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I. Introduction

1. In 2014, the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation Recommendation no. 1 stated that: “One annual work plan and budget for the Secretariat should be developed and approved by the Bureau and it should include clear and achievable objectives, with a detailed as possible breakdown of activities, and required resources in terms of both staff and funding...”

2. In April 2016, CPM-11 adopted and noted the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2016, which was the first IPPC Secretariat work plan and budget developed according to the Enhancement evaluation and the first budget to feature numerous additions and improvements. Practice proved that well planned and more transparent work plan and budget for 2016 enabled the Secretariat to better monitor the progress of activities while making sure that costs are under control. This experience was followed by a successful adoption of the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2017 at CPM-12, held in the Republic of Korea.

3. In June 2017, the CPM Bureau and Financial Committee (FC) intensively discussed the way forward on the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2018. Bureau and FC proposed several improvements to the work plan and budget format, that included prioritization of the IPPC Work plan based on the Convention and the IPPC Strategic framework and moving the budget process one year ahead.

- *Prioritization of activities in the Work plan and Budget* aims to make sure that funds are allocated based on priorities of the CPM, help IPPC Secretariat secure funding resources

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based on priorities and ensure that in case of lack of funds, priorities are funded first. In order to facilitate this exercise, each of the three pillars has been given 33 points to score their activities as relevant to the IPPC Strategic framework (possible scores range from: 1 - minimum relevance; 2 - medium relevance; 3 - high relevance; X – mandatory).

- The reason of moving *the budget adoption by CPM one year ahead* is due to the timing of the CPM sessions. In general, CPM occurs in March or April each year when the annual WP and Budget are adopted. However, de-facto annual budget execution has already started in January. This practically means that budget is being executed without being adopted by CPM for 3-4 months (it is important to note here that Bureau approves the WP and Budget in December of the previous year, but it still not being adopted by CPM until March/April). Therefore, the Bureau and FC agreed that that CPM should adopt the WP and Budget of the IPPC Secretariat for the subsequent year, not the current year.

4. After the Bureau and FC meetings in June 2017, the IPPC Secretariat initiated a thorough process to develop the work plan and budget for 2018 which is even more transparent, comprehensive and reflective of the recommendations from the Enhancement Evaluation and inputs from the Bureau and FC. At the direction of the IPPC Secretary, the Core Team of the IPPC Secretariat developed the 2018 Work Plan and Budget for the IPPC Secretariat to be discussed and approved at the CPM Bureau and FC meetings in October 2017.

II. Major Outcomes/Outputs

5. The Work Plan and Budget (WPB) of the IPPC Secretariat for 2018 fully implements the Enhancement Evaluation Recommendations, Bureau and FC suggestions and takes into account all core activities of the IPPC Secretariat, composed of three main pillars as shown in (Appendix 1). The Overall Outcome of execution of the 2018 WPB of the IPPC Secretariat is expected to further advance the IPPC mission and contribute to global efforts in protecting food security and environment while facilitating trade.

A. Governance and Management (Activity 1 in Appendix 1)

6. *Outcome of Governance and Management:* This core activity will further enable the IPPC Contracting Parties (CPs) to participate in the IPPC processes, provide their inputs and receive feedback and support from the IPPC Secretariat. Acting as an open forum for discussion on plant health issues focused on standard setting and implementation of the Convention, the IPPC Secretariat is expected to enable smooth facilitation of the IPPC processes in order for the CPs to make progress in the area of plant health.

7. As shown in Appendix 1, the main deliverable in 2018 being supported under governance is the organization of relevant meetings of the IPPC governing bodies: 13th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-13), and meetings of the CPM Bureau and the Financial Committee. Main outputs include the presentation and translation of draft ISPMs for CPM-14 (2019), 3 meetings for CPM Bureau and FC, 2 meetings of the Standards Committee (SC) and 1 SC-7 meeting, and 2 meetings for the Implementation Committee (IC) (Appendix 1).

8. Strategic discussion on the IPPC topics is also embedded in the work plan through the organization and facilitation of the meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG). The IPPC Secretariat is also strategically positioning itself by planning its activities for the 2020-2030 period. Apart from providing facilities for the meetings, the IPPC Secretariat will be organizing travel of participants from the least developed and developing countries to attend the IPPC meetings or events.

