

3rd IPPC Global Symposium on ePhyto

Future ePhyto Work Plan and Ongoing Communications

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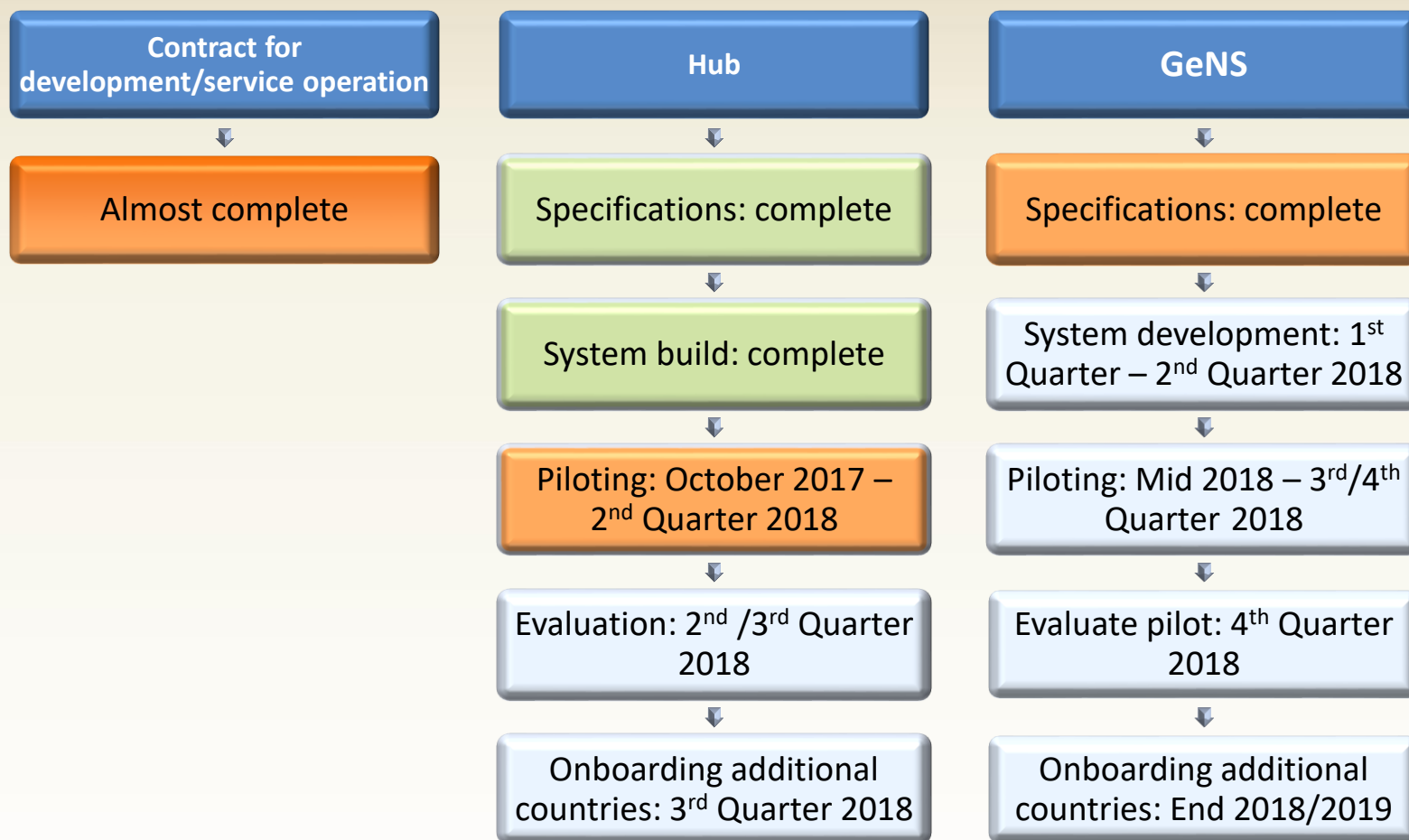
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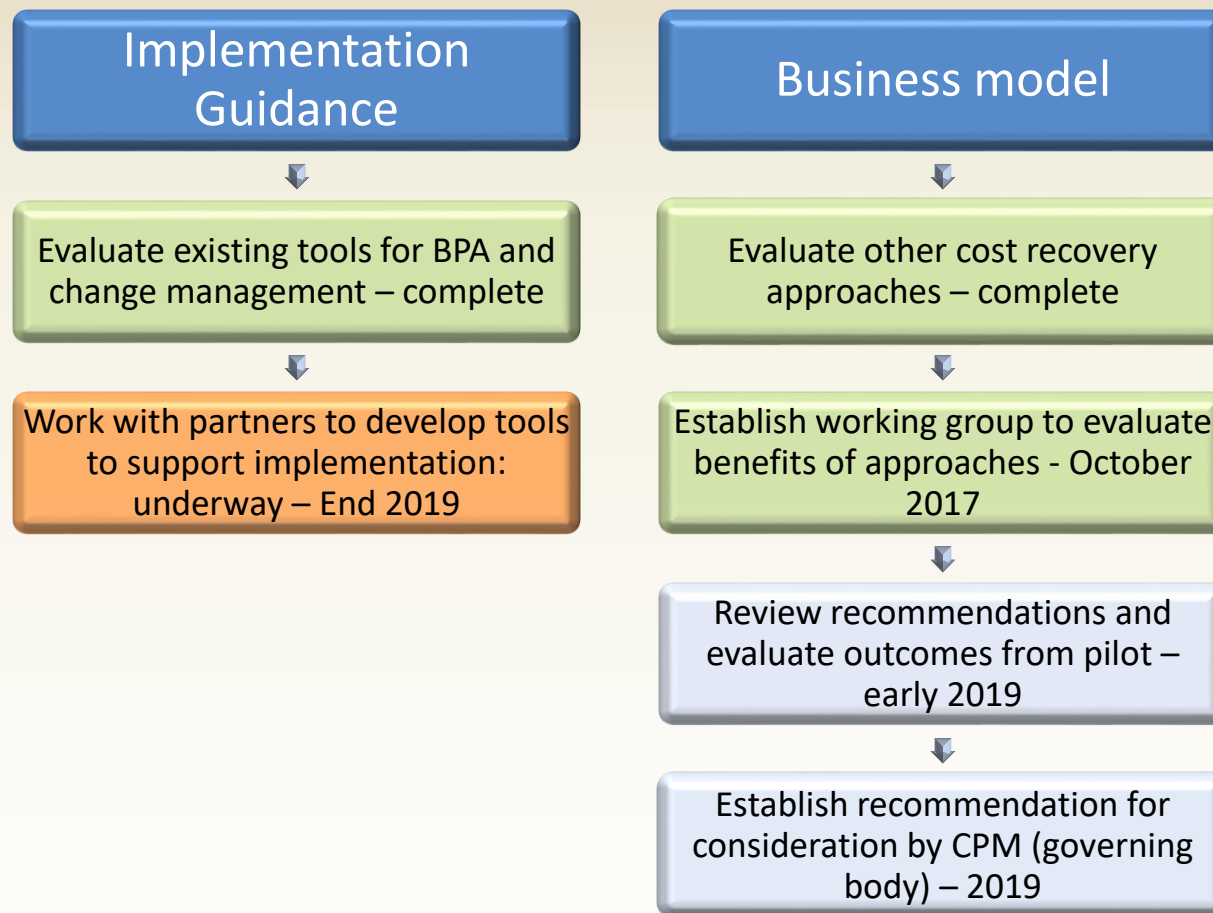
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- Service delivery contract
- Hub
- GeNS
- Implementation guidance
- Business model

