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**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**  
GENEVA

**TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS**

**Preparatory Workshop for the Thirty-Eighth Session**  
**Seoul, August 30, 2009**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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1. Introduction to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
2. Introduction to the UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
3. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
4. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
  - (a) Introduction
  - (b) Guidance on drafting characteristics
  - (c) Method of observation (V/M; G/S)
  - (d) Asterisked, grouping and TQ characteristics
  - (e) Example varieties
  - (f) The process of developing UPOV Test Guidelines
5. UPOV databases (UPOV-ROM; GENIE database)
6. The UPOV website
7. Agenda for the TWA Session
8. Feedback from participants

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