be conducted in cooperation with UPOV

## 8. Viet Nam

- 8-1-1 Title of program: **Capacity Building on DUS Testing for PVP Officers and stakeholders**
- 8-1-2 Proposed date: TBC, 2026
- 8-1-3 Proposed venue: TBC
- 8-1-4 Expected participants: • PVP officers and relevant stakeholders in Viet Nam  
• Participants from other countries  
• Experts from Japan, other countries in the region, and UPOV member countries
- 8-1-5. Note: Subject to be implemented within budget

- 8-2-1 Title of program: **Development of National Test Guideline for new genera and species**
- 8-2-2 Proposed date: TBC, 2026
- 8-2-3 Proposed venue: TBC
- 8-2-4 Expected participants: • PVP officers and relevant stakeholders in Viet Nam  
• Participants from other countries  
• Experts from Japan, other countries in the region, and UPOV member countries
- 8-2-5. Note: UPOV's confirmation is needed. Subject to be implemented within budget depending on the level of need.

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