9. The IPPC Secretariat is expected to put more efforts in Communications and Advocacy through applying new Online Comment System (OCS), a new Online Registration System and Secretariat SharePoint platform, updating phytosanitary.info and PCE tool as necessary, organizing IPPC seminars, issuing IPPC news, and publishing advocacy material. The IPPC Secretariat will be strengthening its network by organizing 7 IPPC regional workshops with active participation of most NPPOs, and the

Technical Consultations among RPPOs (TC-RPPO) meetings with active involvement of all RPPOs. Resources will be mobilized for the promotion of the International Year of Plant Health 2020, and the funding-raising for the IPPC Secretariat will be continuously strengthened. In addition, initiation of the fourth round of ISPM 15 symbol registration is also expected to be performed (Appendix 1).

10. *Governance and Management pillar has been given 34 points in the prioritization exercise. Prioritization exercise marked CPM as mandatory, while CPM Bureau and FC meetings and Resource mobilization have been given high priority.*

B. Standard Setting (Activity 2 in Appendix 1)

11. *Outcome of Standard Setting: This core activity is to develop harmonized international standards through a transparent and inclusive process to meet the needs of CPs. The IPPC is the only international standard setting organization for plant health recognized by the World Trade Organization, and the IPPC standards provide a harmonized framework contributing to sustainable agriculture and food security, protection of the environment, and trade facilitation.*

12. *The major deliverables for the Standard Setting in 2018 are the following (Appendix 1):*

- 1) *Identification and Prioritization of Topics:* Organize a call for phytosanitary treatments and process submissions; list of topics (LOT) updated in 6 languages twice a year; and make other documents and tools updated and available as needed, such as the Procedure manual for standard setting, style guide, etc.
- 2) *Drafting and Expert input:* Support for one Expert Working Group (Guidance on pest risk management); support for Technical Panels with three face-to-face meetings organized (possibly three depending on CPM-12 decision); and carry out intersessional work.
- 3) *Consultation:* Organize consultation processes through the online comment system on draft specifications and draft standards to ensure all views are collected.
- 4) *Adoption:* Ensure publication of specifications and standards in languages; organize Language Review Group (LRG) process for four languages as adopted ISPMs; manage seven co-publishing agreements according to the procedure; and revoke the versions of recently adopted standards for remaining languages.

13. *Standard setting pillar has been given 33 points in the prioritization exercise. Prioritization exercise marked all four major outputs listed above almost equally important to the IPPC Strategic framework.*

C. Implementation Facilitation (Activity 3 in Appendix 1)

14. *Outcome of Implementation Facilitation: This core activity is to further increase the ability and capacities of CPs and their National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) to cope with plant health issues in an informed, inclusive and effective manner.*

15. *The major deliverables for the Implementation Facilitation in 2018 are the following (Appendix 1):*

- 1) *Capacity Development (CD):* Produce technical manuals, guidelines, e-learning; organize and conduct side sessions, workshops and trainings; carry out internal workshops at CPM and through IPPC projects; formulate and implement projects on capacity development; and run the pilot project on surveillance.
- 2) *Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS):* Make proposals of IPPC recommendations; promote desk studies by evaluation and feedback on desk studies and technical resources; and carry out M&E programme.

- 3) *National Reporting Obligations (NROs)*: Develop NRO capacities in CPs and support to travel; improved NRO delivery through greater participation of CPs and the introduction of an NRO quality advice system
- 4) *Dispute Avoidance and Settlement*: Develop a dispute avoidance and settlement eLearning module; promote in-country liaison and training.
- 5) *Tools and Technologies*: Promote country application of PCE; develop PCE environmental module, IPPC implementation indicators, and monitoring and evaluation framework tool; and implement the pilot project on ePhyto and coordinate Task force on Sea Containers.

