

Council**C/60/1****Sixtieth Ordinary Session
Geneva, October 23, 2026****Original:** English
Date: June 16, 2026**ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA***prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***1. Opening of the session**

The Secretary-General will deliver opening remarks at the Council.

2. Adoption of the agenda**3. Appointment of the Secretary-General** (document C/60/4)

The General Assembly of WIPO appointed, on April 21, 2026, Mr. Daren Tang as Director General of WIPO for a term from October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2032. In accordance with the UPOV Convention and the WIPO/UPOV Agreement, the Council will be invited to appoint Mr. Daren Tang as Secretary-General of UPOV for the period from October 23, 2026, to September 30, 2032.

4. Developments in UPOV and overview of relevant matters for the Council

(document SESSIONS/2026/1)

A presentation will be made on strategic matters with access to a video on developments in UPOV.

5. Examination of the conformity of the legislation or proposed legislation of any State or organization having submitted a request under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention

If there are no requests by September 21, 2026, this agenda item will be deleted.

6. Report by the President on the work of the hundred and fourth session of the Consultative Committee; adoption of recommendations, if any, prepared by that Committee
(document CC/104/xx "Report")**7. UPOV Financial statements for 2025 and WIPO/UPOV ASHIP Annual Report for the year to December 31, 2025** (documents C/60/9 and C/60/13)

The Council will be invited to consider and approve the following documents:

- (a) UPOV Financial Statements for 2025; and
- (b) WIPO/UPOV ASHIP Annual Report for the year to December 31, 2025.

8. UPOV Performance Report 2024-2025 (document C/60/2)

The Council will be invited to note the UPOV Performance Report for the biennium 2024-2025 (UPR). The UPR will include an overview of the statistics of applications and titles granted in UPOV members.

9. Reports of the External Auditor (documents C/60/10 and C/60/14)

The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK) will present the following reports to the Council:

- (a) Report by the External Auditor on the 2025 UPOV financial statements
- (b) Report by the External Auditor on the WIPO/UPOV After Service Health Insurance Plan (ASHIP)

The Council will be invited to note the information contained in those reports.

10. Arrears in contributions as of September 30, 2026 (document C/60/11)

The Council will be invited to note the status of payments of contributions indicated in document C/60/11 as of September 30, 2026, and any additional payments made after September 30, 2026, and before October 23, 2026.

11. WIPO/UPOV Agreement (Revision) (document C/60/15)

The WIPO/UPOV Agreement was signed in 1982. WIPO and UPOV are committed to maintaining existing arrangements for administrative and technical cooperation. WIPO provides services to UPOV, while UPOV indemnifies WIPO for any services rendered and expenses incurred on its behalf. Considering administrative and technical advancements, as well as the adoption of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, it has become necessary to update certain provisions of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement. The Council will be invited to approve the updated text, which, subject to approval by the WIPO Coordination Committee, in July 2027, will be signed by the President of the Council and the Director General of WIPO.

12. Development of guidance and documents proposed for adoption by the Council
(document SESSIONS/2026/2)

(a) Information documents:

UPOV/INF/13 **Guidance on how to become a member of UPOV (Revision)**
(document SESSIONS/2026/2)

Proposed revision to update cross-references and implement efficiency measures

UPOV/INF/16 **Exchangeable Software (Revision)** (document UPOV/INF/16/14 Draft 1)

Exchangeable software refers to software developed by UPOV members and made available to other UPOV members, subject to any specified conditions. Proposals for inclusion of new software are presented for review by the Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques (TWM). The TWM makes a recommendation to the Technical Committee (TC) on whether to include that software in document UPOV/INF/16.

Based on the recommendations of the Consultative Committee in 2025, the Council will be invited to modify the "Procedure for inclusion of the software" in document UPOV/INF/16, so that future revisions of that document would be delegated to the Technical Committee and would not require formal adoption by the Council.

UPOV/INF/22 Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union (Revision)
(document UPOV/INF/22/13 Draft 1)

Document UPOV/INF/22 is a catalogue of commercially available software and equipment used by UPOV members for plant variety protection purposes. It covers tools for managing PVP applications, online application systems, variety denomination checking, and DUS trial design and data analysis. UPOV members report annually on their use of the listed software and equipment, and the document is updated on a rolling basis.

Based on the recommendations of the Consultative Committee in 2025, the Council will be invited to modify the “Procedure for inclusion of the software/equipment” in document UPOV/INF/22, so that future revisions of that document will not require formal adoption by the Council.

(b) TGP documents:

TGP/5 Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing: Section 11 “Examples of Policies and Contracts for Material Submitted by the Breeder” (Revision)
(document TGP/5 Section 11/2 Draft 1)

The Council will be invited to adopt a revision of document TGP/5 Section 11 to replace information previously provided by the European Union with the current policy on the status of plant material submitted for DUS testing.

TGP/15 Guidance on the Use of Biochemical and Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) (Revision)
(document TGP/15/4 Draft 1)

The Council will be invited to adopt a revision of document TGP/15 to include procedures for validating characteristic-specific molecular markers; and a standard template for providing information in Test Guidelines on how to assess characteristics using these markers.

13. New developments in members of the Union (document C/60/12)

The Council will be invited to consider new developments presented by UPOV members. The Consultative Committee in October 2025 agreed to move this standard item to the agenda of the Council as from 2026, to facilitate engagement with future UPOV members and other observers.

14. Program of meetings:

- (a) Approval of work programs for the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Technical Committee and the Technical Working Parties (document C/60/5)
- (b) Calendar of meetings (document C/60/8)

15. Election of the new Chairs of the:

- (a) Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA)
- (b) Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF)
- (c) Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques (TWM)
- (d) Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO)
- (e) Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWW)

16. Matters for information:

- (a) Report on activities during the first nine months of 2026 (document C/60/3)
- (b) List of the taxa protected by the members of the Union (document C/60/6)
- (c) Plant variety protection statistics for the period 2021-2025 (document C/60/7)

17. Adoption of a document reflecting the decisions adopted in the session

18. Closing of the session

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