



ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS (RPPOS) IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMISSION

The CPM is invited to:

Recall that RPPOs are established under Article IX of the IPPC as coordinating bodies, in their respective geographical area;

Recall the role of the Technical Consultation (TC) among RPPOs in addressing phytosanitary issues leading to the 1997 revised text of the IPPC and the need for the establishment of ICPM;

Recall the key role of RPPOs in the development, update and implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs, as outlined in the Convention and the strategic framework 2012-2019;

Recall that recommendations were adopted by ICPM in 2005 on the roles and functions of RPPOs;

Request that the IPPC Secretariat, SPG, CDC [or their new name/form] and CPM subsidiary bodies continue to collaborate with RPPOs as envisaged in this updated version of the RPPOs' roles and functions.

Encourage RPPOs to continue to collaborate and strengthen their partnerships with each other and with the IPPC Secretariat as envisaged in this updated version of the RPPOs' roles and functions and in the 2015 Secretariat enhancement review.

Encourage the active role of the Technical Consultation among RPPOs as one mechanism to facilitate this collaboration and to provide strategic input to the Bureau and the CPM.

Recognize that nothing in this [Decision] limits or replaces the rights or obligations of contracting parties under the IPPC.

Recognize that nothing in this [Decision] affects the role of RPPOs or limits the activities that RPPOs may undertake.

Adopt the following revised version of the RPPOs' roles and functions in their relationship to the Commission:

Areas of cooperation between RPPOs and the IPPC Secretariat in accordance with article IX.3 of the IPPC include the following:

1) Standard setting process

- participation in the development of standards, such as identifying topics for standards and providing comments during the consultation periods
- identification of regional standards that should be proposed as the basis for future ISPMs
- action as collaborators and assistance in hosting standard setting meetings, as appropriate
- preparation of draft explanatory documents on ISPMs according to paragraph 111 of the Report of the Sixth Session of the Interim Commission, under the auspices of the IPPC Secretariat
- provision of technical and administrative support to Standards Committee members
- participation of RPPO observers in the Standards Committee meetings.

2) Implementation Facilitation and Capacity Development [or their new name/form]

- [joint] organization of IPPC regional workshops in their respective region
- facilitation of implementation of the IPPC and its ISPMs and identification of implementation challenges
- reporting on IPPC and ISPM implementation successes and challenges to the Technical Consultation among RPPOs
- contribution to avoidance and resolution of disputes
- co-operation with the IPPC Secretariat in the delivery of capacity development activities
- participation of RPPO representative[s] in the CDC [or their new name/form]
- contribution to the global implementation of ePhyto.

3) Communications

- collaboration among RPPOs and with the IPPC Secretariat in the dissemination and exchange of information such as: annual reports, workshops, questionnaires, surveys, draft calendars and work plans, publications, websites, and technical resources.

4) Coordination and partnership amongst RPPOs and with the IPPC Secretariat

- attendance and active participation in the TC and CPM
- may assist in the nominations for CPM, subsidiary and other bodies
- ensuring RPPO representation in the IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG)
- nominating RPPO representatives as required to CPM bodies and groups
- participation in global initiatives, such as IYPH and ePhyto
- support to member countries in meeting IPPC obligations in appropriate areas such as pest reporting
- assistance in the translation of IPPC documents
- in-kind cooperation with RPPOs or potential RPPOs requesting support
- provision of information on regional related activities (such as standards, regulations, etc.)
- cooperation with other regions in the organization and active participation in IPPC regional workshops and other capacity development activities
- provision of technical resources to the IPPC resources page, or appropriate links.