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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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- 1. National goal (10-year strategic plan 2018-2027)
- 1.1 Increased awareness of the PVP System and greater local breeding practices
- 1.2 Introduce more high value crops and increase productivity which can contribute to GDP and self-sufficiency.
- 1.3 Stronger cooperation with UPOV Members particularly in capacity building in DUS examination and developing Test Guidelines.
- 1.4 Set up DUS testing facilities and local capabilities in performing DUS testing.

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

Challenges

- 2.1 Lack of awareness on importance of protection and utilization of IP rights amongst breeders and relevant stakeholders.
- 2.2 Lack of technical expertise and facilities in conducting technical DUS examination.
- 2.3 Insufficient public-private partnership to facilitate greater breeding activities and development of new breeding technology.
- 2.4 Lack of technical knowledge of farmers and breeders

2025-2027

- 3.1 To raise awareness of the PVP system with potential stakeholders
- 3.2 To plan and conduct capacity building activities on DUS testing guidelines and facilities requirements.
- 3.3 To standby temporary outsourcing of DUS examinations
- 3.4 To prepare IT infrastructure for national PVP registry
- 3.5 To have IT infrastructure for national PVP registry in place
- 3.6 Viable training programs and training partners for DUS Examinations to build up local capacity and expertise.
- 3.7 Viable training programs and training potential private-partners to build up local capacity and expertise in breeding.

3.8 A running PVP Registry

- 4. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years)
- 4.1 To conduct public awareness activities in collaboration with EAPVP and/or UPOV member countries.
- 4.2 To engage relevant stakeholders to ascertain local training needs in support of local breeding activities.
- 4.3 To engage relevant stakeholders in building up DUS testing facilities and DUS testing capabilities.
- 5. Proposal of Cooperation Activity (Members who submitted proposals ONLY. The proposals will be presented with explanation of relevance to its 10-YSP.)
 - (1) DUS test Outsourcing
 - Proposed countries: Vietnam and South Korea
 - (2) Awareness building program(s) with regards the uses, applications and benefits of PVP to locals with any interested Forum members
 - (3) Training in relation to DUS test procedures, facilities, equipment and required personnel specifically for rice varieties with any interested Forum members.
 - (4) Capacity Building for Plant Breeders through workshops, seminars or personnel exchanges that are applicable to public and private sectors with any interested Forum members.

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