



# Leveraging Opportunities for Enhanced Plant Breeding Innovation by Building a Regional Road Map for Plant Breeding and Plant Variety Right Systems, CWA2023

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## ABOUT CARIPI

### Overall objective

To contribute to the integration of CARIFORUM into the World Economy, through strengthening the enabling framework that stimulates innovation and competitiveness of the private sector.

### Specific objective

To further upgrade and harmonise the systems for **IP creation, protection, administration and enforcement** in line with the CARIFORUM-EU EPA provisions, and to contribute **to regional integration** in IPR.



### Relevant EPA Article: 149 PLANT VARIETIES

The EC Party and the Signatory CARIFORUM States **shall provide for the protection of plant varieties** in accordance with the TRIPS Agreement. In this respect, they **shall consider acceding to** the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants — **UPOV** (Act of 1991).



# ACHIEVEMENTS

### Effective plant variety registrations in the Dominican Republic

- In 2020 technical assistance was provided to the DR resulting in a fully functional and UPOV compliant PV framework and office, with properly trained staff and DUS examiners
- The Minister of Agriculture hosted a virtual event to thank CarIPI for this assistance



- **48 applications**
- **35 grants of Plant Breeders' Certificates**



# PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IMPLEMENTED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Rice production in the Dominican Republic				
Year	Sowing	Harvesting	Performance %	Production (QQs)
2020	3,071,823	2,912,542	4.64	13,509,730
2021	3,178,513	3,039,977	4.74	14,421,519
2022*	3,125,168	2,976,260	5.29	15,744,981

Source: Official Publications of the Ministry of Agriculture RD. Dept. of Agricultural Economics.



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IAD, JICA, MIREX y MEPyD presentan logros proyecto de Peras Japonesas iniciado en Constanza

AÑO	PRODUCCIÓN	FACTURACIÓN
2024	0.5 mm cajas	USD 10.8 MM
2025	2.1 mm cajas	USD 42 MM
2026	4.8 mm cajas	USD 96.2 MM
2027	8.7 mm cajas	USD 174.6 MM
2028	13.6 mm cajas	USD 271.4 MM
2029	19.2 mm cajas	USD 384.3 MM
2030	25.6 mm cajas	USD 511.2 MM
2031	28.7 mm cajas	USD 574.7 MM
2032	30.1 mm cajas	USD 602.0 MM

Proyecto de desarrollo de área de producción de la *pera japonesa*, con miras a convertirla en una especialidad local en La Culata 2022-2024

Proyecto sobre la viabilidad de *Uvas en la República Dominicana*



- **In May 2022 CarlPI organised an in-person seminar on Regional Cooperation in PVR** in the DR including a study visit to some breeders' companies that benefit from the PVR system
- Targeted decision makers from agricultural ministries, IP offices and/or EPA coordinators.





## Technical Assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### Effective plant variety registrations Framework for VC

- Following Saint Vincent and the Grenadines UPOV accession in 2021 technical assistance was provided to develop the national system to administer plant breeders' rights
- TA included drafting of implementing regulations to national legislation
- Development of PVR examination guidelines and forms in compliance with international/ UPOV standards



## Webinars and Workshops - in collaboration with CPVO and UPOV

- Apr 2021: Webinar on independence in the conduct of DUS examination and management of conflict of interest
- April 2021: New Plant Varieties Protection and UPOV Membership in the Caribbean: Experience Sharing
- Sep 2021: Webinar on Regional Plant Variety System

*Raised awareness and commitment of stakeholders to promote plant breeding research & innovation by establishing PVR frameworks and joining UPOV practices*



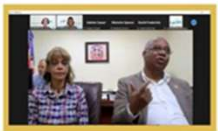
### Plant Variety Cooperation in CARIFORUM



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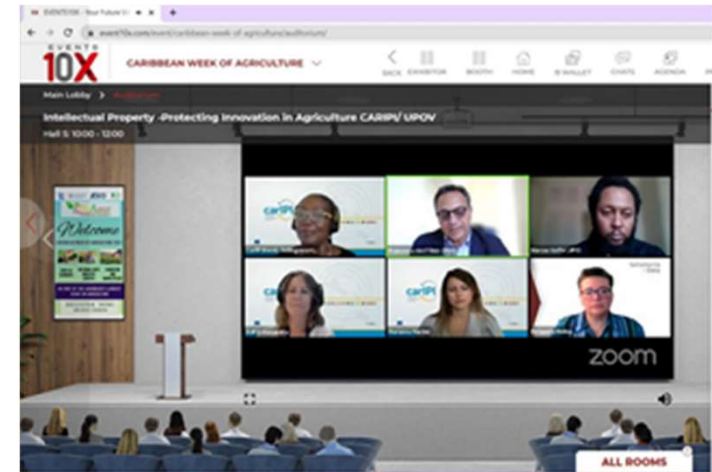




## COTED Agricultural Ministers – Policy Paper

### In collaboration with CPVO, UPOV, CARICOM

- Policy Paper: Proposal for enhancing regional Cooperation on PVRs
- A proposal was put forward to Agri Ministers at their meetings in the framework of the CWA 2021 (October) and was adopted by Ministers of Agriculture





## PVRs going forward

- Continue collaborating with partners – CPVO, UPOV and CARICOM to advance the plant breeding agenda in the region.
- Support IP-related initiatives – national PVRs framework; legislation review and models systems and training

**Thank you \* Gracias \* Merci \* Bedankt**

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