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REGISTRATION OF SEED RELATED INSTITUTIONS AND  
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION LEGISLATION

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# INTRODUCTION

- In most countries to produce, process and market seed under any seed law one must be registered as :-
  - Seed Merchant
  - Seed Grower
  - Seed Processor
  - Seed marketer
- In Kenya All Seed merchants are registered by Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services
- Or there is a country in-here which doesn't have this requirement?
- The international exchange of germplasm and trade/movement of plants and plant products is a must to facilitate adequate food production in the world.
- Plant variety protection legislations using various protocols, seed laws and regulations are in put in place

# VARIETY DEVELOPMENT, SEED PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION, PHYTOSANITARY, MARKETING INSTITUTIONS

- Variety development institutions include public and registered Seed Companies
- Seed Production institutions in majority of the countries are those registered as Seed Merchants
- Certification Institutions are those gazetted in Law as service providers
- Seed Marketing/distributors are registered by regulator

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- Phytosanitary services that provide protection services including plant health clinic, quarantine, grading and inspection of products are included in various laws
- This service is to ensure for governments, business sector, scientists and farmers that no injurious foreign pest, diseases and noxious weed is introduced
- Regulator derive their authority from international protocols or standards which are domesticated
- In Kenya, Plant Breeders' rights in seed law is domesticated from UPOV
- Seed Testing domesticated from ISTA (International Seed Testing Association) protocols founded in 1924

# VARIETY DEVELOPMENT, SEED PRODUCTION, CERTIFICATION & PHYTOSANITARY INSTITUTIONS

- Phytosanitary/Plant protection services laws are domesticated from international plant protection convention (IPPC) and World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) regulations and guidelines.
- This ensures that agricultural products approved by regulator are acceptable to across the countries who are members:- eg ISTA certificate.
- States have Plant Protection Acts that regulate importation of plants, plant products and regulated articles.
- The regulator issues import permits to allow entry of items in accordance with specific Phytosanitary requirements.
- National plant protection institute issues import permit while the Phytosanitary certificate is issues by exporting country.
- Do you have a National plant protection organization in your country?
- Which are seed marketing institutions in your country?

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