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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:
   1. TG Template;
   2. Role of the leading expert;
   3. How to participate as an interested expert;
   4. Adoption of Test Guidelines by correspondence

Agenda for the TWP Session

Feedback from participants

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