MATRIX FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat based on June 2016 CPM Bureau discussion)

Background

1. The Bureau in June 2016 agreed that realigning the characterization of the IPPC Secretariat’s relationships for international cooperation would be a good approach, but there still needs to be some work done on how to prioritize the work with these organizations. The matrix in Annex 1, Table 1 was developed based on the agreed CPM-9 (2014) list[[1]](#footnote-1) and also reflects the discussion at the Bureau June 2016 meeting as well.

Proposal

1. International organizations that the IPPC Secretariat cooperates with in various ways are presented in a matrix (Annex 1, Table 1) containing information related to the type of work carried out by the organization, or cooperation undertaken (which may be done in several ways), and whether there is a written agreement. This matrix should provide a helpful way to rapidly identify organizations where strengthen collaboration on specific topics would be beneficial, it should clarify the topics on which we collaborate and with whom, it should also help identify potential areas for future collaboration. In addition, this matrix should help facilitate the rapid search for relevant contact details. The idea would be to have one list of organizations presented on the IPP that may be filtered differently depending on needs (e.g. “food security”, “trade”, etc.). Each entry will have an “expand” button where a brief introduction to the organization, on what we collaborate and the contact details will be available.
2. Annex 1, Table 1 needs to be reviewed to see if any international organizations who we cooperate with are missing. In this respect, a decision needs to be taken on which organizations to include and set a policy around this. There are some organizations on the list with which we have had little formal engagement with, perhaps limited to an invitation to a workshop or similar. Should they be on the list? Or should we only include organizations that we actively cooperate with to achieve specific goals? Similarly, there are some organizations that are not on the list (see Annex 1, Table 2) but perhaps should be.
3. The categorized of organizations needs to be reviewed and discussed. Firstly, however, it should be clarified if by the category we refer to the mandate of the specific organization or for the area of cooperation.
4. It also needs to be clarified as to what constitutes a written agreement, e.g. do LOAs qualify as they are for a very limited period? Or only MoUs and similar? There is a question in this relation that also needs to be consider as to whether we should have some sort of written agreement with all organizations that we cooperate with. Even a simple an agreement outlining the main points in a letter e.g. on an activity, to raise awareness about a specific issue (sea containers as a pathway) or to build capacities within specific areas may be sufficient. It is noted that MoUs signed by FAO are not included here, but should perhaps be if the IPPC is mentioned, in which case access to the MoUs should be provided. There also needs to be a decision on whether it would be helpful to post the MoUs and combined work plans publicly on the IPP. Lastly, it should be noted that the various work plans and agreements mentioned below are not always easily found and it would be useful if they would be organized in a systematic manner that would allow quick and easy access.
5. The Bureau in June 2016 also discussed the idea of establishing an IPPC industry advisory group and the Bureau generally agreed with the idea as industry advisory groups could be very useful in helping the IPPC Secretariat and contracting parties achieving the mandate of the IPPC. Further discussion by the SPG on the strategic advantages of establishing such a group would be useful.
6. It should be noted that this work, although useful for transparency and increased cooperation, would require some resources.
7. The SPG is invited to:
8. *Discuss* the matrix of international cooperation and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the issues raised in this paper and how to proceed.
9. *Note* the current list of organizations the IPPC Secretariat is currently cooperating with as presented in Annex XX (Annex 1 to this paper).
10. *Request* the Secretariat to update the information on the various organizations presented and reorganize the presentation of them on the IPP to allow them to be filtered by the various categories presented Annex XX (Annex 1 to this paper).
11. *Discuss* the strategic advantages of establishing an IPPC an industry advisory group and how to proceed.

