



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

**SYMPOSIUM ON POSSIBLE INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN THE
INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE (ITPGRFA) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV CONVENTION)**

Geneva, October 26, 2016

PROGRAM AGENDA

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.30 Opening by Mr. Francis Gurry, Secretary-General, UPOV
- 9.35 Opening by Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary *ad interim* of the ITPGRFA
- Co-Moderators: Mr. Muhamad Sabran, Chairperson of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, ITPGRFA and Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV*
- Session 1: Overview of the UPOV Convention and the ITPGRFA
- 9.45 Overview of the UPOV Convention
[Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV](#)
- 10.00 Overview of the ITPGRFA
[Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary ad interim of the ITPGRFA](#)
- Session 2: Analysis of the Interrelations between Farmers' Rights and Plant Breeders' Rights Under the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention
- 10.15 [Ms. Szonja Csörgő](#)
Director, Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, European Seed Association (ESA), Belgium
- 10.30 [Mr. Bryan Harvey](#)
Professor Emeritus, Plant Sciences Department, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 [Mr. Bram de Jonge](#)
Seed Policy Officer, Oxfam Novib, Netherlands

Session 2: Analysis of the Interrelations between Farmers' Rights and Plant Breeders' Rights Under the ITPGRFA and the UPOV Convention (cont/d)

11.30 [Ms. Sangeeta Shashikant](#)
Legal Advisor, Third World Network International Secretariat, Malaysia

11.45 [Mr. Stephen Smith](#)
Professor in Agronomy, Iowa State University, United States of America

12.00 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Session 3: Experiences of the Contracting Parties in Implementing the UPOV Convention and the ITPGRFA

14.30 Argentina
[Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle](#), *President, Instituto Nacional de Semillas (INASE)*

14.45 Canada
[Mr. Anthony Parker](#), *Commissioner, Plant Breeders' Rights Office*

15.00 European Union
[Ms. Päivi Mannerkorpi](#), *Team Leader - Unit G1, Plant Reproductive Material, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANCO), European Commission and*
[Mr. Andrew Mitchell](#), *Head of Varieties and Seeds Policy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom*

15.15 Kenya
[Mr. Simon Maina](#), *Head, Seed Certification and Plant Variety Protection, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)*

15.30 Norway
[Ms. Svahild-Isabelle Batta Torheim](#), *Senior Advisor, Department of Forest and Natural Resource Policy, Ministry of Agriculture and Food*

15.45 Discussion

16.15 Coffee

Session 4: Overview of initiatives involving the ITPGRFA and UPOV

- Information initiatives
- Practical initiatives
- Mutual attendance, participation, and information exchange

16.30 ITPGRFA
[Mr. Kent Nnadozie](#), *Secretary ad interim of the ITPGRFA*

16.45 UPOV
[Mr. Peter Button](#), *Vice Secretary-General, UPOV*

17.00 Discussion

17.15 Closing remarks by Co-Moderators: Mr. Muhamad Sabran, Chairperson of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, ITPGRFA and Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV

17.30 End of Symposium

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