

Plant Health Regulation: Key aspects, best practices, recommendations and instruments to support governments (PCE)

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Barbados



Background

Multi-lateral convention

- 177 contracting parties
- 1951 (60th Anniversary)
- Technical agreement
- 1979
- 1997
 - Secretariat
 - WTO-SPS Agreement
 - Std Setting



Background cont.

Scope

- Plants and plant products
- Pests
- Conveyances
- Beneficial organisms
- Agriculture and environment
- Germplasm and research

Trade

- Harmonization of measures



Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

Mission

“Protecting the world's plant resources from pests”



International Plant Protection Convention
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests



IPPC and the WTO-SPS Agreement

One of the “three sisters” of international standard setting recognized by the SPS agreement

Identified in the WTO-SPS Agreement as the authority for plant health standards

Members shall play a full part in the relevant standard setting organization

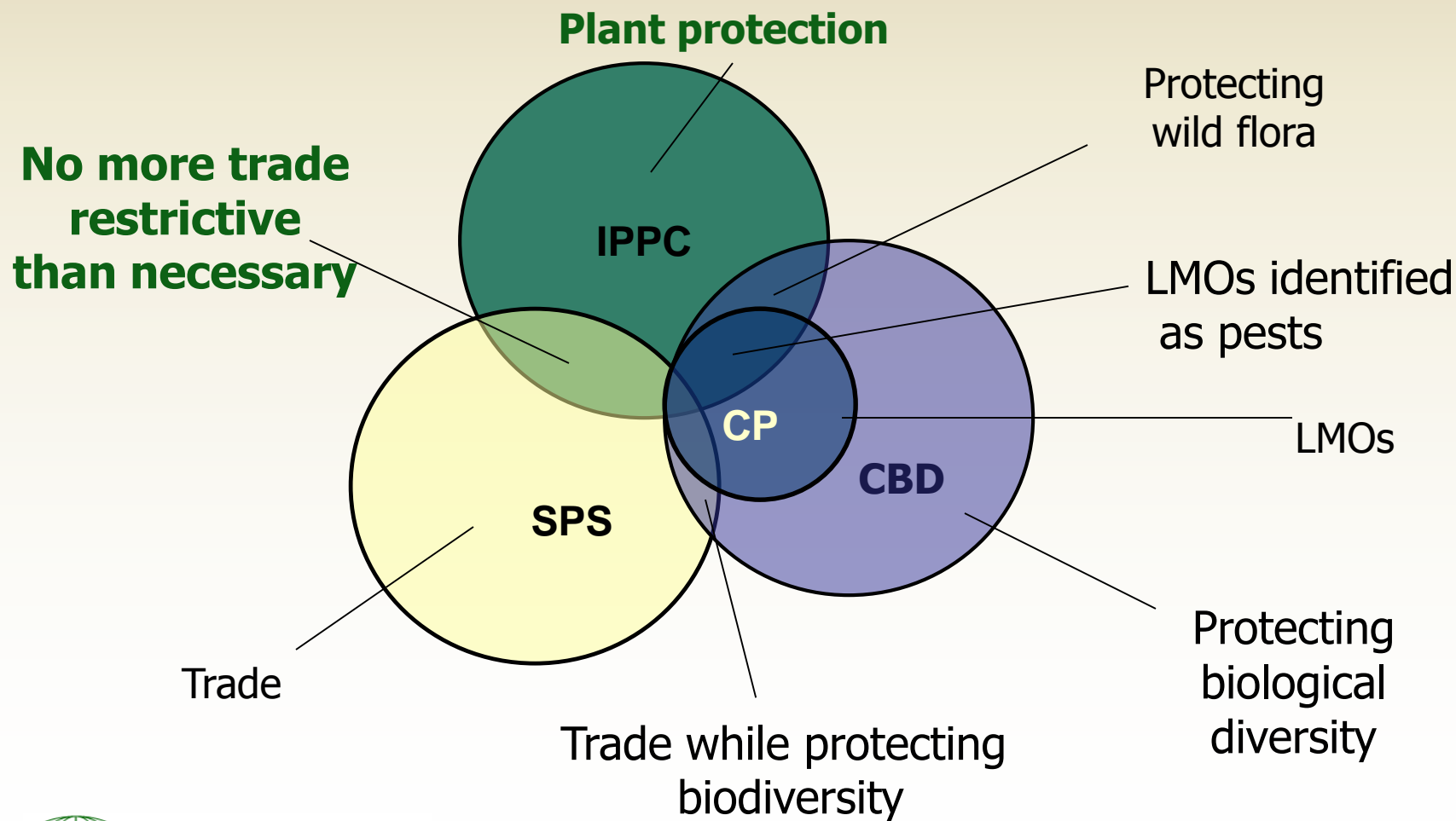
IPPC and the WTO-SPS Agreement

Members shall base their phytosanitary measures on international standards or justify deviations through risk analysis

Standard setting organizations: Codex, OIE, IPPC

(Article 3 of the SPS Agreement, Harmonization)

International regulatory framework (cont.)