16. *Implementation facilitation pillar has been given 33 points in the prioritization exercise. Prioritization exercise marked Capacity development, IRSS, IPPC Tools and ePhyto as highly relevant to the IPPC Strategic framework.*

III. Budget Allocations

17. The budget proposal for 2018 includes balanced resource allocations among the three pillars in order to ensure that standard setting work is continued, while implementation facilitation work is strengthened, and integration and support work is highlighted.

A. FAO Regular Programme (RP)

18. The allotment to the IPPC Secretariat for 2018 is USD 2.95 million, and the Secretariat work plan and budget for 2018 is allocated without any budget deficit for the regular programme (Appendix 1). Approximately 33% (USD 1 million) of the FAO Regular programme allotment is allocated to each of the three main activities of the Secretariat: Governance and Management, Standard Setting, and Implementation Facilitation. Total staff costs amount to 68% (USD 2 million) of the allotment, while operational costs are estimated at the level of 32% (USD 0.95 million) for 2018 (Appendix 1).

B. IPPC Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF)

19. The budget of USD 1.55 million is proposed. A quarter of the IPPC Multi-donor trust fund resources (25% or USD 388 thousand) are allocated to the Governance and Management, while Standard Setting and Implementation facilitation pillars were allocated 8% (USD 127 thousand) and 67% (USD 1.038 thousand) of the total budget, respectively. (It should be noted that certain Standard setting activities are an integral part of Governance and Management.) Total staff costs amount to 52% (USD 807 thousand), while operational costs are expected to reach 48% (USD 746 thousand) of the total budget (Appendix 1).

C. IPPC Projects

20. The budget for the IPPC Projects implemented by the IPPC Secretariat in 2018 amounts to USD 1.6 million (Appendix 1), mainly including the EU Project (725/EC), the EU IRSS Project (877/EC), the STDF ePhyto project (688/STF), the Japan ePhyto Support project (827/JPN) and the FAO-China SSC Project (291/CPR). Short description of projects is available in Appendix 2.

D. IPPC In-Kind Support

21. Expected IPPC In-kind contributions for 2018 will amount to USD 0.57 million. Such In-kind contributions are provided to the Secretariat by CPs or relevant organizations as non-monetary contributions but are translated into dollar values for the purpose of proper budgeting and transparency (Appendix 1).

IV. Conclusions and Suggestions

22. The IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2018 proposes targeted allocations and activities needed to drive the IPPC Secretariat to improved results, greater achievements and increased

capacity for serving IPPC CPs within foreseen financial and personnel parameters. Demand for the Secretariat services is rising and at the same time budget pressure is increasing. A reorganized, reshaped and regrouped Secretariat is envisaged to operate with high efficiency and optimal effectiveness within the resources available.

23. Due to the increased demand for its services, the IPPC Secretariat is faced with resource constraints, limiting its ability to be fully sustainable in financial terms. Efforts are being made by the CPM Bureau, FC and SPG to find the most appropriate mechanism that would enable the IPPC Secretariat to operate without continuous struggle for resources.

24. Despite the overarching issues, the proposed budget aims to realistically represent the work plan for 2018, and every single budget line aims to further improve products and services that the IPPC Secretariat provides to the CPs. The IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2018 is expected to make one step forward in advancing the IPPC mission and promote organizational excellence towards the vision of “One IPPC”.

25. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *approve* the “IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2018”

