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PPVFRA, New Delhi Organises Online Exchange (Hybrid Seminar) on DUS Databases and DUS Data Use for Decision Making in Collaboration with Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA), Germany under Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development

An Online Exchange (Hybrid Seminar) on DUS Databases and DUS Data Use for Decision Making was organized by PPVFRA, New Delhi in Collaboration with Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA) Germany under Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development on 17th November, 2023 in the NAAS committee Room-I, New Delhi. Scientists from IIHR attended from their



conference hall at the Institute at Bangalore online. The programme was attended by more than 125 participants including PIs of various DUS Centres across India. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA, welcomed the participants and highlighted the objective of the programme. Mr. Ekkehard Schroeder, Team Leader of Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development Programme gave a brief outline of activities and thanked the PPVFRA for conducting the programme along with the foundation day Celebration of the Authority. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA,

Govt. of India in his remarks outlined the importance of such programme in decision making while processing the data for Protection of Plant varieties. He appreciated the efforts of the German Project Team leader Mr. Ekkehard Schroeder and his team for pro-active approach in



implementation of the project and arranging the experts for the online seminar. From

the Indian side Mr. D.R. Chaudhary, Joint Registrar, PPV&FRA, New Delhi made a presentation on Procedures and tools for plant variety registration and protection, DUS examination and decision making in India. Dr Wim Sangster, DUS Specialist at Naktuinbouw (the Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture) gave a short introduction about Naktuinbouw and shared his experience on DUS data use for decision making in DUS trials. He also gave an elaborate talk on



DUS Trial Layout and Planning of Trials – Experiences at Naktuinbouw. From CPVO, Dr Jens Wegner, Expert of Plant Variety Expertise Unit at CPVO made a presentation on Application for PVP at CPVO in Europe – system & procedures, cooperation with National Plant Variety Examination offices and illustration of CPVO’s Variety Finder database.

The online seminar was coordinated by Dr Sowmini Sunkara, National Project Coordinator from German side and from PPVFRA side the programme was coordinated by Dr. Ravi Prakash, Technical Consultant. The other officials who attended include Shri D.R. Choudhury, Joint Registrar, Shri Uma Kant Dubey, Deputy Registrar, Shri D.S. Raj Ganesh & Shri Arun Kumar, Legal Advisors, Dr. D.S. Pilania, Technical Assistant, and all PVERAs and SRFs. The PIs of various Crops at DUS centre located at IARI, New Delhi, Dr K.G. Chikappa, Dr Amish K. Sureja, Dr Shrawan Singh, Dr R.K. Yadav, Dr Gograj Singh and Dr. Anil Khar Participated and interacted with the experts during Question & Answer Session. Seminar ended with the closing remarks of Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPV&FRA, New Delhi and vote of thanks to experts and participants.
