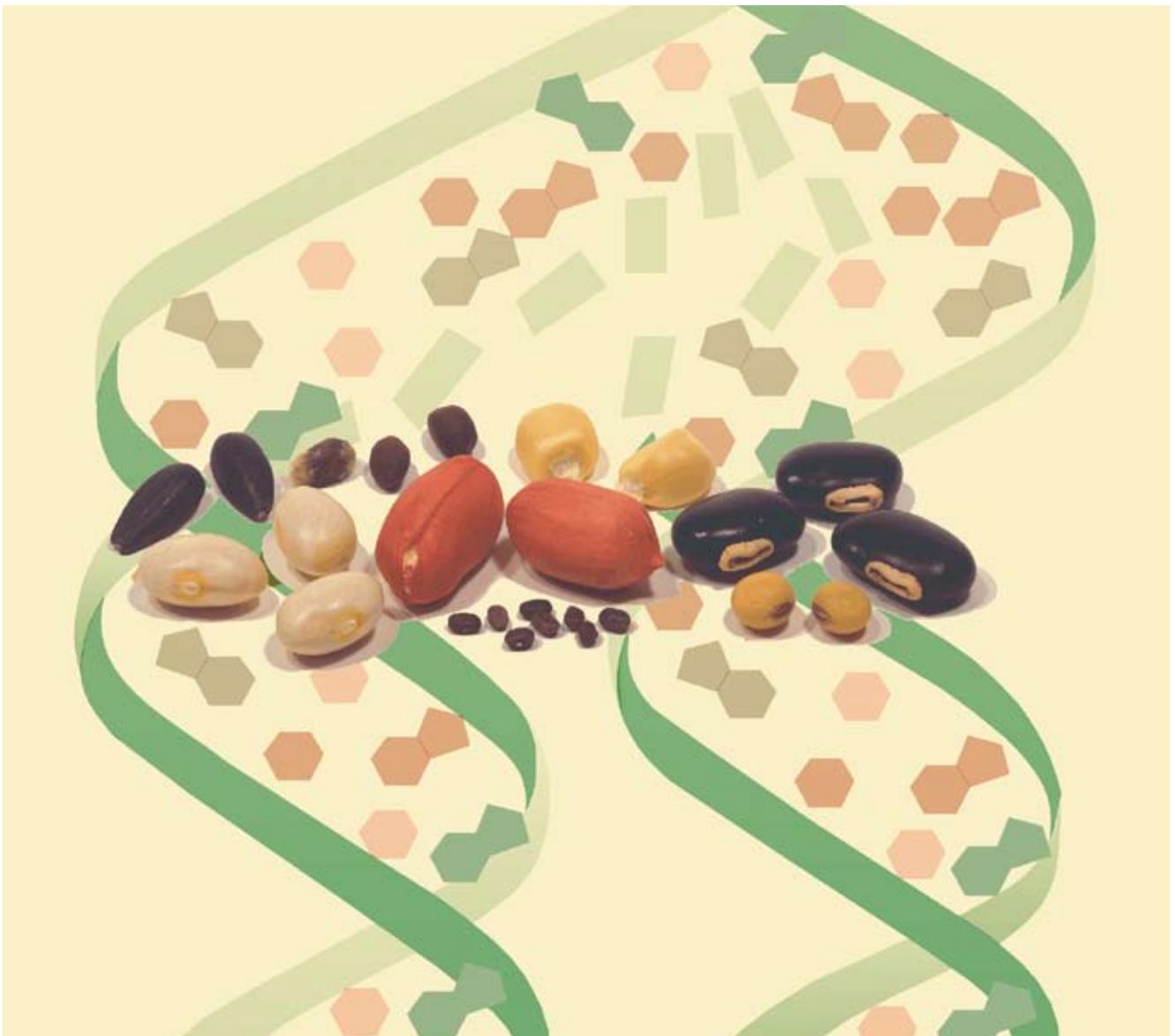


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## Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights



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## Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holds a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wish to carry out changes and are willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

Training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

With the advent of genetic engineering and novel multilateral IPR agreements a new chapter in the history of gene hunting has started. Genetic resources represent the basic building blocks for the development of improved agricultural and industrial crops, pharmaceuticals and the natural products industry. In recent times, there has been a growing appreciation of the role of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in inspiring human capital formation,

knowledge diffusion, benefit sharing and technological innovation, necessary for national development. International conventions and treaties together with the rapid biotechnology development have led to new conditions for the access of genetic resources and knowledge. The Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the requirements under for example WTO/ TRIPS have led to stricter mechanisms for access to benefit sharing and control of genetic resources as well as new regimes for protection of biological innovations. This new environment has created both threats and opportunities for countries in the South, which must develop a clear understanding of the development and its implications. To be able to capture benefits and protect knowledge and genetic resources, countries must formulate efficient national and institutional policies/regulations and also engage in the international debate and fora.