Regional Organizations

RPPO

- RPPOs are recognized in the convention
- Coordinate implementation in their regions
- Annual Technical Consultation of RPPOs;
 - All RPPOs meet to encourage inter-regional cooperation and help implement the IPPC work programme

RECs

- Coordination
- No legal basis for implementation on behalf of countries

Governance

Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)



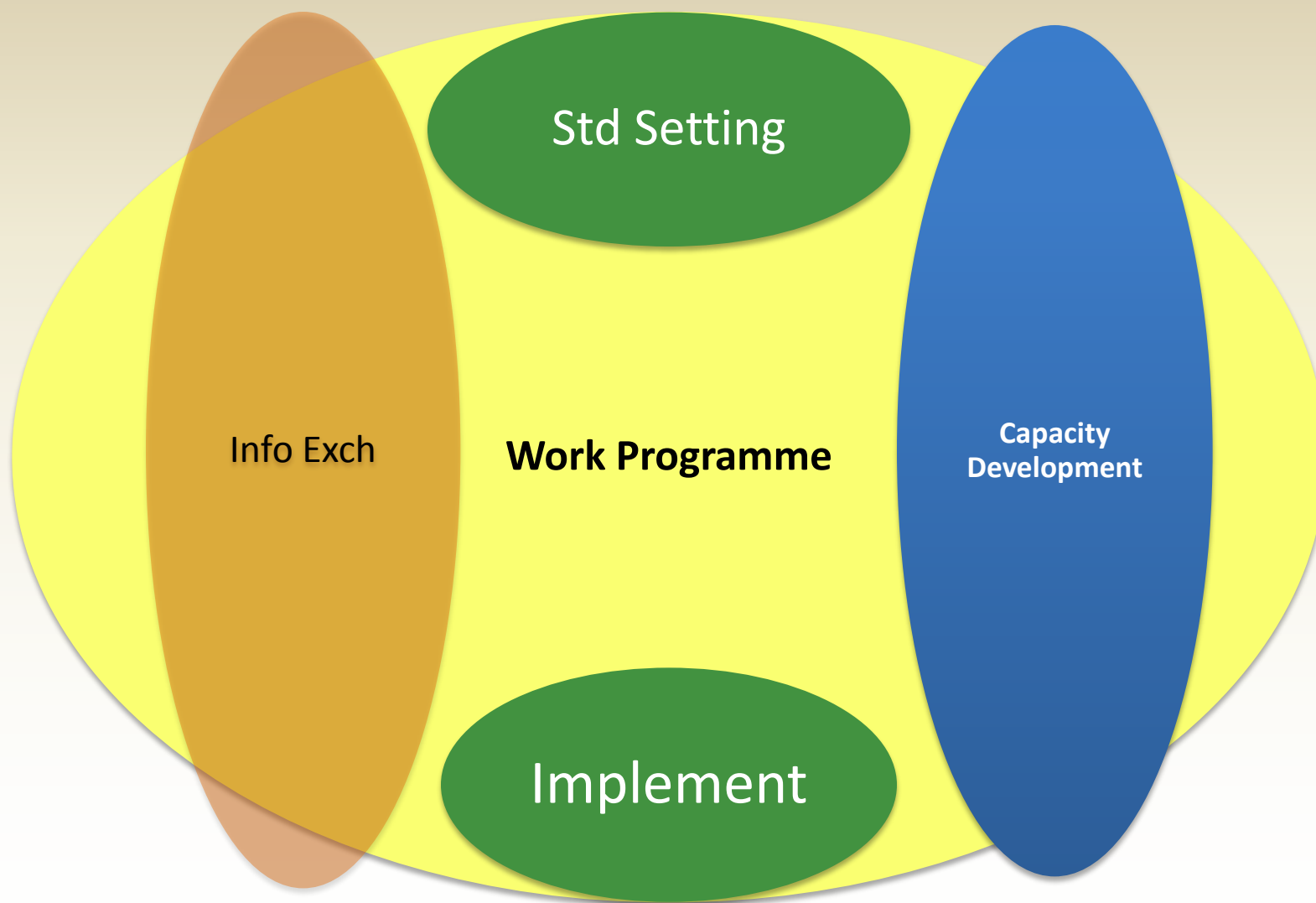
Bureau

Standards Committee (SC)

