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## **REVISED DRAFT AGENDA**

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- 1. Opening of the Session
- 2. Adoption of the agenda (document TWM/1/1 Rev.2)
- 3. Developments in plant variety protection:
  - (a) Reports from members and observers (TWM/1/3)
  - (b) Report on developments within UPOV (TWM/1/2)
- 4. Guidance and cooperation
  - (a) Development of guidance and information materials (document TWP/6/1)
  - (b) Increasing participation in the work of the TC and the TWPs (document TWP/6/12)
  - (c) Cooperation in examination (document TWP/6/9)
  - (d) Information and databases
    - UPOV PRISMA (document TWP/6/3)
    - UPOV information databases (document TWP/6/4)
    - Variety description databases including databases containing molecular data (document TWP/6/2)
    - Variety denominations (document TWP/6/6)
- 5. Software and statistical analysis methods for DUS examination
  - (a) Statistical tools and methods for DUS examination
    - The Combined Over Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document TWP/6/11)
    - Developments on the improved COYU method (splines) (TWM/1/8 and TWM/1/8 Add.)
    - Combined-over-year uniformity (COYU) criterion: Extrapolation (TWM/1/7 and TWM/1/7 Add.)
  - (b) Exchange and use of software and equipment (document TWP/6/5)
    - Development of Statistical Analysis Software: DUSCEL (TWM/1/10)
    - PATHOSTAT application (TWM/1/11)

- 6. Phenotyping and image analysis
  - Image Analysis in Plant Variety Testing (TWM/1/4)
  - Color Imaging Analysis System (TWM/1/5)
  - DUS characteristics image processor (TWM/1/6)
  - UAV potential in DUS testing (TWM/1/20)
  - Machine Learning InnoVar project (TWM/1/25)
- 7. Developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics
  - (a) Latest developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics
  - (b) Cooperation between international organizations (document TWP/6/7)
    - ISTA report on the use of molecular techniques (TWM/1/23)
    - Latest developments in the application of BMT under the OECD Seed Schemes (TWM/1/24)
  - (c) Report of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination
    - Update on IMODDUS activities (TWM/1/14)
  - (d) Methods for analysis of molecular data, management of databases and exchange of data and material
    - Application of molecular markers in DUS testing of new varieties of Chinese cabbage (TWM/1/9)
  - DURDUStools: Development of a common online molecular database and a genetic distance calculation tool for durum wheat (TWM/1/12)
    - Development of a SNP marker set in Cannabis to support DUS testing (TWM/1/17)
  - International harmonisation and validation of a SNP set for the management of tomato reference collection (TWM/1/18)
    - Cotton genotyping using the TAMU 63KSNPsArray (TWM/1/13)
    - The US PVPO Soybean molecular marker method (TWM/1/16)
  - (e) Confidentiality, ownership and access to molecular data, including model agreement template<sup>1</sup> (TWM/1/22)
  - (f) The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation<sup>1</sup>
  - (g) The use of molecular techniques in variety identification<sup>1</sup>
    - Variety identification: soybean case in Argentina (TWM/1/15)
    - Digital PCR for Genotype Quantification: A Case Study in a Pasta Production Chain (TWM/1/21)
  - (h) The use of molecular techniques for enforcement<sup>1</sup>
    - Variety Tracer: Fraudulent use of parental lines (TWM/1/19)
  - (i) Session to facilitate cooperation
- 8. Date and place of the next session
- 9. Future program
- 10. Adoption of the Report on the session (if time permits)
- 11. Closing of the session

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Breeders day" September 22, 2022