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## TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS

### Preparatory Workshop for the Forty-Third Session

**Mar del Plata, Argentina, November 16, 2014**

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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1. Introduction to UPOV and the role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
2. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
  - Characteristics as the Basis for DUS Examination and Selection of Characteristics.
3. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
  - (a) Subject of the Test Guidelines, Material Required and Method of Examination;
  - (b) Method of Observation (MS, MG, VS, VG);
  - (c) Types of Expression (QL, PQ, QN), notes and distinctness;
  - (d) Shape and Color Characteristics;
  - (e) Example Varieties;
  - (f) The process for developing UPOV Test Guidelines, including: TG Template; Additional Standard Wording; and Guidance Notes.
4. Agenda for the TWP Session
5. Feedback from participants

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