Subsidiary Body for Dispute Settlement (SBDS)

Secretariat





Strategic Planning

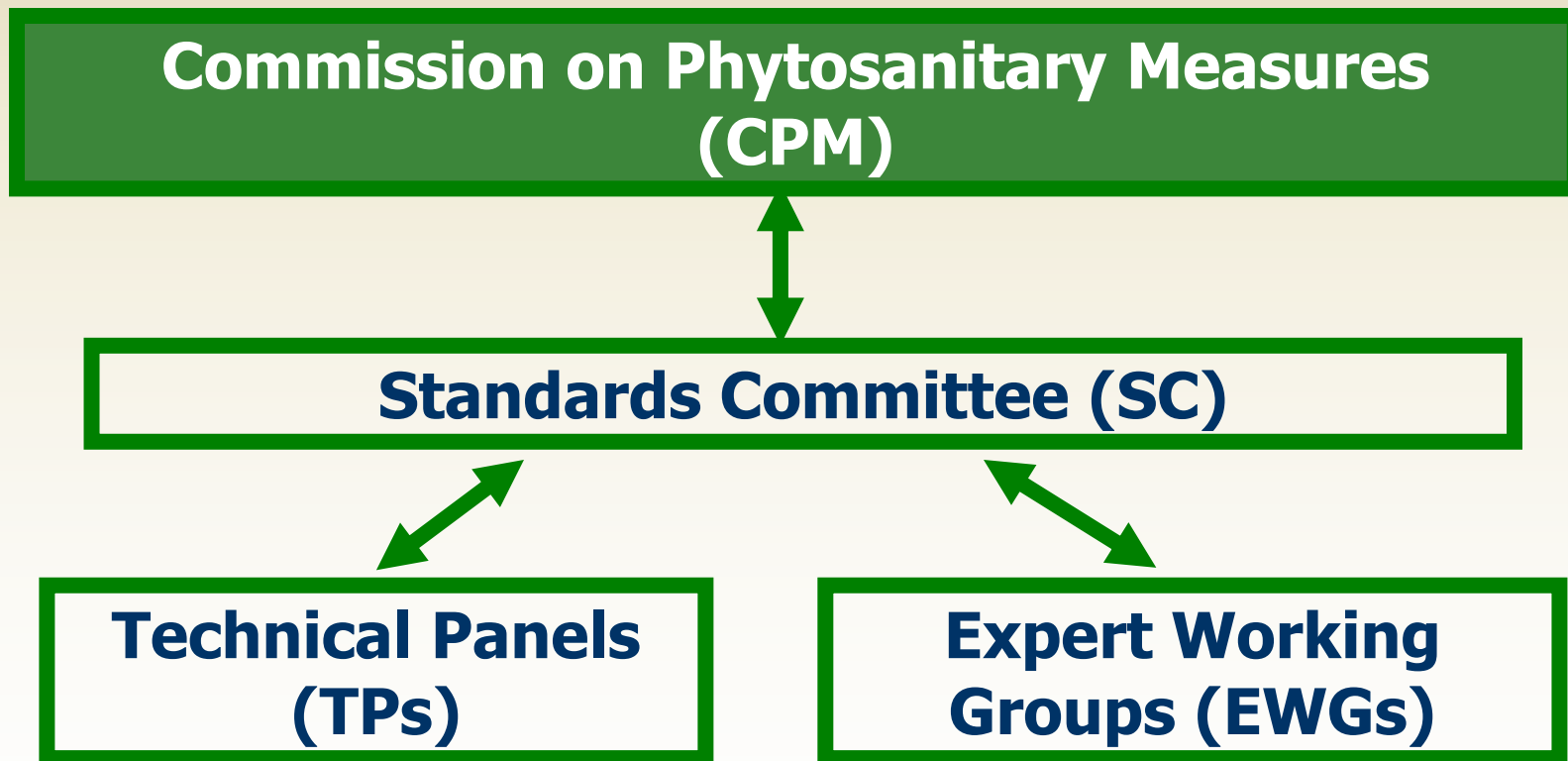
IPPC Strategic framework: 10 years

- Medium Term Plan: 4 years
- Biennium
- Annual work plan

Strategic plans:

- Resource mobilization
- Standard setting
- Communication (including information exchange)
- Capacity development

