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Work to its Core Competency**

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This is in reference to the draft text for a new IPPC Strategic Framework (CPM 2017/24). We offer suggestions with respect to the vision statement and content of the Development Agenda for 2020-2030.

Development Agenda

We suggest that future IPPC work, reflected in the "Development Agenda for 2020-2030", be more directly aligned to the IPPC's two core activities associated with:

1. Harmonizing plant health measures used in trade on the basis of IPPC standards
2. Implementation of the IPPC's other objectives related to preventing pest spread.

These two core activities should define the scope of the CPM's future work program. As currently drafted, the proposed "Development Agenda for 2020-2030" contain initiatives which would draw resources and efforts away from the IPPC's primary role as a standard setting body into costly and unachievable endeavors, especially in light of the IPPC's resource base.

It is essential that every one of the initiatives in the "Development Agenda for 2020-2030" is of the highest value and can make a tangible difference to contracting parties and the strategic objectives. Additional resources will be needed to deliver the development agenda, so the initiatives must be capable of attracting strong support from contracting parties and donor agencies.

Accordingly, we propose that the "Development Agenda for 2020-2030" be revised as follows:

Trade Facilitation

- Develop commodity and pathway standards which address the priority needs of IPPC stakeholders, as well as new and emerging pathways such as sea containers, e-commerce, and other new avenues for pest movement driven by globalization, changing supply and distribution chains, and consumer demand.
- Continue and complete the development and uptake of the IPPC global ePhyto hub and generic ePhyto national system which will facilitate safe trade, simplify paperwork, and reduce costs and fraud associated with the exchange of phytosanitary certificates.
- Promote the concept of developing a phytosanitary import requirements database by each NPPO to enhance ease of access and understanding of importing countries' requirements and procedures.
- Continue to promote the development and implementation of risk based, cost-effective, and most targeted pest management measures to regulate trade.

Implementation

- Establish a practical global pest alert system, including mechanisms for evaluating and communicating emerging pest risks for areas under cultivation and for the wild flora.
- Facilitate a greater capacity for emergency response readiness (e.g., developing an international repository of emergency response plans that countries can use including delimiting plans, diagnostic protocols, containment protocols, control options).

- Explore and develop a system of authorized regional laboratory services to support, expedite, and improve the reliability of pest identification.
- Establish a practical mechanism for the CPM to review the state of plant health in the world, including a process to identify phytosanitary knowledge gaps and science challenges, and to develop feasible solutions to address emerging plant health concerns.
- Implement programs that provide targeted training to ensure a harmonized interpretation and application of the Convention and its established standards and thereby reduce and avoid costly trade disruptions and disputes.

Vision Statement

We believe that the CPM's broad, aspirational vision should be revised along the following lines:

"...make the IPPC the recognized, premier international plant health organization in the world committed to protecting global plant resources through harmonized standards that prevent the spread of plant pests which threaten food security, trade, and the environment..."