



Mekong – U. S. Partnership Regional Workshop on seed sector development for ensuring food security [Hybrid]

Date 15th – 19th July 2024

Venue: Hotel Grand Mercure Hanoi, Vietnam

Online: Zoom platform

Simultaneous interpreters: English, Khmer, Laotian, Thai and Vietnamese

Provisional Agenda

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Date	Time (GMT+7)	Agenda
15 Jul 2024	DAY 1: Opening Ceremony and PVP as a tool to enhance research and development for food security – UPOV Awareness	
	Moderator: Mr. Khalil Hamid - Program Manager Lead USDA MUSP Seed Project, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Foreign Agricultural Service	
	Opening Ceremony	
	08:30-09:00	Participants' registration and open zoom system
	09:00-09:10	Welcome remarks Dr. Manish Patel, APSA President
	09:10-09:15	Opening Remarks Ms. Francine Sayoc, APSA Executive Director
	09:15-09:30	Keynote speech: The nexus between trade, innovation, and food security in Southeast Asia Mr. James Yi, Agricultural Attache, Foreign Agricultural Service USDA, U.S. Embassy Hanoi
	09:30-10:10	Keynote speech: National strategy for crop production till 2030, vision towards 2050 Mr. Nguyen Nhu Cuong, Director General, Department of Crop Production, MARD, Vietnam
	10:10-10:30	[Online] MUSP Project update by the State Department, U.S Department of State
	10.30-11.00	Photo session and Coffee Break
	PVP as a tool to enhance research and development for food security	
11:00-12:00	Creating an enabling environment for Plant Variety Protection and commercialization – What is necessary to recover investment in breeding? [Online] Dr. Szonja Csorgo, Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs Manager, International Seed Federation (ISF)	

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	12:00-12:45	Vietnam's experience in joining UPOV and its impact to agricultural innovation. Mr. Nguyen Quoc Manh - Deputy Director General of DCP and Head of Plant Variety Protection Office of Vietnam
	12:45-13:45	Lunch
	13:45-14:15	UPOV and its activities with specific projects and reference to MUSP countries [Online] Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV Questions
	14:15-15:00	Key Provisions of UPOV Convention (1991 Act) [Online] Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV [In-person] Ms. Cam Thi Hang, Senior Examiner in Plant Variety Protection Office, Department of Crop Production, MARD, Vietnam a. Conditions of protection and suitable denomination b. The Scope of the breeder's Right and Exceptions to the Breeder's Right (focusing on acts done on privately and non-commercial purposes, breeder's exemption and farm saved seeds) b. Q&A
	15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
	15:30-16:45	Training on Key Provisions of UPOV convention (1991 Act) - Contd. Counties' presentation: What do representatives need from UPOV for capacity building on PVP? (15 mins/country)
	16:45-17:15	Q&A and close session Mr Khalil Hamid, Program Manager Lead USDA MUSP Seed Project, USDA – FAS Dr Kanokwan Chodchoey, APSA IPR & Biodiversity Committee member
	18:00-20.00	Dinner
16-Jul-24	DAY 2: Mechanisms of Intellectual Property Protection in Seeds Moderator: Ms. Francine Sayoc , APSA Executive Director	
	08:30-09:00	Meeting room and zoom system open
	09:00-09:15	Overview of the session Ms. Francine Sayoc, APSA Executive Director
	09:15-09:45	Illegal seed and agricultural practices in Asia, Challenges and solutions [Online] Dr. Siang Hee Tan, Executive Director, CropLife Asia

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	09:45-10:45	How IP promotes innovation: cases from the life sciences, climate change, biotech sectors Mr. Fabrice Mattei, APSA Chair of SC IPR & Biodiversity
	10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15-12:15	Protection of IP in seeds, laws and enforcement in the participating countries (Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam) Countries' representative (30 mins/ country)
	12:15-13:30	Lunch
	13:30-14:30	Protection of IP in seeds, Laws in the participating countries - Contd. Countries' representative (30 mins/ country)
	14:30-15:00	Benefits of IP protection in Agriculture [Online] Dr. Szonja Csorgo, Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs Manager, International Seed Federation (ISF)
	15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
	15:30-16:00	Positive example of IP protection and enforcement Mr. Stevan Madjarac, American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) and member of ISF Genetic Resources committee
	16:00-17:00	Discussion and steps to promote legal seed trade in the Mekong region. Led by moderator
17-Jul-24	DAY 3: Plant Breeding Innovation and its role in improving food security in the region Moderator: Dr. Shivendra Bajaj, APSA Technical Advisor	
	08:30-09:00	Meeting room and zoom system open
	09:00-09:10	Overview of the session Dr. Shivendra Bajaj, APSA Technical Advisor
	09:10-09:40	Understanding genome editing for crop improvement Dr. Do Tien Phat - Institute of Biotechnology, Vietnam Academy of Science & Technology – Ministry of Science and Technology
	09:40-10:30	Genome Editing and its contributions to food security, global status and guidelines in the APAC region. [Online] Mr. Michael Leader (Bayer Crop Science), Chair of the APSA SC PBI
	10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
	11:30-12:00	Genome Editing guidelines in Philippines - Key Highlights Ms. Geronima P. Eusebio, OCI-Head of the Bureau of Plant Industry Biotechnology Office, Philippines

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	12:00-13:00	Country presentations on guidelines on genome editing, support required from other countries. Countries' representative (30 mins/ country)
	13:00-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-15:00	Country Presentations – Contd. Countries' representative (30 mins/ country)
	15:00-15:30	Genome Editing Research in Thailand Dr. Supachai Vuttipongchaikij, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, Kasetsart University
	15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
	16:00-16:30	Genome Editing Research in Vietnam Dr. Do Tien Phat - Institute of Biotechnology, Vietnam Academy of Science & Technology – Ministry of Science and Technology
	16:30-17:00	Summarizing, and next steps Led by moderator
18-Jul-24	DAY 4: Ensuring Seed Movement across borders for breeding research Moderator: Dr. Ha Thuy Nguyen , Co-Chair, APSA Working Group of Integrated Vegetable Seed Companies and member of APSA SC International Trade & Quarantine	
	08:30-09:00	Meeting room and zoom system open
	09:00-09:15	Overview and expectations. Dr. Ha Thuy Nguyen, Co-Chair, APSA Working Group of Integrated Vegetable Seed Companies and member of APSA SC International Trade & Quarantine
	09:15-09:40	Key factors enabling seed movement – focusing on small scale seed movement, pest list for seeds, ePhyto Dr. Ha Thuy Nguyen
	09:40-10:40	Countries' presentation on Key factors enabling seed movement. (30 mins/ country)
	10:40-11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00-12:00	Countries' presentation - Contd. (30 mins/ country)
	12:00-12:30	Accrediting third party laboratories – Thailand experience Ms. Sopa Meeamnat, Plant Protection Research and Development Office, Department of Agriculture, Thailand
	12:30-13:30	Lunch

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	13:30-15:00	Review of the last 4 days, support required and next steps. All participants, led by moderator
	15:00-15:30	Introduction to the Northern Mountainous Agriculture and Forestry Science Institute (NOMAFSI) – objectives and expectations for the site visit [TBC]
	15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
	16:00-16:15	Close the session.
19-Jul-24	DAY 5: Laboratory/field visit	
	09.00-15.00	Visit Northern Mountainous Agriculture and Forestry Science Institute (NOMAFSI) Address: Phu Ho commune, Phu Tho town, Phu Tho province For more info: http://www.nomafsi.com.vn/en/about.html