

**Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees****TWO/53/2****Fifty-Third Session****Roelofarendsveen, Netherlands, June 7 to 11, 2021****Original:** English**Date:** June 3, 2021

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**REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UPOV***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Developments in UPOV” for consideration by the fifty-third session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO).

[Annex follows]

# Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees Fifty-Third Session

## Developments in UPOV

Office of the Union  
*Roelofarendsveen, Netherlands, June 7 to 11, 2021*  
(via electronic means)



International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

## Preview

- Situation in UPOV
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UPOV status  
(February 22, 2021)

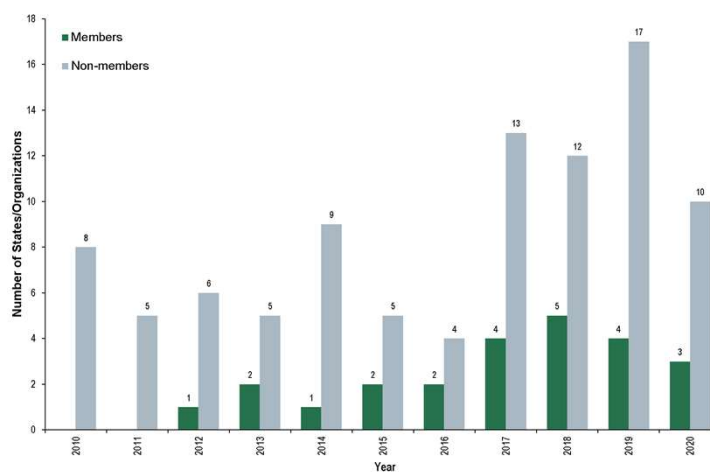


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■ Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)

Number of States/Organizations  
provided with comments on laws



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



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- Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)
- Initiating States (20) and Organization (1)
- States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

### Appointment of new UPOV Secretary-General



Mr. Daren Tang  
Secretary-General  
*from October 2020*

## Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)

*Thanks and farewell  
to*  
Tomochika Motomura



*Welcome  
to*  
Manabu Suzuki  
(Since June 2020)



## UPOV Team



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## COVID-19 pandemic measures

UPOV Sessions in October 2020 held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:

- **Technical Committee:** Fifty-Sixth Session (TC/56), held on October 26 and 27
- **Administrative and Legal Committee:** Seventy-Seventh Session (CAJ/77), held on October 28
- **Consultative Committee:** Ninety-Seventh Session (CC/97), held on October 29
- **Council:** Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Session (C/54), held on October 30

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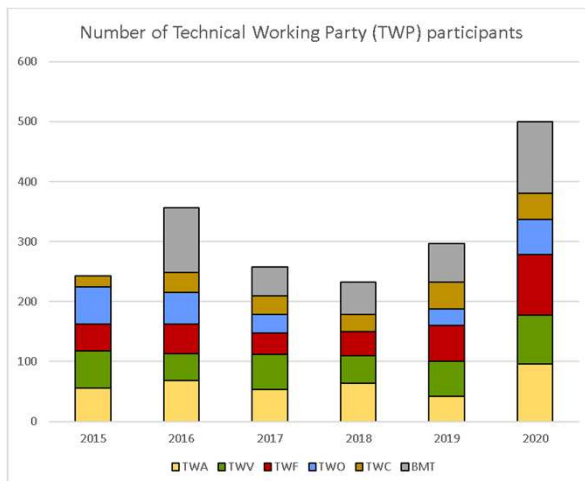
## Virtual meetings

## UPOV Virtual meetings in 2020



**Increasing participation in the work  
of the TC and TWPs  
Document TWP/5/12**

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### Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings: satisfaction



## Responding now ...and moving towards a new and better normal?

- UPOV virtual activities (meetings, webinars)
- Support virtual activities by partners
- Materials to support virtual activities (e.g. training videos)
- IT tools (online services, virtual communication tools)
- Redesigning meetings to make the most of virtual and physical participation (e.g. TWPs)
- Paperless/lesspaper office

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## Responding now ...and moving towards a new and better normal?

### Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars

### Overview of the Week

**April 19, 2021: Webinar 1:**

How to organize DUS examination and international cooperation

**April 20, 2021: Webinar 2:**

International harmonization in DUS examination

**April 21, 2021: Webinar 3:**

Developing and using UPOV Test Guidelines

**April 22, 2021: Webinar 4:**

Using molecular markers in DUS examination and the role of the BMT

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upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\_id=60589

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**UPOV - Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV/55)**

Fifty-Fifth Session

May 3 to May 7, 2021 (Antalya, Turkey)

[Meetings by Topic](#) » [Technical Working Party for Vegetables](#)

[TWV/54](#) » [TWV/55](#)

Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars ([video/recordings](#))

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Meeting Documents

CODE	TITLE(S)
<a href="#">FORM FOR TWV/55 COMMENTS</a>	Form for comments on documents and Test Guidelines
<a href="#">TWV/55-1 REV.</a>	Revised draft agenda

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## 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**

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### **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.

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### **HARVESTED MATERIAL**

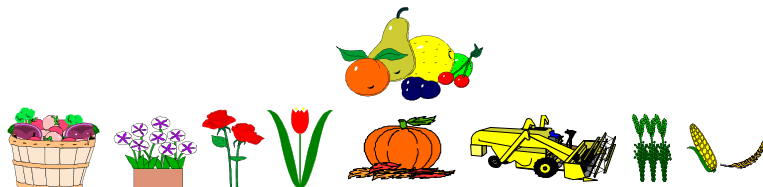
seminar to exchange information on matters concerning harvested material and unauthorized use of propagating material

held by

**electronic means on May 27, 2021**

Videos available at:

[https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=63048](https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=63048)



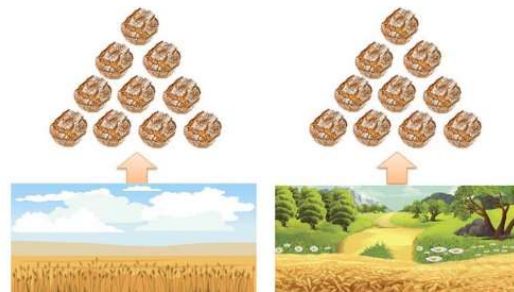
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## SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

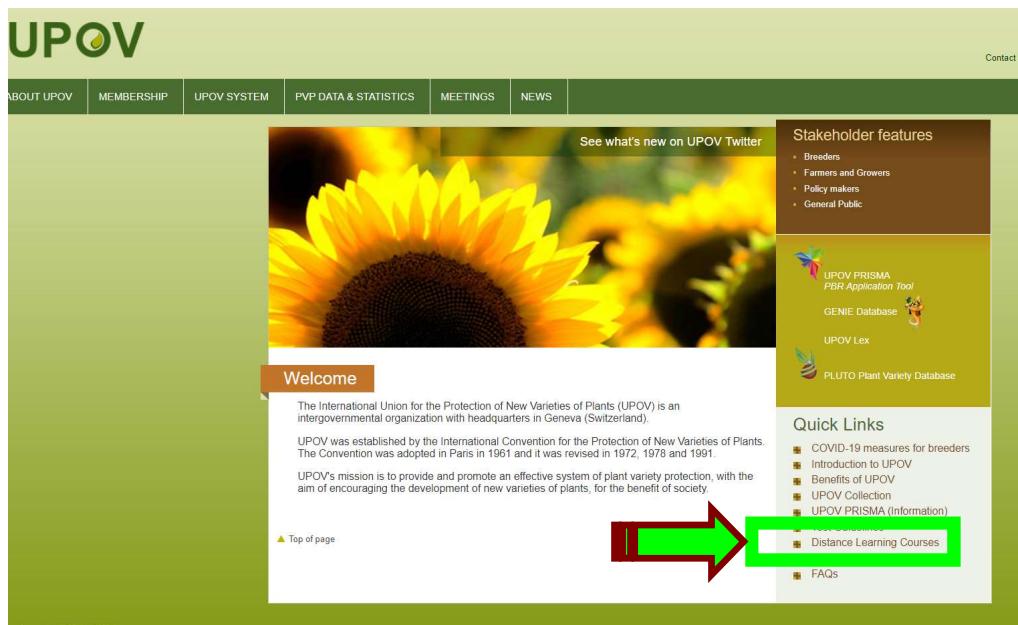
to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant  
breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues  
**At the fringes of the UPOV sessions in October 2021\***



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\*to be confirmed



## **DL-205**

### **Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention**

## **DL-305**

### **Advanced Distance Learning Courses**

Registrations can be made in three different categories:

Category 1:

Government officials of members of the Union nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council  
No fee

Category 2:

Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations nominated by the relevant representative to the UPOV Council  
(One non-fee paying student per State / intergovernmental organization;  
Additional students: CHF 1,000 per student)

Category 3:

Others

Fee: CHF 1,000



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## **UPOV Training**

### **UPOV Distance Learning Courses**

Code	Course	Session	Study period	Registration period
<a href="#">DL-205</a>	Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305A</a>	Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights (Part A of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305B</a>	DUS Examination (Part B of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305</a>	Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021

The UPOV Courses are hosted on the WIPO eLearning Center.



