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- 1. Opening of the session**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Developments in UPOV and overview of relevant matters for the Administrative and Legal Committee** (document SESSIONS/2026/1)

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

- 4. Report on developments in the Technical Committee** (document TC/62/xx "Report")

The Chair of the TC will inform the CAJ of key developments at TC/62 relevant for the CAJ, including matters during the TC open discussion on "Environmental effect in expression of characteristics; Completeness and relevance of variety collections; Phytosanitary matters that impact access to plant material".

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

The CAJ will be invited to approve the following revisions of TGP documents before their adoption by the Council.

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)
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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)
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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.

6. Measures to enhance cooperation in examination (document SESSIONS/2026/3)

The CAJ will continue discussions on possible measures to increase cooperation in DUS examination and the acceptance of DUS test reports. A progress report will be provided on the webinars organized on: (1) environmental effects on the expression of characteristics, (2) completeness and relevance of variety collections, and (3) phytosanitary delays in DUS testing. The recorded webinar presentations are available on the UPOV website.

7. Updates from UPOV members and observers relating to the implementation of the concept of essentially derived varieties (document CAJ/83/2)

Following the revision of the Explanatory Notes on Essentially Derived Varieties under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention (UPOV/EXN/EDV/3), the Council decided to add this matter as a standing item of the CAJ agenda.

The CAJ will be invited to consider relevant developments, for instance, the role of molecular techniques in EDV assessment and reports on EDV case law.

8. Report on the Working Group on Harvested Material and Unauthorized use of Propagating Material (WG-HRV) (document CAJ/83/3)

The CAJ will note that the WG-HRV has considered the study on the “Scope of the Breeder’s Right” and the relationship with the “Exhaustion of the Breeder’s Right” and will receive a progress report on the work of the WG-HRV.

9. Developments concerning UPOV e-PVP (document SESSIONS/2026/4)

The CAJ will be informed on developments concerning UPOV e-PVP including statistics on the use of UPOV PRISMA, the Exchange Module and the Administrative Module. The CAJ will receive a progress report on the UPOV PRISMA Plus Pilot Project.

10. UPOV information databases (document SESSIONS/2026/5)

The CAJ will be invited to consider the analysis of the outcome of the surveys for the PLUTO contributors and the users and any resulting recommendations for the program of improvements of the PLUTO Database.

11. Molecular techniques (document SESSIONS/2026/6)

The CAJ will consider matters concerning the use of molecular techniques, including:

- (a) developments at the Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques (TWM) in relation to the use of molecular markers in DUS examination, variety identification, assessment of essential derivation, and enforcement;
- (b) discussions at the TWPs on cooperation on the use of molecular information, including joint development of molecular markers, managing variety collections and variety identification;
- (c) cooperation with international organizations, including possible joint initiatives with OECD and ISTA:
 - (i) harmonization of terms, definitions and methods in relation to molecular techniques;
 - (ii) joint meeting with TWM, OECD Seed Schemes and ISTA Variety Committee; and
 - (iii) establishing common sets of molecular markers for variety identification.
- (d) the results of the 2026 survey on the use of molecular markers per crop.

12. Program for the eighty-fourth session
13. Adoption of the report (if time permits)
14. Closing of the session

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