Appendix 1 - IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2018

IPPC Mission - Protecting the world's plant resources from pests	Outputs (Expected result/milestones - short description)	Prioritization according to Strategic framework (1 - minimum relevance; 2 - medium relevance; 3 - high relevance; X - mandatory)						Source of funding (in USD 000)								
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1. GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT - FAO SP2																
1.1. Governance and Strategies																
STAFF COSTS																
OPERATIONAL COSTS (INCLUDING NON-STAFF HUMAN RESOURCES)																
1.1.1. Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) - 13th Session																
Present ISPMs for adoption to CPM-14 (2019) and noting	Tentative: 7 draft ISPMs presented to CPM in 6 languages (DPs presented in English and translated after adoption) and 5 language review groups managed.	X	X	X	X	X	-	111							10	121
Organize Side sessions	1 side session organized for the on advanced gene technologies							20								20
Organize Side sessions	1 side session organized for the resource mobilisation (GEF, IPPC guide)							12								12
Support participation from developing countries	Relevant participation activities organized well and on time							36		20						56
1.1.2. CPM Bureau and FC																
Support participation from developing countries	Relevant participation from developing countries facilitated in the governance and strategic planning		1	1	3	X	5			20						20
1.1.3. Strategic Planning Group (SPG)																
Support participation from developing countries	Relevant participation from developing countries facilitated in the governance and strategic planning						2	2								-
1.1.4. Standards Committee (SC)																
Oversee the Standards Committee (SC) work and organize meetings to ensure a consensus-based review of draft standards (SC and SC-7 meetings, SC e-decisions) as well as support to participation from developing countries	Two Standard Committee (SC) meetings (interpreted in 2 requested languages: currently Spanish and French) and 1 SC-7 meeting successfully organized and outcomes processed and published. Intersessional work managed through e-decisions.	X	1	X	1	X	2	186		12					16	214
1.1.5. Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)																
Organize meetings and support to participation from developing countries	Two meetings organized for Implementation Committee (IC)	2		1	2	1	6	12		39						51

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1.2. Coordination and Support																-
STAFF COSTS																127
OPERATIONAL COSTS (INCLUDING NON-STAFF HUMAN RESOURCES)																-
1.2.1. Information Management		2	1	1	1		5									-
Improve IT Tools (OCS, IPP) to better fit user needs	OCS maintained and improved as needed, and based on the feedback of stakeholders; OCS training material updated as needed; all users request are addressed; and at least one face to face and two virtual trainings are delivered.							30	30	10					6	76
	IPPC information systems (IPP, Phyto.info, APPPC, PCE) are maintained and improved as needed; IPP is fully migrated to under fao.org and operational; new ORS and new SharePoint platform for secretariat are developed and configured.							20	34							54
1.2.2. Communication and Advocacy						2	2									-
Plan, coordinate and implement IPPC awareness raising activities	IPPC awareness raising activities are planning, coordinated and implemented (2018 IPPC Secretariat Communications Work Plan; 2017 Annual Report produced and printed or posted online; IPPC news feeds, IPPC and FAO social media communications are maintained and expanded; tree revised or new advocacy documents are produced and three IPPC advocacy seminars are organized							30	30						20	80
Carry out IPPC awareness raising activities	Communication and advocacy material/products are produced (IPPC Secretariat Reports (annual & mid-year); at least three advocacy documents are produced; at least 3 seminars/side sessions are organized; IPPC news, media and social media are maintained and expanded; an IPPC e-learning tool (introduction to IPPC online course) is finalized; and communication support to the IPPC regional workshops is provided.							25	17							42
1.2.3. International Cooperation						2	2									-
Maintain and coordinate IPPC partnerships and liaison activities	Work with Secretariat staff to ensure new partnership with CABI, WCO and re-new CBD partnership; provided support for liaison activities for other Secretariat members; and make travel for 5-8 missions							10								10
Organize and conduct side sessions, workshops and trainings	At least two IPPC side sessions organized during the event of IPPC partners (CBD, SPS, WTO, STDF, RPPOs, NPPOs, FAO Reg PPOs, FAO Units)							5								5
1.2.4. IPPC Community		3					3									-
Organize meeting and support participation in the TC-RPPO activities	Cooperation between RPPOs and the IPPC Secretariat and among RPPOs is facilitated to avoid duplication and build synergies. TC-RPPO discusses and proposes relevant actions for supporting the CPM work programme; Travel organized well and on time														18	18
Organize 7 IPPC Regional Workshops	Capacity of Contracting Parties to formulate and provide comments on draft ISPMs is facilitated and important phytosanitary issues discussed. Contracting parties around the world have the opportunity to exchange views on draft standards, learn the recent activities of the IPPC in more detail and exchange implementation experiences within their regions; Travel organized well and on time							31	35	20	80				130	296
1.2.5. Resource Mobilization		1	1	1	1	1	5									-
Support Secretariat's activities for resource mobilization	Three missions to potential donors undertaken								18							18
1.2.6. IYPH 2020		1					1									-
Develop and support tools associated with IYPH, as well as organize regular meetings of the IYPH Steering Committee	Two meetings organized for IYPH and Communication tools for IYPH developed								50		10					60
1.2.7. Other		1					1									-
ISPM 15 Symbol registration	Support is provided to the ongoing rounds of ISPM-15 symbol registration							40								40
General operating costs									29							29
Subtotal Governance and Management		10	4	4	10	6	34	1,049	388	144	90	-	-	-	182	1,852