1. Future Work Plan



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2. Communications

1. Secretariat updates ePhyto website regularly with current info including factsheets, news items, technical information etc.
2. Secretariat updates Bureau and CPM annually
3. Update letters sent to NPPOs

2. Communications

The 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting on the IPPC ePhyto Project and the Experts Meeting of the IPPC ePhyto Business Model

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The 2nd Advisory Committee meeting on the IPPC ePhyto Project and the experts meeting of the IPPC ePhyto Business Model were held on the 5th and 6th of December 2017, respectively, at the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

At the 2nd Advisory Committee meeting on the IPPC ePhyto Project, the members of the IPPC ePhyto Project Advisory Committee (PAC) discussed mainly the progress of the IPPC ePhyto project, the development of the IPPC ePhyto Business Model, and the future roles of the PAC once the STDF-funded part of the project is complete. The PAC will work on developing new TORs to define the future role and purpose of the group.

The experts meeting of the IPPC ePhyto Business Model was attended by the members of the PAC and the CPM Bureau as well as the business experts from AppsFlyer Silicon Valley, Trade Facilitation Pte Singapore and BMI Lab Ireland & UK. The discussion was focused on the potential business models for the IPPC ePhyto Solution. The business model report will be developed further based on the inputs and recommendations provided at this meeting.

