Role of Plant Breeding in combating climate change

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Climate change will lead to new production conditions

- Prolonged drought
- More saline soils
- New diseases in the new environment
- Other requirements for the nutrition of the crops

How can plant breeding contribute to overcome these challenges

- Crops that are heat resistant
- Crops that can grow under saline conditions
- Crops that are resistant to diseases and pests
- Crops that use nutrients more efficient

New innovations in breeding techniques require coordination of legislation

- Plant breeding is a innovative industry
- Biotechnology is an important tool (CRIPR/Cas is a very promising technique)
- Coordination of legislation and regulations in different countries is needed

IP system: Plant breeders' Rights

- Access to new plant varieties: A Plant Breeders' Right system is needed
- UPOV system is the standard worldwide
- For developing countries the provisions for "private and non commercial use" are important.

Patents for plant parts and plant properties

- Plant Breeders' Rights: access to the genetic material of the protected varieties is allowed
- Patents: access to patents, covering biological material (plant parts or plant characteristics) is prohibited.
- A lot of discussions and criticism because of accessibility of genetic material

International Licensing Platform Vegetable offers a solution to overcome problem of accessibility to genetic material

- Vegetable plant breeders have come up with a solution for this friction
- Incorporation of ILP Vegetable in November 2014
- All important vegetable breeding companies of the world are member of ILP Vegetable (except Bayer-Monsanto)
- Members of ILP Vegetable have garanteed access to patents, covering biological material of the other members
- Free access but not for free, so you have to pay fair and reasonable costs

Baseball arbitration

- System of Baseball arbitration is a very innovative licensing system
- This licensing system garantees a reasonable price for access to a patent.
- It starts with bilateral negotiations
- If no agreement is reached, the case is put to arbitration by independent experts
- Both parties submit their license proposal to the independent arbitrators
- The arbitrators choose for the most reasonable proposal
- This system garantees that a reasonable price for a patent is paid

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