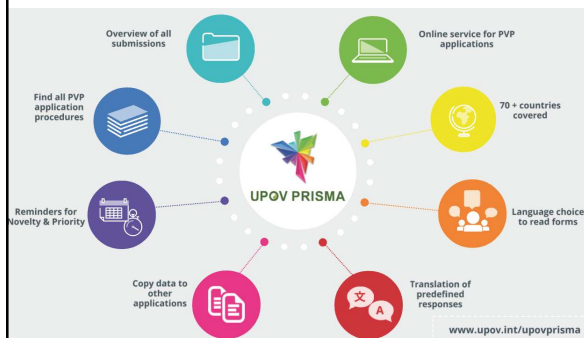
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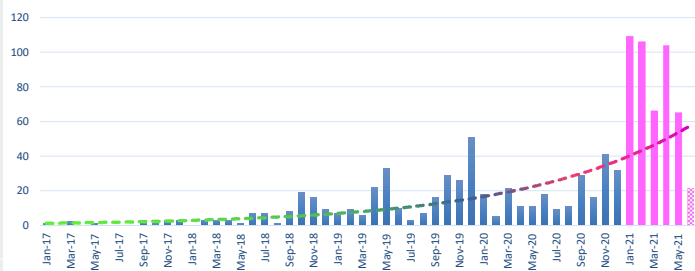
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### UPOV PRISMA