Annex 1

**TABLE 1.**

**Legend:** Y = Yes; N = No; TF = trade facilitation; FS = food security; CD = capacity development; EP = environmental protection; WP = Work plan

| **Organization** | **TF** | **FS** | **CD** | **EP** | **Written agreement** | **Website** | **Contact** | **Secretariat lead** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Agriculture department of FAO |  | X | X |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| Biodiversity liaison group (BLG) |  |  |  | X | N | cbd.int/blg |  | XIA |
| Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) |  |  |  | X | N | Unog.org | Mr Richard Lennane*Head, BWC Implementation Support Unit*rlennane@unog.ch | NOWELL |
| CAB International (CABI) / Plantwise |  | X | X |  | Y (WP) | Cabi.org / plantwise.org | Mr Washington Otieno W.Otieno@cabi.org | NOWELL |
| [Codex Alimentarius](https://www.ippc.int/partners/international-organizations/codexalimentarius/) | X | X |  |  | Y (WP) | fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius | Mr Tom Heilandt Tom.Heilandt@fao.org | LARSON |
| Container Owners Association (COA) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| Convention in International trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) |  |  |  | X |  | cites.org |  | XIA |
| [Convention on Biological Diversity](https://www.ippc.int/partners/international-organizations/cbd/) (CBD) |  |  |  | X | Y (MoU) |  |  | XIA |
| Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases (EMPRES) |  | X |  | X |  |  |  | XIA |
| Forestry department of FAO |  | X |  |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| Imperial College |  |  | X |  | Y (LOA) |  |  | SOSA |
| Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) |  |  | X |  | Y (LOA) | iica.int | Ms Mariela Madrigal Mariela.Madrigal@iica.int | SOSA |
| International Air Transport Association (IATA) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) | X | X |  |  | N | iaea.org | Jorge Hendrichs j.hendrichs@iaea.org | LARSON (Standards)XIA |
| International Chamber of Shipping  | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) |  | X |  |  | Y (WP w. TPFQ) | N/A | Mr. Eric Allen eallen@nrcan.gc.ca | LARSON |
| International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) | X | X |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| International Maritime Organization (IMO) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| International Seed Federation (ISF) | X | X |  |  | N | [worldseed.org](http://www.worldseed.org/) | Ms. Radha Ranganathan r.ranganathan@worldseed.org | LARSON |
| International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) | X | X |  |  | N | seedtest.org | Beni Kaufman beni.kaufman@ista.ch | LARSON |
| International Standards Organization (ISO) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | MOREIRA |
| Ozone Secretariat (United Nations Environment Program) |  |  |  | X | Y (MoU) | [ozone.unep.org/](http://ozone.unep.org/) | Dr. Sophia Mylona Sophia.Mylona@unep.org | GERMAIN |
| Advisory group on Pest risk analysis (AGPRA) |  | X |  |  | N | N/A | Mr. Alan MacLeod alan.macleod@defra.gsi.gov.uk | XIA |
| Phytosanitary measures research group (PMRG) |  | X |  |  | N | N/A | Guy Hallman g.j.hallman@iaea.org | MOREIRA |
| Standards and trade development facility (STDF) |  |  | X |  | N | standardsfacility.org | Ms. Kenza Le Mentec kenza.lementec@wto.org | XIA |
| [Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)](http://www.planttreaty.org/) |  | X |  |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) |  |  |  |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) |  |  | X |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | NOWELL |
| United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) |  |  |  | X | N |  |  | XIA |
| World Animal Health Organization (OIE) | X |  |  |  | N | oie.int | N/A | XIA |
| World Customs Organization (WCO) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | NOWELL / LARSON (Standards) |
| World Health Organization (WHO) |  | X |  |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| World Shipping Council (WSC) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | LARSON |
| World Trade Organization agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO-SPS) Secretariat | X |  |  |  | Y | wto.org/english/tratop\_e/sps\_e/sps\_e.htm | Rolando Alcala Rolando.Alcala@wto.org ; spscommittee@wto.org | XIA |
| World Trade Organization - Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO-TFA) | X |  |  |  | N |  |  | XIA |
| Regional plant protection organizations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | XIA |

**TABLE 2.**

The Secretariat has cooperated minimally with the below listed organizations.

| **Organization** |  |
| --- | --- |
| Commission on Agriculture (COAG) |
| Commission on World Food Security (CFS) |
| Cool logistics (Industry) |
| European Union / Commission |
| Global Environment Facility (GEF) |
| Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) |
| International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) |
| International Labour Organization (ILO) |
| International Seed Federation (IFS) |
| Invasive alien species liaison group (IAS-LG) |
| Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE) |
| United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)  |
| United Nations International Computing Center (UNICC) |
| United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) |
| World Banana Forum  |
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1. See CPM-9 (2014) paper available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2429/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)