

Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops**TWA/54/1****Fifty-Fourth Session****Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, May 19 to 22, 2025****Original:** English**Date:** November 28, 2024

DRAFT AGENDA*prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
Matters for discussion
3. Procedures for DUS examination (presentations invited)
4. Document TGP/5 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”, Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description” (Revision) (draft 1))
 - Additional explanations for “UPOV report on technical examination and UPOV variety description”
5. Document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”
 - Situations where illustrations could complement or replace example varieties (document to be prepared by Germany)
6. Using the COYU-Splines method in DUS examination (presentations invited)
7. Information databases (presentations invited)
 - Information on cooperation agreements for DUS examination (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
8. Image analysis and new technologies in DUS examination (presentations from China, Denmark, United Kingdom and presentations invited)
9. Molecular techniques in DUS examination (presentation from the United Kingdom and presentations invited)
 - (a) Guidelines for the validation of characteristic-specific molecular marker protocol (document to be prepared by France and the Netherlands)
 - (b) Reports on existing policies on confidentiality of molecular information (presentations invited)
10. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
11. Developing new characteristics for Barley variety examination (presentations from France and the United Kingdom and presentations invited)
12. Test Guidelines
 - (a) Additional characteristics and states of expression (reports invited)
 - (b) Technical Committee subgroup on Test Guidelines (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)

Full draft Test Guidelines

- *Bent (*Agrostis canina* L., *A. gigantea* Roth, *A. stolonifera* L., *A. capillaris* L.) (document TG/30/7(proj.2)) (Revision) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
- Couch Grass, Bermuda Grass (*Cynodon* Rich.) (document TG/247/2 (proj.1)) (Australia to prepare a document)
- *Festulolium (*Festulolium* Asch. et Graebn.) (Revision) (document TG/243/2 (proj.2)) (Czech Republic to prepare a document)
- *Fodder Beet (*Beta vulgaris* L. Fodder Beet Group) (Revision) (document TG/150/4(proj.3)) (France to prepare a document)
- Grain Amaranth (*Amaranthus* L.) (Revision) (document TG/247/2 (proj.2)) (Slovakia to prepare a document)
- Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilczek) (Revision) (document TG/VIGNA_RAD (proj.3)) (China to prepare a document)
- *Sugarcane (*Saccharum* L.) (Revision) (document TG/186/2(proj.6)) (Australia to prepare a document)

Partial revisions

- *Maize (*Zea mays* L.) (Partial revision: Characteristics 24.1 and 24.2; Addition of new characteristics: Tassel: sterility of male flowers; and Secondary color of grain; addition of characteristic to TQ 5) (document TG/2/7 Rev.) (Netherlands (Kingdom of the) to prepare a document)
- Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam.) (Partial revision: Adding a new characteristic "Leaf blade: anthocyanin coloration of nectary"; Adding a new shape to "Storage root: shape"; Adding new colors to "Storage root: main color of flesh"; Revision of example variety for char. 23) (document TG/258/1) (Japan to prepare document)

13. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
14. Date and place of the next session
15. Future program
16. Adoption of the report on the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

17. Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
18. Report on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)
19. Closing of the session

[End of document]