However, the IPR and other legal instruments controlling access and transfers of genetic resources are increasingly complex, the literature is vast and incomprehensive, models are complex, and options are many. Thus, policy makers, scientists and other practitioners especially in resource poor countries face a considerable challenge in formulating IPR policies and negotiating appropriate agreements. Recognising this fact, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences/SLU with the assistance of Stockholm Environment Institute and Svalöf Consulting AB are offering a unique 'IPR/Genetic Resources Programme' called GRIP comprising three weeks course work, intermediate personal change project in home country and one week follow up regional seminar.



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Director General  
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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

## GRIP Programme Objectives

- To assist participants to understand the multilateral and bilateral background and the implications of the recent developments related to IPRs, Access and Benefit Sharing and exchange of genetic resources and related information.
- To enable participants to find, use and draw conclusions from sources of information and expertise world-wide, related to IPRs and exchange of genetic resources.
- To enhance participants' managerial efficiency to handle, address and deal with genetic resources and intellectual property rights issues. This will be done with a view on how to facilitate participants' understanding on

how to develop appropriate IPR instruments for beneficial partnerships between various actors in regional or international settings.

- To improve participants' ability to catalyse the development of intellectual property rights policies and corresponding implementation frameworks on genetic resources at the national and institutional level.

## GRIP Programme Structure

The Programme is divided in three phases. The first phase will take place in Svalöv, Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden, between May 4 and 22, 2009. The second phase will consist of participants' own work on their personal project of change in their respective home countries. The

third phase, is a follow up workshop held in one of the participating countries. Before the start of the Programme, all participants will be assigned to write a situation analysis which will consist of a 3–4 page analysis and review of genetic resources/intellectual property (IP) issues in their home country. Based on this analysis, participants will be asked to identify and provide a short description of a suggested personal project of change.

## Contents

### First phase programme work:

*Part 1 – Background on Genetic resources and IPR regimes*

- Fundamentals of intellectual property systems and the new regimes for trade and exchange of genetic resources and the pros-

- pects/problems/risks for developing countries.
- Country presentations on national regulations, positions and policies.

*Part 2 – Global conventions / International agreements / Patent regimes*

- Description and discussion of various IPR regimes governing the exchange of genetic resources; such as: WTO/TRIPS; CBD; UPOV; Bonn Guidelines on Access and Benefit sharing; Cartagena Biosafety Protocol; International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on access to genetic resources and protection of traditional knowledge and folklore.
- Examples of legal cases including their policy consequences.

*Part 3 – Institutional and national intellectual property policy and management issues*

- Proprietary knowledge management including “hands on” training on practical issues relating to the use and development of IPR agreements for exchange of genetic resources including negotiation exercises.
- Institutional and national IPR policy development.

*Part 4 – Developing functional national and institutional policies and frameworks*

- Policies, strategies and frameworks to support development of IPR/ Access and Benefit Sharing regimes for exchange genetic resources.
- Study of case studies of successful IPR partnerships supporting the sustainable use of genetic resources.
- Participants will briefly present the plans for their project of change which they will work on in the intermediate phase.

**Second phase:**

**The individual change project**

The project of change is an individual project that participants will start to work on during and following the first three weeks in Sweden. Within the project of change, participants

are supposed to contribute to the strengthening of IPR /genetic resources regimes in their respective home countries. For a project to be successful it is important that it is feasible to do within the given time frame. The project of change must be firmly anchored in the participant’s home institution/organisation with a commitment from its upper management to allow for implementation of the project. This commitment should be clearly expressed in the application. Participants will not receive any financial support for their work on the project but each participant will be given a personal mentor who will be assigned time to advise participants throughout the implementation of their individual project of change.

**Third phase**

Phase 3 will be a workshop located in one of the participating countries between January 24 and 29, 2010. Phase 3 will include presentations and follow up of the projects of change. The aim of this phase is to gain experience as regards lessons learnt at the individual level by participants in implementing their change projects. During this phase, strategies and directions for continued networking will be developed.