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2. STANDARD SETTING UNIT - FAO SP 4																
STAFF COSTS																
OPERATIONAL COSTS (INCLUDING NON-STAFF HUMAN RESOURCES)																
2.1. Identification and Prioritization of Topics																
Organize a call for phytosanitary treatments and process submissions	Call for phytosanitary treatments organized and submissions processed	1	2	X	2	1	6	10								10
Update standard setting information	List of topics (LOT) updated in 6 languages twice a year Procedure manual for standard setting, style guide, standard setting pages on IPP, standard operating procedures, pdf searchable database updated							7								10
2.2. Drafting and Expert Input																
Organize one to two calls for experts (EWG, TP members as needed)	Submissions reviewed and experts / authors selected							3								3
Oversee EWGs work, ensure experts feel engaged and satisfied. Organize 1 EWG meetings: guidance on pest risk management	1 EWG meeting (guidance on pest risk management) successfully organized and outcomes processed and published as appropriate							5		26					29	61
Oversee TPs work, ensure experts feel engaged and satisfied, and organize 3 face-to-face meetings : TPDP, TPPT, TPG (The organization of a TPF meeting, pending SC November and CPM-13 decisions, would require extra-budgetary funding))	3 face to face TP meetings successfully organized and outcomes processed and published as appropriate Intersessional TP work plan carried out (including virtual meetings)							84							53	137
Develop and update training materials for CPs and SC members to increase the effectiveness of their participation in the standard setting process, deliver trainings as needed	Training material for CPs participation in the standard setting process and for SC members updated as needed Mentoring programme for new SC members implemented							3							6	10
2.3. Consultation																
Organize consultation processes on draft specifications and draft standards to ensure all views are collected	Consultations through the OCS for one (tentative) draft Specifications and 14 (tentative) draft ISPMs (5 for 1st consultation (in three languages), 3 for 2nd consultation and 6 for DP notification period) are managed. Objections on draft ISPMs presented to CPM-13 (2018) are processed.	2	2	X	2	1	7	101		10						112
2.4. Adoption																
Ensure publication of specifications and standards in languages	Approved Specifications are published (in 3 languages), adopted ISPMs (in 6 languages) and LRG reviewed ISPMs (in 5 languages) are published. Process for revoking some standards is managed. 8 Co-publishing agreements are managed.	2	2	X	2	1	7	19								19
2.5. Other																
Contribute to internal management activities	SSU managed; chronicles, mid-year and annual reports drafted for standard setting; presentations drafted as needed	1	1	1	1	3	7	7							20	26
Subtotal Standard Setting																
		7	9	1	9	7	33	904	127	36	-	-	-	-	118	1,185

