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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. Use of molecular techniques in DUS examination
4. 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
5. Agenda for the TWP Session
6. Feedback from participants

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