**Teaching**

The Programme, spanning from May 2009 to January 2010, will include lectures, group discussions, workshops, practical training, negotiating exercises, personal projects and field visits. The workload during the Programme will be heavy and participants are expected to be active and engaged. Project work and communication will be continuous parts of the Programme.

**Management and staff**

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences assisted by Stockholm Environment Institute and Svalöf Consulting will provide the programme management. Lecturers and other resource persons will be drawn from relevant Swedish and International Expertise.

**Participation**

*Number of participants limited to 25.*

**Participant profile:**

- The Programme is directed to individuals at senior commanding level from the government sector (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture, national IP office) and from national R&D institutions in charge of managing and defining regulatory/policy IPR frameworks on genetic resources.
- Women are especially encouraged to apply.

**Target region:**

Global, but priority for Sub Saharan Africa

**Language requirements**

The training programme will be organized and conducted in English and consequently high proficiency in the English language is required. Candidates should be able to provide independent certification of their language skills, preferably by submitting results from an internationally recognized language test.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

**Application Process**

**Closing date for application is  
January 15, 2009.**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

Application should be written on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents.

An English language test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability.

The Swedish Embassy/Consulate does not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate.

If there is no Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the Programme Secretariat. Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or telefax. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

## Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities as well as accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs.

International travel costs to and from Sweden are not covered by Sida.

The participant carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport.

Sida always pays international travel costs in connection to the

third phase of the training programme.

Personal expenses are not included.

## Accommodation

All participants will be accommodated in a hotel in the city of Lund. Each participant will have his/her own single room with bathroom.

## Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journey and stay during the training programme. The visa should be valid for the whole period of the programme and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Inquiries should be directed to the respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate alternatively other Schengen representation as soon as possible after acceptance into the programme. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement.

The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

## Contact information

The address for application forms and formal issues is:

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### Programme Responsibility

– policy and management:

Department for Plant Biology and Forest Genetics/VBSG at SLU

Director of Programme and Supervision:

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Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

Administration: Marie Hardfors,

Per Andersson, Svalöf Consulting AB

For more information, this website offers Swedish visa information: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html>

## Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden and on organised tours during the programme. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

*Halving poverty by 2015 is one of the greatest challenges of our time, requiring cooperation and sustainability. The partner countries are responsible for their own development. Sida provides resources and develops knowledge and expertise, making the world a richer place.*



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## Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences/SLU

SLU develops knowledge about our biological natural resources – everything that lives and grows. At SLU we conduct research, teach and inform about the opportunities, and possible risks incurred, when using our forests, landscapes, soils and animals in different ways. SLU works with everything that grows, whether it is plants that provide us with food, give us income, or are just there to be beautiful. The knowledge that we supply is essential to enable us to utilize our forests, our landscapes, our soil and our animals in a sustainable way. SLU comprises of four faculties and has four different campuses in Sweden. SLU has 2 600 employees, 3 600 students and 700 postgraduate students ([www.slu.se](http://www.slu.se)).

## Stockholm Environment Institute

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) is an independent, international research institute specializing in sustainable development and environment issues. SEI's mission is to support decision making and induce change towards sustainable development around the world by providing knowledge that bridges science and policy in the field of environment and development ([www.sei.se](http://www.sei.se)).

## Svalöf Consulting AB

The overall objective of Svalöf Consulting is to provide know-how and consulting services to the agri-food sector in developing countries. The seed industry development expertise is the dominating feature, covering the whole chain from plant biotechnology and breeding to seed production and marketing. Svalöf Consulting is a young company, established in April 2006. However, it has a long and unique experience since Svalöf Weibull (SW) ceded the Consultancy Department together with its commitments and staff engaged in agricultural and seed development projects. Access to the knowledge in utilizing plant genetic resources, evolution of plant breeding and commercialisation of varieties in Sweden will be maintained ([www.svalofconsulting.com](http://www.svalofconsulting.com)).

