



AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)



INTERNATIONAL UNION  
FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS



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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT ARIPO PROTOCOL FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

organized by

the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

in cooperation with

the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

and with the assistance of

the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

**October 29 to 31, 2014**

**Harare**

**Zimbabwe**

*PROVISIONAL PROGRAM*

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Registration

08.30-09.00

Opening Ceremony

09.00-09.30	Official Opening and group photo	<i>ARIPO</i> <i>Mr. Fernando Dos Santos, Director General</i>
		<i>USPTO</i>
		<i>UPOV</i> <i>Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General</i> <i>Representative of the Government of Zambia</i>

**Theme 1: Institutional Capacity and Cooperation**

*Moderator: to be determined*

09.30-09.45	Workshop Objectives and Expected Outcomes	
09.45-10.00	Overview of ARIPO and its Activity	<i>ARIPO</i>
10.00-10.15	Coffee/Tea break	
10.15-10.45	Introduction to UPOV	<i>UPOV</i>
10.45-11.00	Relationship between UPOV Convention and other International Treaties	<i>UPOV</i>
11.00-11.30	Regional Systems of PVP: the experience of Community Plant Variety of the European Union (CPVO)	<i>CPVO</i>
11.30-12.00	Plant Variety Protection in the United States of America	<i>USPTO</i>
12.00-12.30	Plant Variety Protection in the Netherlands	<i>Netherlands</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch break	

**Theme 2: Plant Variety Protection: Situation in Africa**

*Moderator: to be determined*

13.30-14.00	The Role of New Varieties of Plants in improving Agriculture in Africa	
14.00-14.30	Benefits of PVP for farmers and growers Example from Kenya	<i>Kenya</i>
14.30-15.15	Needs of the Seed Sector in Africa	
15.15-15.30	Current issues for plant breeders	
15.30-15.45	Coffee/Tea break	
15.45-16.15	The Role of PVP in Technology Transfer through Public Private Partnerships	
16.15-16.45	Impact of the PVP System	
16.45-17.30	General discussions	

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**Theme 3: Developments on the establishment of regional systems of plant variety protection in Africa**

*Moderator: to be determined*

09.00-09.30	Implementing Plant Variety Protection in the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	OAPI
09.30-09.45	Development of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on the Protection of the New Varieties of Plants	SADC
09.45-10.15	Plant Variety Protection situation in the ARIPO Member States	ARIPO
10.15-10.30	Background and road map to the Development of the ARIPO Draft Protocol for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants	ARIPO
10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee/Tea break</i>	

**Theme 4: ARIPO Draft Protocol and its Implementing Regulations**

*Moderator: to be determined*

10.45-11.00	One grant system	
11.00-11.45	Scope of Breeders' Rights	
11.45-12.00	Conditions of Protection	
12.00-12.30	Farm saved seed provisions	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30-14.00	General discussions	
14.00-14.15	Restrictions and Enforcement	
14.15-14.30	Appeals Board for Plant Variety Protection	CPVO
14.30-14.45	Relationship with National Plant Variety Protection Systems	
14.45-15.00	<i>Coffee/Tea break</i>	
15.00-15.30	Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) - Arrangements for the examination of DUS Testing - DUS Examination at ARIPO	UPOV ARIPO
15.30-16.00	Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) continued - DUS Examination at the CPVO - DUS Examination in the Netherlands	CPVO Netherlands
16.00-16.30	DUS experiences in ARIPO Member States	Representative of ARIPO Member States
16.30-17.30	General discussions	

Friday, October 31, 2014

09.00-10.00	Draft Implementing Regulations of the ARIPO Protocol for the Protection of New Variety of Plants	ARIPO
10.00-10.30	General discussions	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee/Tea break</i>	

**Theme 5: Diplomatic Conference and Institutional Capacity Building at ARIPO**

*Moderator: to be determined*

11.00-11.30	Update on the preparations for the Diplomatic Conference	
11.30-12.30	Institutional Capacity (Development of Business Plan for the establishment of PVP Office at ARIPO)	
12.30-13.00	Conclusions and Recommendations	
13.00-13.30	Workshop evaluation and closing	
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.30-15.00	Concluding remarks	
15.00-15.30	Closing of the session	

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