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PPVFRA, New Delhi Organises Online Exchange (Hybrid Seminar) in Collaboration with Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA) of Germany under Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development



PPVFR Authority, New Delhi organised an online exchange programme for two days series on E-Processing and Management of DUS Testing in Collaboration with Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA) of Germany under Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development on 25th and 26th May, 2023 at ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi. It was attended by 120 participants including PIs of various DUS Centres across India. Mr. Ekkehard Schroeder, Team Leader of Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development



Programme gave a brief outline of activities carried out under the programme in all 3 phases. Dr. Dinesh K. Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFRA, while welcoming the guests highlighted the objectives of the programme. Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, MoAFW joined the programme along with others officials online and underlined the importance of such programmes for the country. Dr. G.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-



NBPGR, New Delhi also marked his gracious presence and provided his viewpoints. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA, Govt. of India outlined the need for adoption of modern tools in Indian DUS Testing following global standards and best practices adopted elsewhere. Dr. Swenja

Tams, Bundessortenamt welcomed all the participants on behalf of President, BSA. Four presentations on the following topics were delivered by the German Experts:

- i) Overview of Data Management System at Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA), Germany by Dr. Swenja Tams, Head of the Section, General Affairs of DUS Testing, Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA), Germany
- ii) Examples of Application Procedures on Rapeseed/Mustard at BSA Station in Scharnhorst by Mr. Thomas Gildemeister, Oilseed DUS Expert, Federal Plant Variety Office (BSA), Germany
- iii) Role of Tools such as Field Books, Data Loggers and Image Analysis for the Data Application, Data Management and Plausibility Checks on rapeseed/Mustard at BSA Station in Scharnhorst by Mr. Thomas Gildemeister
- iv) Evaluation of DUS-testing Data Example on Rapeseed/Mustard at BSA by Mr. Thomas Gildemeister

The two days-long event from PPVFRA side 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 Advisor and Dr. D.S. Pilania, Technical Assistant; and Dr. Sowmini Sunkara, Consultant on the German side. Participants interacted with the experts and explored the possibilities of adopting the same in Indian context.