Standard Setting



Standard Setting

Key function

Topics and priorities

Specifications

Expert Working Groups

Standards Committee

➤ Technical panels

Member consultation

CPM



Standard Setting

Participatory

Transparent

Flexible

Continual improvement

➤ **3rd revision**

Implementation guides



Opportunity to participate

Stage 1: New topic/Work programme

New topic	← <u>Members</u> (NPPOs, RPPOs), <u>SPS Secretary</u> , <u>other organization</u>
Review	← <u>Region</u> (SC)
Work programme	← <u>Contracting Parties</u> (CPM)



Opportunity to participate (Cont')

Stage 2: Drafting

Specification

← Region (SC)

Comment

← Members (NPPOs, RPPOs)
international organizations

Approve Spec

← Region (SC)

Draft text

← Experts

Finalize draft

← Region (SC)

Opportunity to participate (cont.)

Stage 3: Consultation

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| Comment | ← <u>Members</u> (NPPOs, RPPOs),
<u>international organizations</u> |
| Revise draft | ← <u>Region</u> (SC) |

Stage 4: Adoption

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| Comment | ← <u>Members</u> (NPPOs, RPPOs),
<u>international organizations</u> |
| Adopt | ← <u>Contracting Parties</u> (CPM) |

Information exchange

Separate from SPS obligations - additional

National reporting obligations

Contracting parties provide:

- Official contact points
- Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures

IPPC Secretariat:

- Provides official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
- Maintains the IPPC website <http://www.ippc.int>

International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)

www.ippc.int

Official website of the IPPC, containing information such as:

- Official contact points for NPPOs
- Phytosanitary information from countries
 - Regulations, pest reports, structure of NPPOs, points of entry, etc
- Phytosanitary news

CPM work programme

- Official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)

Related information from international organizations, RPPOs, etc.



Information Exchange

Increased access to crucial information

- Risk assessment
- Support decisions
- Reliability of information

Transparency

Initiation of bilaterals

Trust

Functional relationships



Capacity Development

Adopted National Phytosanitary Capacity Development Strategy

- Operational plan / log frame

EWG Capacity Development

Coordination

Quality assurance

Collaboration

Resources www.phytosanitary.info

- Projects, experts, consultants, training, implementation guidance

Dispute Settlement

Technical basis

Non-binding

- Complementary to WTO system

Informal consultations

- Very successful
- Consultations, good offices, mediation, arbitration

Committee = formal process



Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool

Personal assessments, consultants and questionnaires

- *Often not systematic or objective*

Consistent basis for evaluating national phytosanitary capacities

- National capacity systematically measured against international obligations and norms
- Consistent with IPPC and SPS

Instrument to:

- guide capacity development needs
- measure progress in developing national phytosanitary capacity

3rd major revision

Applied in >90 countries



PCE

A National self diagnostic tool designed to:

- identification of the strengths and weaknesses of a national phytosanitary system
- Analyzes the strengths and weaknesses
- identify strategic directions and activities required to improve the situation over a 10-15 year period
- Identify national priorities
- Base for discussion with donors and trading partners
- Allows development of a national project portfolio

PCE Scope

Targeted analysis of the National Plant Protection Organization

Involves private and public sectors

- all relevant institutions
- Encourages industry participation for relevance

Phytosanitary capacity rationalized against trading requirements

- Logical rationale

National phytosanitary strategic plan, and national priorities, determined by overall national capacity and objectives

Modular

Operational environment

Inspection

Pest Response

Pest Diagnostic capabilities

Surveillance



Modular cont.

Legislation

Institutional Issues

Pest Free Areas

Export Certification

Pest Risk Analysis



Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Members do NOT want a compliance mechanism

- Sticks seldom work

Encourage implementation

- ID gaps and provide solutions
- Facilitate implementation of IPPC and ISPMs

Two components

- Review
 - Evaluate implementation (IPPC & ISPMs)
 - Questionnaire, RPPOs, NPPOs Secretariat, other
- Support
 - “Help Desk” for implementation



IRSS Help Desk

Crucial role

Support to national governments

- across all IPPC areas

Used to identify gaps and weaknesses

Types of information:

- FAQs
- Guidance documentation
- Implementation documentation
- Training material (on-line and download)
- Experts database
- Projects database (... donors)



Sub-Regional Issues

Stronger regional coordination and cooperation

RPPO

- **Coordination**
- **Training**
- **Facilitation of IPPC implementation / CD**

What are your IPPC needs based on a systematic analysis?

What can we do to help / support?

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