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# REPORT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV

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  - Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
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#### **Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings



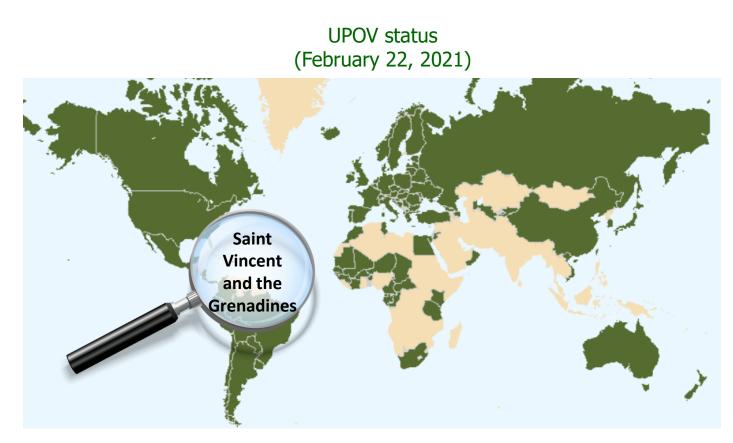




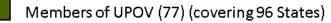


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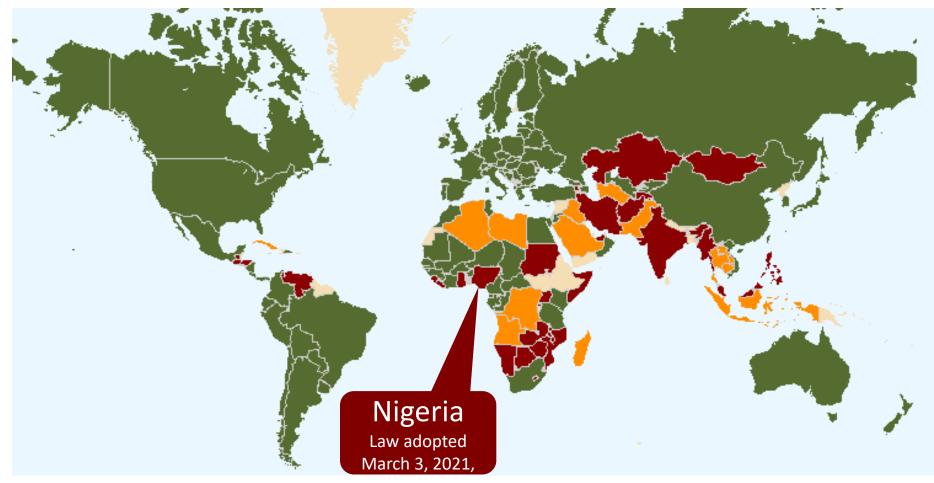


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#### Examination of laws in 2021 (positive decision)