Online PBR Application Tool



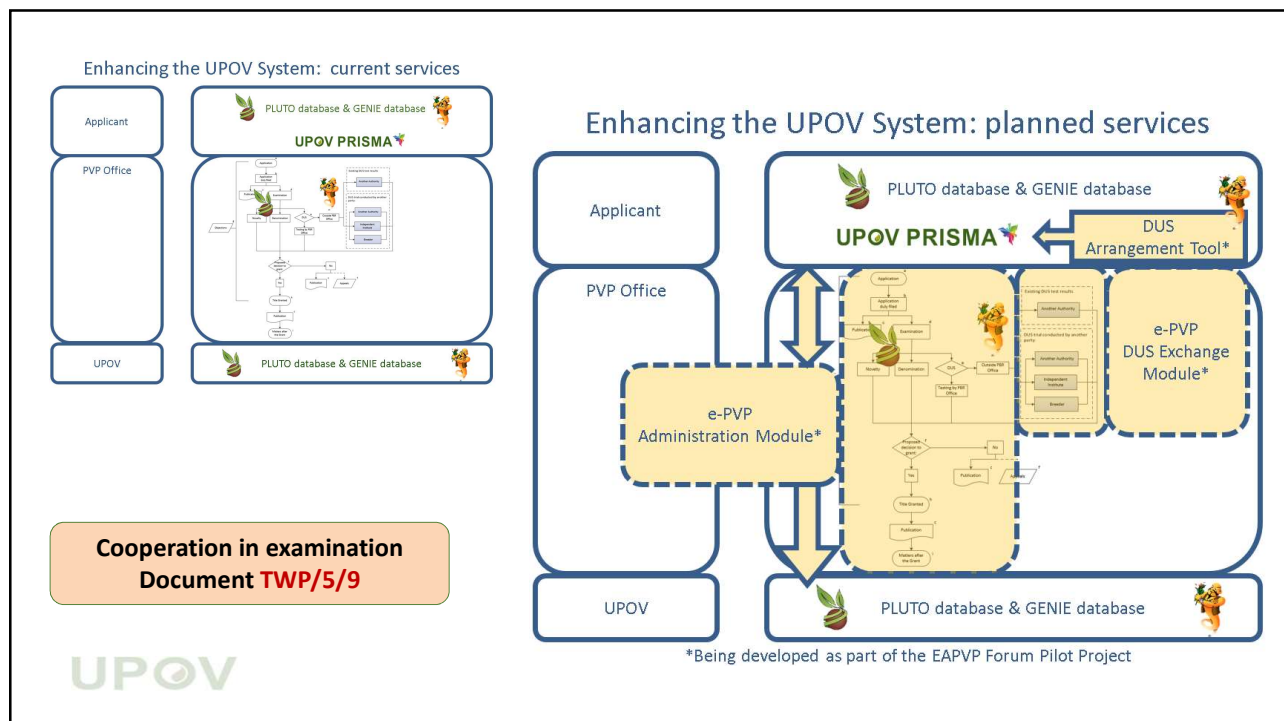
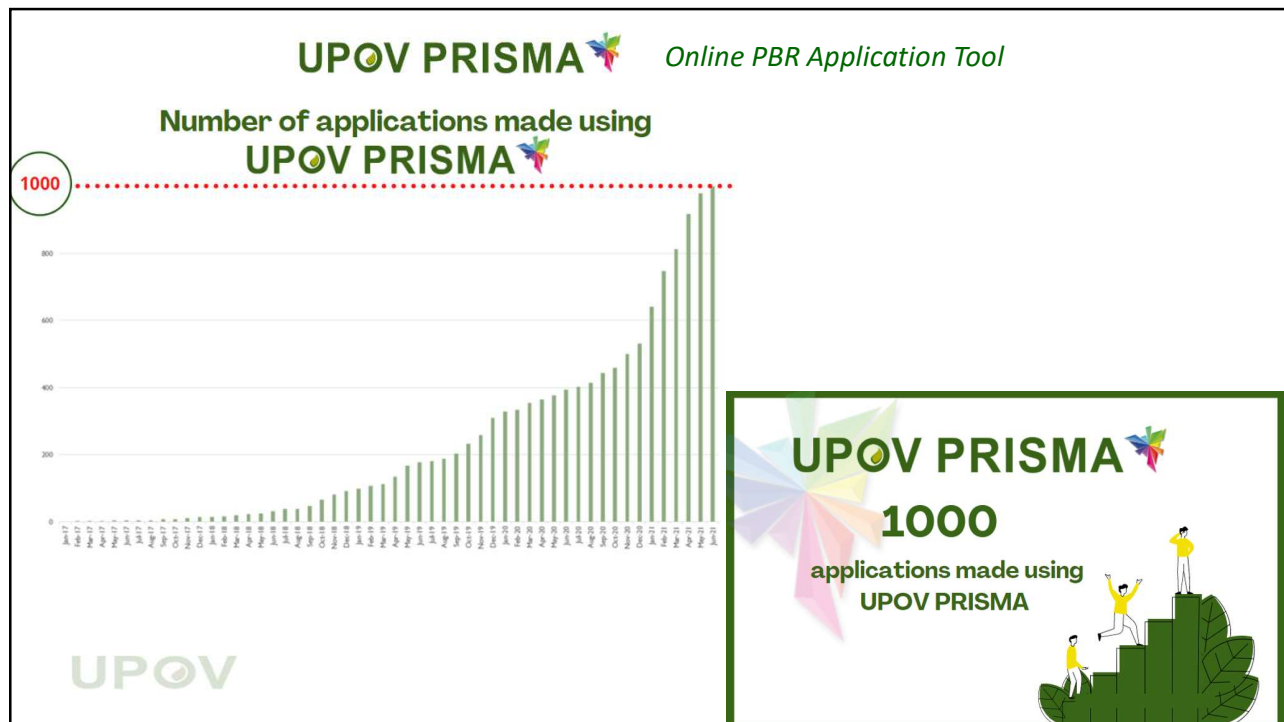
No. applications using UPOV PRISMA

