



Updates on Plant Variety Protection

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1. Editorial

This issue of the APBREBES updates addresses the upcoming issues for UPOV's Spring session. It also documents the submissions to the ITPGRFA on interrelations with UPOV and WIPO regarding Farmers' Rights.

2. UPOV's 2015 Spring Session – Upcoming Issues

UPOV will be meeting in Geneva for its Spring session from 23-th to 27th March 2015. Its Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) will meet on 26th March, the Consultative Committee (CC) on 27th March in the morning while its highest decision-making body, the UPOV Council on 27th March in the afternoon. The meeting of the CC is closed to observers.

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3. Submissions of information on Interrelations with UPOV and WIPO

The ITPGRFA Secretariat invited submission of information on possible interrelations between the International Treaty, in particular its Article 9 (Farmers' Rights), and the relevant international instruments of UPOV and WIPO. All inputs received will be compiled for consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainable Use at its next meeting in March 2015, which will process the identified interrelations for transmission to UPOV and WIPO. A joint report will then be prepared by a small team of experts, incorporating possible public comments on its first draft. This follows Resolution 8/2013, by which the Governing Body "request[ed] the Secretary to invite UPOV and WIPO to jointly identify possible areas of interrelations among their respective international

instruments."

- [Submission by Berne Declaration & Third World Network](#), supported by the African Centre for Biosafety (ACB) & Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE), see attachment
- [Submission by the Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment](#)
- [Submission by Solibam](#): Bocci R. Rey F. and Chable V. (Eds.), 2014, Policy recommendations to sustain diversity strategies within food systems
- [Submission by South Centre](#)
- [Submission by The Development Fund – Norway](#)
- [Submission by UK Food Group](#)
- [Submission by ESA](#)

Calendar of Events

Spring session of UPOV bodies, 26 to 27 March 2015

- [Administrative and Legal Committee](#) 26 March 2015
- [Consultative Committee](#) 27 March (morning) (closed to observers)
- [Council \(extraordinary session\)](#) 27 March 2015 (afternoon)

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