

**Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops**
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**REVISED DRAFT AGENDA**
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1. Opening of the session
  2. Adoption of the agenda
- Matters for discussion
1. Procedures for DUS examination (document TWP/9/1)
    - (a) TGP documents
      - (i) Document TGP/5 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”, Section 6 “UPOV Report on Technical Examination and UPOV Variety Description” (Revision): Additional explanations for “UPOV report on technical examination and UPOV variety description” (document TGP/5, Section 6/5 (draft 1)
      - (ii) Document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines” (revision): Situations where illustrations could complement or replace example varieties (document TWP/9/5)
      - (iii) Comments on guidance and information materials (document TWA/54/6)
    - (b) Characteristics observed in one growing cycle where the minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles (document TWA/54/3)
  3. Information databases
    - Information on cooperation agreements for DUS examination (document TWP/9/2)
  4. Molecular techniques in DUS examination
    - (c) Guidelines for the validation of characteristic-specific molecular marker protocol (document TWP/9/4)
    - (d) Reports on existing policies on confidentiality of molecular information (document TWP/9/6)
  5. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
  6. Test Guidelines (document TWP/9/3)
    - (a) Additional characteristics and states of expression (document TWP/9/3)
    - (b) Technical Committee subgroup on Test Guidelines (document TWP/9/3)
    - (c) Methods of propagating the variety (document TWP/9/3)

## (d) Full draft Test Guidelines

- \*Bent (*Agrostis canina* L., *A. gigantea* Roth, *A. stolonifera* L., *A. capillaris* L.) (document TG/30/7(proj.3)) (Revision)
- \*Festulolium (×*Festulolium* Asch. et Graebn.) (Revision) (document TG/243/2 (proj.3))
- \*Fodder Beet (*Beta vulgaris* L. Fodder Beet Group) (Revision) (document TG/150/4(proj.4))
- Grain Amaranth (*Amaranthus* L.) (Revision) (document TG/247/2 (proj.3))
- Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilczek) (Revision) (document TG/VIGNA\_RAD (proj.4))
- \*Sugarcane (*Saccharum* L.) (Revision) (document TG/186/2(proj.6))

## (e) 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) (documents TG/2/7 Rev. and TWV/59/5-TWA/54/5)
- 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) (documents TG/258/1 and TWA/54/4)

7. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
8. Date and place of the next session
9. Future program
10. Adoption of the report on the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

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

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