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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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