

### **Procedures for registration of a Crop variety**

A crop variety which is intended to be released for commercial use in Uganda has to be officially tested, registered and listed in the national variety list. Below are the steps one goes through to register a variety in Uganda

1. Apply to the national Seed Certification Service (NSCS) for inclusion of a variety in the National Performance Trials (NPTs) in the form SR1 which can be downloaded from the MAAIF website. The NPT will be conducted for at least two growing seasons in at least two agro-ecological zones to establish the value for cultivation and use. The NPT will be conducted by either the NSCS or by a delegated institute or entity by the NSCS
2. The application is accompanied by the required quantity of seed depending on the commodity together with evidence of payment for the NPT testing
3. The applicant shall accompany evidence of high performance of the candidate variety in yield trials and on-farm trials
4. In the second season of the NPT testing, the applicant will submit an application for release and inclusion of a variety in the variety list/catalogue using form SR 2 downloaded from the MAAIF website. The applicant will submit the required quantity of seed for Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) testing accompanied with evidence of payment for the test. The DUS will be conducted by the NSCS in two agro-ecological zones for at least two growing seasons.
5. A technical report will be compiled which summarizes the performance of the candidate variety in terms of the NPT and DUS which is submitted to the National Variety Committee which is responsible for release of varieties.
6. The National Variety Release Committee shall base its decisions to release the variety on the technical data provided by the breeder and the technical report produced in respect of the variety
7. The National Variety Release Committee shall notify the applicant of the decision of the committee after evaluating the technical data and technical report.
8. A variety that meets the requirements as set up the National Variety Release Committee shall be released and registered in the National Variety List and common catalogue

9. The National Seed Board shall publish the National Variety List in the official Gazette upon approval
10. A new variety published in the Gazette shall be eligible for seed multiplication and marketing as stipulated in the release conditions

The responsibility for release of varieties is with the National Variety Release Committee