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IPPC ePhyto hub pilot underway

Posted on Tue, 10 Oct 2017, 17:22



The IPPC ePhyto Steering Group (ESG) met with staff of the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC) at their offices at the U.N. Support Base in Valencia, Spain, from 2 to 6 October 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to kick-off the pilot of the IPPC ePhyto hub which is now underway. Pilot countries were requested to register for participation on the hub on Friday 6th October 2017. Although it may take the pilot countries time to finalize preparations to commence exchanges, some test exchanges between three of the pilot countries had been completed in September 2017. The pilot is expected to continue until late January 2018.

In addition to finalizing details of the hub user interface and connection procedures, the ESG also reviewed and adjusted details of the anticipated costs of the hub operation which is required to develop a business plan for the sustainability of the operation. The ESG also worked with the IPPC Secretariat and FAO Legal Office to address some concerns regarding the conditions of using the hub. The ESG finalized the specifications for the generic ePhyto national system (GeNS), reviewed and adjusted development timelines and began preparations for the 3rd IPPC Global Symposium on ePhyto with the theme "ePhyto & Trade Facilitation", which will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 22 to 26 January 2018. Details of the Symposium are posted at: www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/ephyto-symposium/3rd-global-symposium-on-ephyto-kuala-lumpur-malaysia-22-26-january-2018.

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The Mid-Year Meeting of the IPPC Secretariat for 2017 held at FAO Headquarters

Posted on Thu, 20 Jul 2017, 12:30



Workshop on Implementation of e-SPS and Automation for Agriculture Trade Facilitation

1 NOV 2016 TO 3 NOV 2016
BANGKOK, THAILAND

The purpose of this workshop is to guide the relevant stakeholders within the ministries of agriculture and regulatory agencies from the Asia-Pacific region through the key considerations and assessments required for implementing e-SPS certification systems, particularly for phytosanitary certificates. Participants will receive training on the relevant standards and systems; business process optimization of SPS certificate issuance; conducting needs assessment and implementation of the paperless systems for e-SPS.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

PROGRAMME
Programme Workshop on Implementation of e-SPS and Automation for Agriculture Trade Facilitation
PRESENTATIONS
Session 2: Models and technical solutions for automation of SPS procedures in developing countries
Session 3: Optimizing the procedures for sanitary and phytosanitary certification
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Session 6: Group Work Session
Session 7: Implementation case studies
Session 8: Case studies on planning bilateral exchange of e-SPS: Approaches and lessons learnt
Session 9: Beyond e-SPS automation of other certificates and licenses for the agricultural trade facilitation
Session 1: Why electronic SPS certification?
DOCUMENTS
Summary of Workshop on Implementation of e-SPS and Automation for Agriculture Trade

In Rome, the 2nd semester of 2017,

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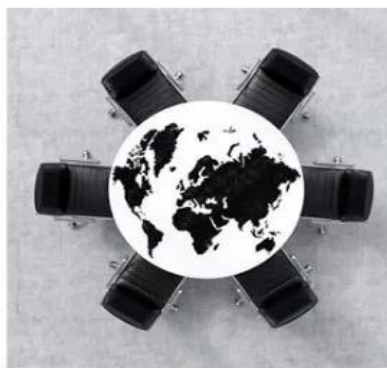
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The IPPC's ePhyto Business Model -study

August 29, 2017 / in Blog / by Vladimir Iakovlev

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is currently working to establish an Electronic phytosanitary certificate (ePhyto) system consisting of (i) an international "ePhyto Hub" to facilitate the transfer of electronic phytosanitary certificates between the National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and (ii) a generic national system "eGNS" available to countries for the production, sending and receiving phytosanitary certificates to the ePhyto Hub. The combination of those two systems is referred to as "the ePhyto project", along with all background and explanatory documents, are available on the IPPC website at <https://www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/>.

This work is being undertaken by the IPPC Secretariat with the financial support of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) and various donor countries to enhance the safe, secure and efficient trade of plants and plant products, via electronic phytosanitary certificates. By and large, the current exchange of standardized phytosanitary certificates is undertaken on the basis of paper documents. In 2012, an approach on electronic phytosanitary certification to the Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 12 (ISPM 12) was approved, providing guidance on the exchange of electronic certificates. Some contracting parties to the IPPC - predominantly developed countries - have made significant progress in developing systems for electronic certification, exploiting this standard. However, these have often required considerable resources to develop the electronic tools necessary for producing, sending and receiving electronic certificates as well as negotiating bilateral trading partners to allow for exchange.

