

Policy, Legal and Regulatory

Country: Uganda

	Profile Element	Response
1	National seed policy (name, date, date of last update)	National Seed Policy - October 2018
2	National seed strategy (name, date, date of last update, status of implementation)	Uganda National Seed Strategy 2014/15-2019/20
3	National extension and agricultural advisory policy (name, date, date of last update)	National-Agricultural-Extension-Strategy 2016/17 - 2020/21
4	National seed law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments) (may be in the form of a law, act, or proclamation)	Seeds and Plant Act, 2006 (No. 3 of 2007)
5	National seed regulations and revisions (may be multiple regulations related to general matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc.) (name, date, date of revision)	The Seeds and Plant Regulations 2010
6	Guidelines, Directives related to general seed matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc. (name, date, date of revision)	The Seeds and Plant Regulations 2010
7	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	Plant protection and Health Act. 2015
8	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Plant protection and Health Act. 2015
9	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	Plant Variety Protection Act - 2014
10	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Plant Variety Protection Act - 2014
11	Biosafety law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	The Scope of Biosafety and Biosecurity in Uganda: Policy Recommendations for the Control of Associated Risks - 2010
12	Biosafety regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	The Scope of Biosafety and Biosecurity in Uganda: Policy Recommendations for the Control of Associated Risks - 2010
13	Customs Code/ law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	THE PLANT PROTECTION ACT. Statutory Instrument 31—3
14	Presence of seed quality standards and protocols for the focus crops by class (crop, date, date of last update)	Yes
15	Stakeholder access channels for copies of laws, regulations, etc. (include website links)	Yes

16	Membership in regional seed-related entities (list entities)	Uganda adopted the COMESA seed regulations (COMESA, 2014) in 2018. However, it has not yet aligned its national seed regulations with the harmonized COMESA Seed Trade Regulations. The national seed laboratory under MAAIF is not ISTA-accredited, but the NSCS is in the process of addressing institutional and structural gaps to meet the ISTA accreditation requirements. Uganda follows the OECD seed scheme though it has not yet acceded to (joined) the scheme.
17	Membership in seed-related international conventions and treaties	N/A
18	Name, responsibilities and composition (by type and number of members) of the variety release committee, number of meetings per year	Chairperson - DG of National Agric research Organization (NARO) 2 Director Crop resources Ministry of Agric (MAAIF) 3. Directors of NARO institutes (Kawanda KARL, Namulonge -NaCRRI, Serere - NaSARRI, Kalengyere, Forestry research) 4. Rep of Private sector dealers Associations (USTA) 5. Ministry of Trade Representative
19	Names of other relevant seed-related committees under the regulations (responsibilities, # of times they meet in a year, composition, etc.)	Variety Release Committee
20	Legal issues currently on the radar screen (list and status)	Combating counterfeiting of seed
21	Key institutions involved in seed sector regulations (year of establishment and mandate)	National Seed Certification Service under Ministry of Agric (MAAIF)
22	Main stakeholder groups involved in the seed policy making process in the country	NARO, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Uganda Seed Traders Association, Uganda National Agroinputs Dealers Association
23	Main private sector stakeholders impacted by the seed policy, legal and regulatory instrument (Seed Companies, Farmers' Groups/ Unions/ Associations and Nongovernmental Organizations, etc) (name, role, contact).	Uganda Seed Traders Association (USTA), Integrated Seed Sector Development (ISSD)
24	Main public sector stakeholders involved in regulation of the seed sector (National Seed Authority, variety release and registration department, seed certification department, National Agricultural Research Institution, Plant quarantine/health and protection department, Plant Variety Protection Office/Department, National Revenue Authority) (name, role, contact).	MAAIF, NARO, DLGs

