

# International Year of Plant Health

**IPPC Secretariat  
2018 IPPC Regional Workshop**



## IYPH main objective

**"The International Year of Plant Health will raise awareness of the importance and impacts of plant health in addressing issues of global importance, including hunger, poverty, threats to the environment and economic development"**



Plants are the foundation of life on earth



# Concept of Plant Health

For the purpose of the IYPH 2020:

**“Plant health is usually considered the discipline that uses a range of measures to control and prevent pests, weeds and disease causing organisms to spread into new areas, especially through human interaction such as international trade”**



Harmonising and implementing plant health standards facilitates trade and ensures food security

# IYPH proclamation background



## Towards the IYPH proclamation

- **2018-04**: CPM-13 agreed to the skeleton of IYPH programme events and their associated estimated costs proposed by the IYPH StC.
- **2018 (ongoing)**: All countries are invited to contact their UN Missions to support the IYPH resolution.
- **2018-11**: Finland and other UN members are expected to present a resolution to proclaim IYPH 2020 at the UNGA 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee.



# Actions to support the IYPH proclamation

## The IYPH StC agreed to the following:

- Develop and share IYPH support letter and information package in FAO languages (IYPH and IPPC factsheets, links to plant health-related articles, model statements)
- IYPH phases and associated outcomes

## NPPOs are invited to do the following:

- Share information package with UN Missions
- Liaise with UN Missions to ensure they support the IYPH resolution (possibly as co-sponsors, not entailing financial engagements)
- Secure funding for the global programme (through the IPPC trust fund), and respective regional and national programmes



# What you can do to support the proclamation?

- Contact your UN Missions to support IYPH proclamation.
- Coordinate with your IYPH StC representative.
- Start planning national and regional activities now.
- Give presentations at scientific conferences.
- Involve national stakeholders including media, civil society, academia.
- Look now for financing your part!



# After the IYPH proclamation (1)

## 2019:

- FAO will form a new IYPH International Steering Committee.
- Current IPPC IYPH StC will be maintained under the form of technical advisory committee.

2019-12: IYPH launch events in New York and Rome.

2020: IYPH activities at the global level, including:

- Ministerial-level CPM in Rome
- International Conference on Plant Health (location TBD)
- World Food Day focused on Plant Health
- IYPH closing event in Rome





## After the IYPH proclamation (2)

- **Regional activities:**

- FAO Regional Conferences (proposed booths / side sessions).
- Regional activities are encouraged under the FAO/IPPC coordination, regions are encouraged to report on them using the IYPH visual identity.
- Coordination mechanisms to celebrate IYPH may be established at the regional level.

- **National activities:**

1. National activities are encouraged under the FAO/IPPC coordination, countries are encouraged to report on them using the IYPH visual identity.
2. Countries may create national IYPH steering committees to coordinate relevant activities.



## Questions:

1. What have you done?
2. What are you planning to do?

... to make the IYPH a success ...

## Open discussion



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