

**Technical Committee**

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## REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Outcome of the consideration of documents by correspondence (document TC/56/22)
4. Report by the Vice Secretary-General on developments in UPOV (document TC/56/INF/8)
5. Progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties, including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) (documents BMT/19/15, TWA/49/7, TWC/38/11, TWF/51/10, TWO/52/11, TWV/54/9 and oral reports by the Chairpersons)
6. Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties (document TC/56/3)
7. Recommendations concerning the election of new chairpersons of the Technical Working Parties (document TC/56/15)
8. Development of guidance and information materials
  - 8.1 Matters for adoption by the Council in 2020 (document TC/56/4 Rev.)
    - (a) Information documents
 

Exchange and use of software and equipment:

UPOV/INF/16	Exchangeable Software (Revision) (document UPOV/INF/16/9 Draft 2)
UPOV/INF/22	Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union (Revision) (document UPOV/INF/22/7 Draft 1)
    - (b) TGP documents
 

TGP/5 Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing  
Section 6: UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description (Revision) (document TGP/5: Section 6/3 Draft 1)

TGP/7 Development of Test Guidelines (Revision)  
(document TGP/7/8 Draft 1)

TGP/14 Glossary of Terms Used in UPOV Documents (Revision)  
(document TGP/14/5 Draft 1)

TGP/15 Guidance on the Use of Biochemical and Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) (Revision)  
(document TGP/15/3 Draft 1)

8.2 Possible future revisions of guidance and information materials (document TC/56/14)

(a) Information documents

Review of document UPOV/INF/17 "Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction ('BMT Guidelines')" (document TC/56/13)

(b) TGP documents

TGP/8 Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (Revision)

(i) Data Processing for the Production of Variety Descriptions for Measured Quantitative Characteristics (document TC/56/5)

(ii) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document TC/56/6)

9. Molecular techniques (document TC/56/7)

10. Possible merger of BMT and TWC (document TC/56/10 Rev.)

11. Strategy for cooperation in examination (document TC/56/11)

12. Increasing participation of new members of the Union in work of the TC and the TWPs (document TC/56/12)

13. UPOV information databases (document TC/56/8)

14. Preparatory workshops (document TC/56/9)

15. Discussion on minimum distances between varieties (presentations invited)

16. Test Guidelines (documents TC/56/2, TC/56/16, TC/56/17, TC/56/18, TC/56/19, TC/56/20 and TC/56/21)

17. Matters for information\*:

(a) List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (document TC/56/INF/4)

(b) UPOV information databases (document TC/56/INF/3)

(c) UPOV PRISMA (document TC/56/INF/2)

(d) Variety description databases (document TC/56/INF/5)

(e) Molecular techniques (document TC/56/INF/6)

(f) Variety denominations (document TC/56/INF/7)

18. Program for the fifty-seventh session

19. Adoption of the report (if time permits)

20. Closing of the session

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\* Document TC/56/INF/1 will contain the list of persons registered in advance for the session. The final list of persons who attended the session will be published as an annex to the adopted report of the session.