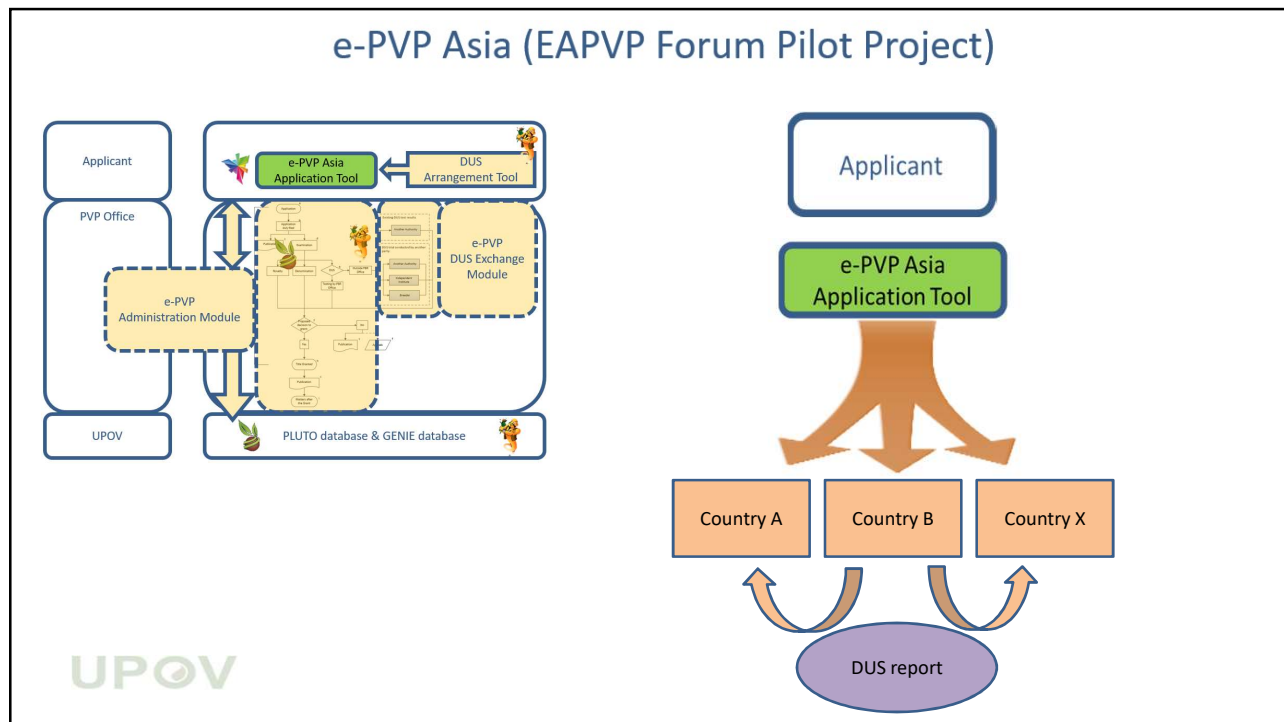


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Document TWP/5/3

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## Communicating information about UPOV members e.g. Canada – UPOV anniversary - March 4

**UPOV @UPOVint - Mar 4**  
Congratulations to [@CIPo\\_Canada](#) – celebrating 30 years as a [#UPOV](#) Member today.

[@InspectionCan](#)  
[@CIPo\\_Canada](#)  
[ow.ly/XBZY50M7V](#)

**UPOV @UPOVint - Mar 4**  
We are pleased to share the IP Canada Report 2020, published by [@CIPo\\_Canada](#) which shows the positive impact the move to UPOV 1991 Act had on the number of [#PlantVarietyProtection](#) applications.

Full report: [ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipoi...](#)

[@InspectionCan](#)

**IP Canada Report 2020**

**UPOV @UPOVint - Mar 5**  
Canada's amendment of the Plant Breeders' Rights Act has encouraged greater domestic investment in [#PlantBreeding](#), providing Canadian growers and consumers with increased access to innovative [#NewPlantVarieties](#).  
More: [ow.ly/nfj350DLbPX](#)

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**UPOV @UPOVint - Mar 4**  
[@CIPo\\_Canada](#) reports:  
• 20% in applications for protection of vegetable & fruit varieties  
• 20% in applications for foreign agriculture varieties  
Access to [#NewPlantVarieties](#) from around the globe supports farmers' competitiveness in a global marketplace  
[ow.ly/1YOT350DLbPX](#)

varieties in Canada, 2010-2019

Figure 20 - Non-vegetable plant breeder's rights applications for agriculture varieties in Canada, 2010-2019

**UPOV @UPOVint - Mar 5**  
To celebrate Canada's 30th anniversary of UPOV membership, let's look at how the Government of Canada uses [#PlantVarietyProtection](#) to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry growers.

[#NewPlantVarieties](#)  
[youtube/CiWWayz5Hk](#)

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See how the Government of Canada uses PVP to improve the livelihood of Canadian cherry ...  
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[@CIPo\\_Canada](#) reports:  
Stronger [#PVP](#) protection in the agriculture sector creates a robust & healthy investment landscape.  
These investments support higher quality & more productive canola, wheat, soybeans, corn, pulse, barley & forage varieties.  
Report: [ow.ly/NGA1500LdLT](#)



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