



# Opportunities for PRA Harmonization

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# Opportunity

(noun)

1. an appropriate or favorable time or occasion
2. a situation or condition favorable for attainment of a goal
3. a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success

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# Harmonize

(verb)


1. to bring into harmony, accord, or agreement in action, sense, or feeling
2. to sing in harmony.

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# Seeds as Pathways

- International seed trade has grown exponentially since the late 1980's
- Global industry
  - Seed can be produced, processed and packaged in multiple countries before reaching the final market
  - Re-export is common
- Currently limited harmonization of import requirements

# Seeds as Pathways (con't)

- Seed is recognized as a pest pathway
  - Increased complexity of seed system
  - New pathogens
  - Increased risk aversion
  - Initiation of discussion on global phytosanitary systems
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# Where do we start to harmonize?

- Discussion on what to include - diseases, live insects, soil, weed seeds, other contaminants?
- Pest risk analysis
  - Development of shared pest lists between interested countries for identified pests and seed types
  - Sharing of information when new pests are linked to the seed pathway
  - Cooperation on updates to pest lists

# Potential Benefits

- Shared resources / expertise
- Facilitation of re-exports
- Starting point for vision of a global seed system?

# Next...

- Establishing common phytosanitary import requirements between like minded countries?
  - Recognition/ sharing of testing results?
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