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 Introduction to UPOV and the role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)

 Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)

* Characteristics as the basis for DUS examination and selection of characteristics

 Use of molecular techniques in DUS examination

 Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)

1. Subject of the Test Guidelines, material required and method of examination
2. Method of observation (MS, MG, VS, VG)
3. Types of expression (QL, PQ, QN), notes and distinctness
4. Shape and color characteristics
5. Example varieties
6. The process for developing UPOV Test Guidelines, including: TG Template; Additional Standard Wording; and Guidance Notes

 Agenda for the TWP Session

 Feedback from participants

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