Received application by administration:

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comment, see attached note 

## APPLICATION FORM (Typewriting or block letters)

The _____ Country _____ (name of nominating organisation/institution/company)
nominates _____ (name of applicant)
<b>To the programme Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights (218)</b> <b>Svalöv, Sweden, May 4–22, 2009</b>
Reasons for nomination _____ (obligatory)
Date _____
Signature of nominating organisation/institution/company _____

(When necessary/applicable)
The Nomination is approved by (name of authorising authority) _____ in accordance with local rules.
Date _____ Signature of authorising authority _____

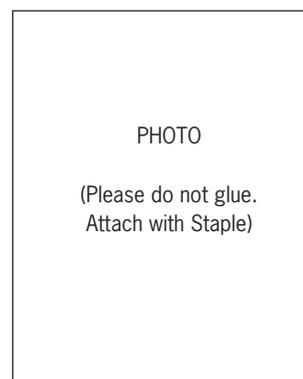
The Application should be submitted to the appropriate Swedish Embassy/Consulate at the latest on **January 15, 2009**.  
The Embassy/Consulate will forward it to the programme secretariat.

If no appropriate Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the country,  
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## PERSONAL HISTORY

1. First name (underline name by which formally addressed)		Second name		Family name (surname)	
2. Office address			3. Telephone (to office). (country code/area code)		
			Fax no.		
			E-mail (obligatory)		
4. Home address			5. Telephone (home) (country code/area code)		
			Mobile phone:		
			E-mail (home):		
6. Nationality		Date of birth	Day	Month	Year
7. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female					
8. Name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency (incl. country code/area code)					
Telephone:			E-mail:		

9. Education (start with last attended institution and work backwards)			
Name of institution and place of study	Major fields of study	Years of study from – to	Degrees
10. List membership of professional societies or other activities in civil, public or international affairs			
11. List any relevant publication you have written (do not attach)			
12. Previous residence in foreign country in relation to applicant's professional or study interest			
Have you participated in any training programme in Sweden before?			
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Name of programme, year _____			

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

In order that your application may be complete, please give details of your duties and responsibilities for each of the posts you have occupied.

### A. Present position

Title of your post	Description of your work, including your personal responsibilities
Years of service: from–to	
Type and level of organisation	
Name of supervisor (if any)	
Name and address of employer	

## B. Previous position

Title of your post	Description of your work, including your personal responsibilities
Years of service: from–to	
Type and level of organisation	
Name of supervisor (if any)	
Name and address of employer	

Please state briefly the reason for applying to this programme, your main field of interest within the programme and how you hope to benefit from the programme. (Continue on supplementary page if necessary but no more than one page).

## CASE STUDY / CHANGE PROJECT

Please describe your Case Study / Change project, including title, on no more than two supplementary pages.

Enclosed description 1–2 pages

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

English certification does not have to be carried out if any of the following is applicable:

- English is my mother tongue or official language of the country.
- English is my working language (please enclose statement from management)
- Carried out higher academic education (min 6 months) where English was the medium of instruction (please enclose copy of certificate)

# CERTIFICATE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Not required if any of the conditions at the bottom of page 3 apply

Name of candidate _____	
<b>ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands without difficulty when addressed at normal rate <input type="checkbox"/> Understands almost everything, if addressed slowly and carefully <input type="checkbox"/> Requires frequent repetition and/or translation of words and phrases	<b>ABILITY TO SPEAK</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks fluently and accurately and is easily intelligible <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks intelligibly, but is not fluent or altogether accurate <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks haltingly, and is often at a loss for words and phrases
<b>ABILITY TO WRITE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Writes with ease and accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Writes slowly and with only a moderate degree of accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Writes with difficulty and makes frequent mistakes	<b>READING ABILITY AND COMPREHENSION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Reads fluently, with full comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> Reads slowly, but understands almost everything <input type="checkbox"/> Reads with difficulty, and only with frequent recourse to a dictionary
Language test administered by: _____	
Title: _____	
Address and Telephone: _____	
Date and signature: _____	

## MEDICAL STATEMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have any infectious diseases (for example tuberculosis or trachoma) or any other illnesses which could present risks to persons that I will come in contact with.
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have any medical conditions which prevent me from carrying out training away from home.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am in good health and enjoying full working capacity.
Comment: _____
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<b>Information to all applicants according to the Swedish Personal Data Act:</b> Upon confirmation that your application have been accepted, the personal information that your have given in this application will be used by the Programme Organiser in administering the Programme, Your personal data will also be available to Sida for internal use. The data will not be used for other purposes. If you want a record of field personal information you must send a written request to Mr Tomas Törn, ITP, SE-105 25 Stockholm, Sweden or tomas.torn@sida.se
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Signature of Applicant

I certify that my statement in answer to the foregoing questions is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
If selected as a participant I undertake to spend the time during the period of the programme as directed by the programme management.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

If you are selected, you will be notified by fax or e-mail. **Please confirm your acceptance to attend by fax or e-mail.**