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- Initiating, supporting and maintaining organic plant breeding programs
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- Carrying out meetings and workshops on organic seed and organic plant breeding issues
- Providing discussion papers on plant breeding issues to support decision making processes

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