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3. IMPLEMENTATION FACILITATION UNIT - FAO SP 4																	
STAFF COSTS																	
OPERATIONAL COSTS (INCLUDING NON-STAFF HUMAN RESOURCES)																	
3.1. Capacity Development (CD)																	
Produce technical resources	At least 3 technical resources produced. Current knowledge and best practices summarised to enhance implementation of standards (Pest free areas, ISPM 8, risk communication)	1	X	2	2	2	7	50	55	50							155
Promote IPPC resources	At least 1 regional/global workshop held. Knowledge transfer to CPs to reinforce the information in technical resources produced.								85								85
Formulate and develop projects	GEF project proposal drafted and prepared for submission to the GEF as a proposal to cover the CPs obligations to protect the environment as well as trade and food security. The project would engage strongly the CBD parties and in particular department of the environment in select countries as a pilot							40									40
Manage IPPC projects	FAO/China south cooperation programme activities enhancing CPs in the one belt one road countries to implement the IPPC and standards better										350						350
	Pilot project on surveillance								20								20
	Japan programme support implementation of the e-phyto programme resulting in meeting the pilot country implementation objectives												225				225
3.2. IRSS																	
Manage IRSS annual programme and achieve deliverables	Proposals of IPPC recommendations	2		2	2	2	8		10								65
	Production of desk studies								10								65
	Evaluation and feed back on desk studies and technical resources								10								65
	M&E programme								10								65
3.3. NROs																	
Manage NRO programme	NRO capacities of CPs are developed (at least 2 IPPC regional NRO are held in 2018); IPPC NRO e-learning is finalized; awareness raising support through (NRO year, NRO letter, NRO update, statistics, analysis, assistance) is provided to CPs to improve the NRO programme delivery; a tool for data transfer of pest reporting from RPPOS websites to IPP is developed and operational; and IPPC Official Contact Points and editors database is maintained.	X			3		3		30		20						50
3.4. Dispute Avoidance and Settlement (DAS)																	
Building the CPs capacities for better understanding and implementation of ISPMs	NRO e-learning tool undergone field testing and launched; most of CPs using new tools and changed their reporting behavior; at least one regional workshop on improving NRO and support countries on better understanding of ISPMs and bilateral communication is implemented	x									40						40
Facilitating CPs dialog on existing disputes	Disputes brought to IPPC considered and actions taken by CPs; guidelines for bilateral communication among CPs is developed and Risk communication guidelines is finalized								30								30
3.5. Tools																	
Manage PCE activities	At least 4 PCE application supported per year	1	1	3	2	1	8	18									18
3.6. Ephyto																	
Implement IPPC ephyto projects	Hub and Generic system developed and capacity development actions for 15 pilot countries initiated	3					3		200			350			240		790
3.7. Sea Containers																	
Organize meetings of the Sea Container Task Force in China	One face to face meeting of the Sea Container task force in Shanghai, China: The adoption of the IMO sea container guideline by CPs monitored	2					2	21	25						25		71
3.8. Other																	
Contribute to internal management activities	IFU managed; chronicles, mid-year and annual reports drafted; presentations drafted as needed					2	2	7									7
Subtotal Implementation Facilitation																	
Total																	
		9	1	7	9	7	33	992	1,038	126	410	350	225	220	265		3,626
		26	14	12	28	20	100	2,945	1,553	306	500	350	225	220	565		6,663

Appendix 2 - Short Description of the IPPC Projects for 2018

Project title: Special International Plant Protection Convention Trust Fund (IPPC Multi-donor trust fund)	
Donors: Australia, Canada, Ireland, France, Japan, International Seed Federation, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA	
Project symbol: MTF /GLO/122/MUL	Total budget: USD 6,448,735
Project duration: 01 Jan 2004 - 31 Dec 2019	2018 budget: USD 1.553 million (dependent on voluntary contributions)
<p>Short project description: The project is supporting the overall Secretariat work programme including the organization of workshops on plant health risk analysis, drafting of standards on phytosanitary measures related to pest risk analysis, pest risk assessment and management, plant quarantine, phytosanitary measures to use in international trade, establishment of directives for pest eradication programmes, how to develop phytosanitary certificates, the methods of irradiation as phytosanitary measures, guidelines to establish phytosanitary import regulation systems, attendance of developing country members of the Commission at IPPC meetings, information exchange, regional workshops on draft standards and implementation, development and guidance for countries to use in the evaluation of institutional and regulatory aspects of national phytosanitary systems, encouraging individual members to utilize Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) and formulate national Phytosanitary plans. All the techniques developed are applied in the countries which are members of the International Plant Protection Convention.</p>	