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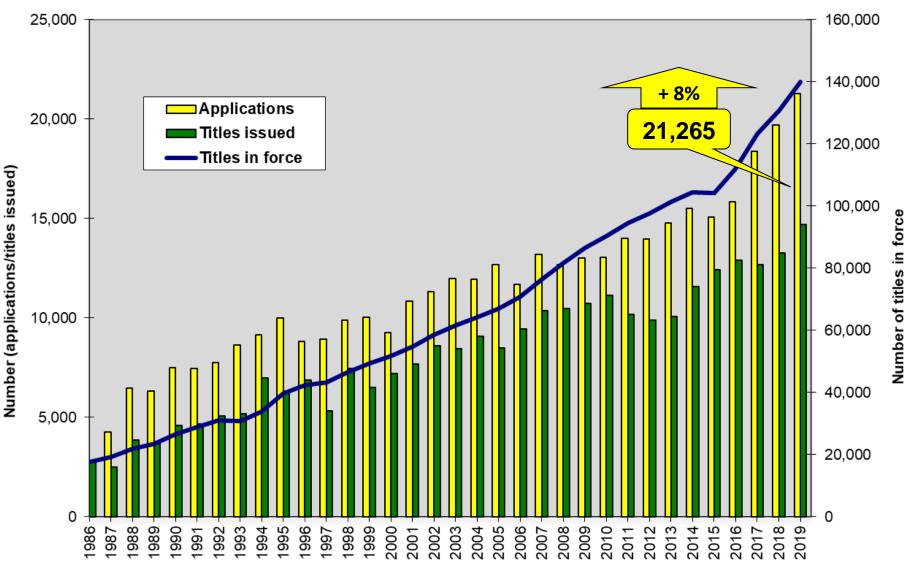
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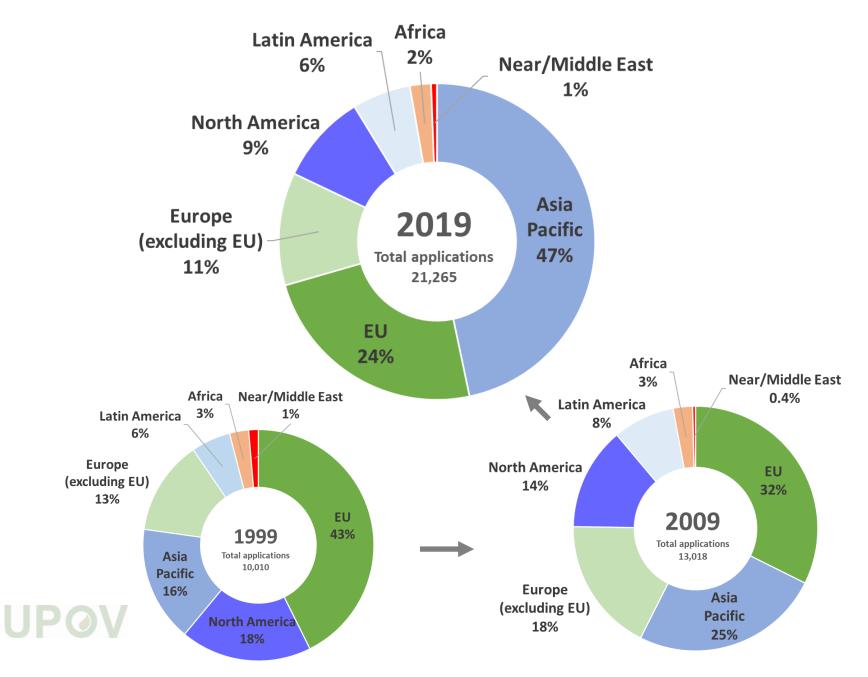
Plant variety protection statistics (C/54/INF/7)

#### **Total Applications filed and Titles issued**



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#### Applications received by Region – 1999 to 2019



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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"To provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society"



#### **Essentially Derived Varieties (EDV)**

Seminar on the Impact of Policy on Essentially Derived Varieties (EDVs) on Breeding Strategy



October 2019

Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties (WG-EDV)

to draft a **revision** of the **Explanatory Notes on Essentially Derived Varieties** for consideration by the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ).

...plus EDV information session



#### **SMALLHOLDER FARMERS**

Development of guidance regarding the implementation of the exception of acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes in relation to smallholder farmers

(a) members of the Union and observers to provide their experience and views...

(d) to draft guidance for consideration of the Consultative Committee at its session in 2021, together with consideration of the status (e.g. explanatory note, guidance document, FAQ) that any agreed guidance should have.



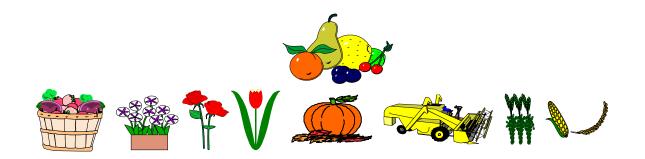
#### HARVESTED MATERIAL

seminar to exchange information on matters concerning harvested material and unauthorized use of propagating material

#### held by electronic means on May 27, 2021

Videos available at:

https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\_id=63048

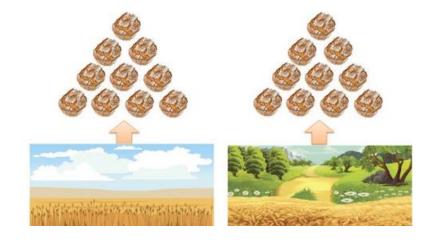




#### SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues **October 20, 2021** 



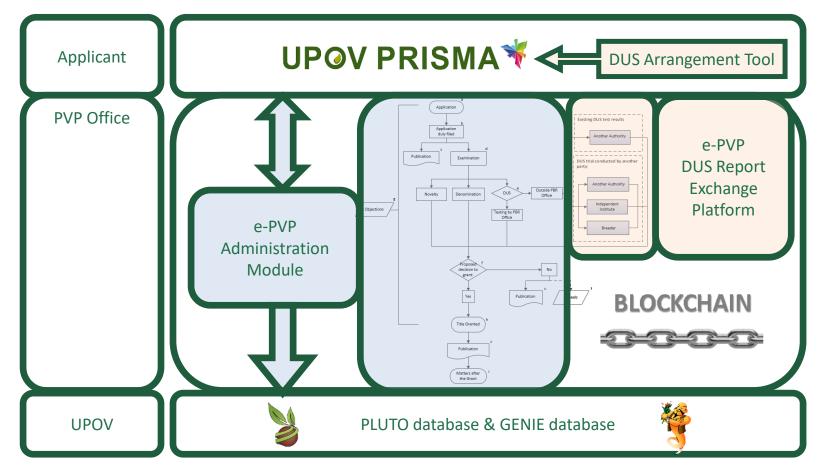




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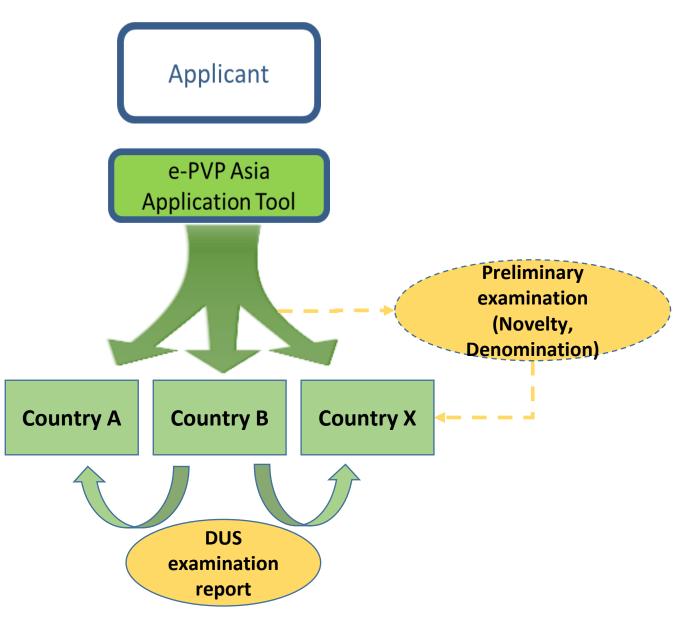
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## Trainings / Workshop Virtual events

#### • UPOV

- Law workshop (Mar, 2021)
- UPOV Distance Learning Courses (Mar-Apr, Oct-Nov, 2021)

#### • APSA Train the Trainer course on PVP of UPOV Convention

- Organized by APSA in cooperation with UPOV (Oct, 2020)
- Lower Mekong Seed Regional Virtual workshop with US, ASTA (June, 2021)
- > PVP toolbox workshop in cooperation with Naktuinbouw (Sept-Oct, 2021)

#### • IP Key SEA Webinar Series on Plant Variety Protection

- Awareness raising Webinars, (Nov, 2020)
- Webinar Series on PBR and UPOV 1991 (June, 2021)
- Webinar on 91 Act legal matters for TH (June, 2021)

## UPOV

#### China

- Online International Symposium on New Plant Variety Conservation, NFGA, China (Jul, 2021)
- China Seed Congress 2021 & Nanfan Agricultural Silicon Valley Forum, MARA, China (Mar, 2021)

#### Japan

- JICA Training course (Sep-Oct, 2021)
- PVP Webinar, JATAFF (Jun ,2021)

#### Indonesia

Focus group discussion for UPOV Study (April, 2021)

#### Myanmar

Webinar on Awareness of Plant Variety Protection System (Naktuinbouw, the Netherlands, EAPVPF, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture)

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#### **UPOV on Social Media**



#### Linked in

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UPOV @UPOVint · Sep 28 UPOV Why is #PlantBreeding of #newplantvarieties important?

> #Farmers and growers need plants Y with particular characteristics that are adapted to their #farm environment and their cultivation practices.

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Peter Button Vice Secretary-General at UPOV

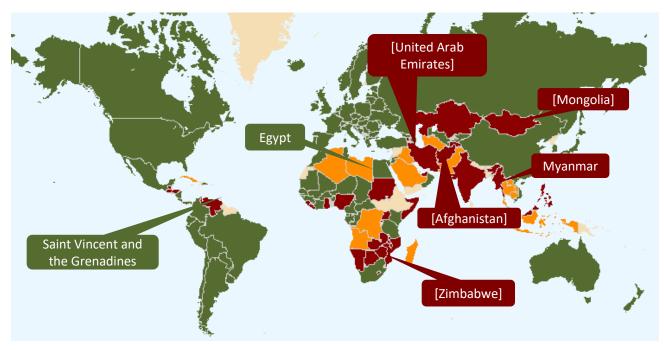


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#### Examination of [draft] Laws (2019-2020) (all positive)



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