The IPPC ePhyto Hub, on the other hand, will facilitate electronic exchange based upon a single communication protocol and a common set of data exchange protocols. The IPPC project will also provide a simple generic web-based system to send and receive electronic phytosanitary certificates, for those countries that do not have an existing national system. Ultimately, the combination of these two systems will make it easier for countries - especially those with limited resources - to develop electronic phytosanitary certificates.



In addition, the team will carry out a survey of the NPPOs and business users to determine their preferences, (i) to identify the benefits and key attributes that they would anticipate seeing in the IPPC ePhyto system, and (ii) to identify the challenges and key attributes that they would anticipate seeing in the IPPC ePhyto system. For further information related to the business model aspect of this project, please contact Tom Buttery: tom@stc.org

CERA Blog on 29.8.2017 by Ms. Susana Wong

3rd IPPC Global Symposium on ePhyto, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Mark the date

A symposium hosted by the Malaysian Department of Agriculture, the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, the Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission and the IPPC is proposed to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 22-26 January 2018. The symposium will focus on the theme of electronic phytosanitary certification and its implications for supporting trade facilitation.

Information on the symposium will be posted below as it is made available

Important to note: Local information paper will be edited on a regular basis, we therefore recommend to check the date of the local information paper posted

The symposium will be taking place fully (and only) in English

Travel Funding: All details can be found on the Local information paper. Application Deadline: 27th October 2017. Attendance: Registration for the symposium will close on the 7th of November 2017, if you intend to participate make sure to register as instructed in the Local information paper

Visa: Please refer to the local information paper for details. All visa related issues please contact ephytoregister@doa.gov.my

NEWEST UPDATE: 16.11.2017

Hotel Booking Form: have you registered? Perfect! The last step is to fill in and send your hotel booking form (found on ephytoregister@doa.gov.my). Deadline is the 31st of December 2017. Local information paper has also been updated. Check it out!



2. Communications

Future options

- feedback from working groups
- social media
- subscription based newsletter

3. Take home messages

Let us reflect on the Symposium

What are you going to do?

- take a few minutes to write down 3-5 key points from the Symposium
- feedback from working groups

3. Take home messages

International Plant Protection Convention

- strategic plan
- maintain and extend collaborations
 - Integration with trade facilitation initiatives
 - Certification bodies (CODEX, OIE etc)
- plan for more countries coming on board
- implement a sustainable funding base

3. Take home messages

IPPC ePhyto steering group

- continue technical focus on harmonisation, Hub and GeNS
- communicate global timetable of activities
- coordinate development of guidelines for ePhyto at country level (e.g. legislation; infrastructure; business processes)
- define criteria for participating in the IPPC ePhyto
- awareness raising amongst contracting parties via series of fact sheets, standard PowerPoint presentations and regional workshops
- support work on a sustainable funding base

3. Take home messages

Regional Plant Protection Organisation (RPPO)

- establish a regional ePhyto Working Group
 - member countries to coordinate activities
 - guided by Terms of Reference agreed by membership
- seek agreement at RPPO session for ePhyto work plan and funding
- provide technical feedback to IPPC ePhyto steering group
- coordinate actions across countries
- identify countries for next phase of ePhyto implementation
- Identify collaboration opportunities



3. Take home messages

The APPPC ePhyto Working Group aims to achieve the following outcomes, as per Terms of Reference

- Foster an environment of co-operation through open information sharing
- Increase harmonisation through implementation of Appendix 1 to ISPM 12
- Encourage and support broad uptake of ePhyto throughout APPPC
- Develop and maintain a status report of existing ePhyto systems within the APPPC
- Explore and secure capacity building funding for APPPC members
- Develop an ePhyto Work Plan that will be presented to RPPO planning meeting

3. Take home messages

Country level - NPPOs

- policy decision to pursue ePhyto – Hub or GeNS?
- investigate trade facilitation initiatives in your country
- establish ePhyto project team – multiple roles
- develop process maps/workflows
- define user needs (industry and NPPO)
- increase stakeholder awareness



3. Take home messages

Country level - NPPOs

- review IT to support ePhyto
- review legislation to support ePhyto
- develop a change management plan
- estimate benefits and costs of implementation
- obtain funding – domestically or regionally



3. Take home messages

Industry groups – domestic and international

- lobby governments to support ePhyto project
- provide practical guidance on the industry impacts of ePhyto
- identify implementation requirements supporting trade facilitation
- propose initiatives to raise awareness, understanding and capacity building amongst NPPOs and cooperating border agencies
- assist the development of funding proposals and options for the sustainability of ePhyto

3. Take home messages

Provide feedback on what you will do to assist with ePhyto in your country, when you return home

If you have an idea, let us know

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