Project title: Support for implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	
Donor: European Commission	
Project symbol: GCP /GLO/725/EC	Total budget: USD 989,011
Project duration: 01 Jan 2017 - 31 Dec 2019	2018 budget allocation: USD 306,000
<p>Short project description: The overarching objective of the project is to contribute to efficient and inclusive trade by increasing the capacity of contracting parties to implement the IPPC and its ISPMs. In the multi-lateral trading system the greater bulk of traded commodities are plant based. A majority of developing contracting parties rely on the trade of bulk or raw products for their economic development. Heading towards 2020 the IPPC has agreed upon one general goal – to increase the overall capacity of the contracting parties and the IPPC Secretariat to implement the Convention. This work will be undertaken through standards setting, implementation facilitation and communication and partnership, with each year leading up to 2020 focusing on specific plant health themes: food security, trade facilitation, environmental protection, capacity development and the culminating International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). Through the EC's support in implementation of the Convention and ISPMs, contracting parties' participate in implementation and ISPM development, IPPC's goal becomes more achievable. The project is therefore directed to enable developing contracting parties to have an improved ability to implement the IPPC and key ISPMs to enable safe trade and dispute avoidance.</p>	

Project title: ePhyto - Global electronic trade facilitation: Enhancing safe trade in plants and plant products	
Donor: STDF	
Project symbol: MTF /GLO/688/STF	Total budget: USD 1,728,000
Project duration: 15 Dec 2016 - 14 Dec 2019	2018 budget allocation: USD 350,000
<p>Short project description:</p> <p>The project aims to provide developing countries with the ability to use a simple generic web-based system designed with the capability to produce, send and receive electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto). The project is expected to establish a harmonised exchange tool for all countries that should eliminate the cost and complexity of countries needing to develop and implement exchange protocols with trading partners on a country by country basis. This will make it easier for countries (especially those with limited resources) to start transmitting electronic phytosanitary certificates for their export consignments and to receive certificates for imported consignments. At a global level, electronic certification systems may also facilitate integration of phytosanitary processes with other electronic border systems. Trade logistics systems will also be improved as trade flows become more predictable and efficient. Improved efficiencies in the trading environment also support international objectives in ensuring food security.</p>	

Project title: Strengthening the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	
Donor: China	
Project symbol: GCP/INT/291/CPR	Total budget: USD 2,007,541
Project duration: 2017-2020	2018 budget allocation: USD 500,000
<p>Short project description:</p> <p>The proposed project is expected to contribute to an improvement in food security and agricultural trade in participating countries. It is expected that through project interventions there should be an increased capacity of developing countries to implement the IPPC and its standards.</p> <p>Directly, the project aims to deliver the following:</p> <p>Output 1: Improved capacity of 226 developing country representatives from over 100 countries to understand the IPPC;</p> <p>Output 2: Inter-regional cooperation among 40 developing countries on the Chinese “One Belt, One Road” strategy enhanced;</p> <p>Output 3: Implementation of IPPC programmes enhanced through technical partnership with China’s NPPO;</p> <p>Output 4: Awareness of the IPPC increased at global, regional and national levels.</p>	

Project title: Cooperation for development of the ePhyto Solution and implementation of the Convention	
Donor: Japan	
Project symbol: GCP /GLO/827/JPN	Total budget: USD 675,681
Project duration: 01 Sep 2017 - 31 Aug 2020	2018 budget allocation: USD 225,000
<p>Short project description:</p> <p>The project aims at enhancing the countries capacity to implement standards on import and export certification (using an ePhyto solution) and pest exclusion.</p> <p>The project impact is to implement safe trade capacity development actions aligned with FAO strategic objectives and with the UN-SDGs on trade facilitation.</p> <p>This outcome will be achieved through two main outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Output 1. Technical backstopping support to the IPPC ePhyto system provided. - Output 2. Implementation and capacity development support provided. 	

Project title: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) of the IPPC (third cycle)	
Donor: European Commission	
Project symbol: GCP /GLO/877/EC	Total budget: USD 922,758
Project duration: 01 Feb 2018 - 31 Jan 2021	2018 budget allocation: USD 220,000
<p>Short project description:</p> <p>The project undertakes activities that evaluate and identify contracting parties' plant protection challenges and best practices. These activities generate national, regional and global information about implementation of the Convention, international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) and emerging issues in plant health. All information on IRSS reports, studies, surveys, workshops and symposiums are publicly available on ippc.int IRSS page. These activities feed into the Triennial Implementation Review Report which summarizes the situation of the implementation of the Convention and its standards by contracting parties.</p>	