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Programme Activities Report, 2017

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INTRODUCTION

According to the recommendations arrived during last Steering Committees held at Cairo, Egypt; and 26th GA held at Douala, Cameroon which enabled the LAPSC to better address plant health pertinent issues affecting Africa. IAPSC has developed the annual program within the context of the phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa and the recommendations from its SC and GA. Our programs were prepared in alignment with the strategy and the objectives of Rural Economy and Agriculture Department of the African Union and the recommendations of SC & GA.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to strengthen the phytosanitary capacity of AU Member States to:

* Protect sustainable agriculture and increase food security in Africa through prevention of the introduction and spread of pests; * Plant Health;

* Protect the environment and biodiversity against pests;

* Facilitate trade and economic development through the promotion of harmonized phytosanitary measures to access International Markets;
* Consumer confidence in the agriculture health and food safety system;
* Harmonize the pesticides regulation and registration to approach the consumer confidence in the plant health and food safety

ACTIVITIES

The aims of program are to promote the sustainable development within African countries by providing assistance with priority to regional development challenges through regional cooperation

The main strategic objectives in this program are: * Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine * Harmonize pesticides regulations * Compliance with Phytosanitary Standards * Access International Markets * Strengthening Food Security & Capacity building * Improved plant health management system in Africa

Activities (2017) Programed fund

1. Improve and strengthen cooperation on migratory pests between countries and RECs through workshops to discuss and solve the problems of main migratory pests;

2. Promote and improve continental plant protection and hold a workshop on Integrated Pest Management (IPM);

3. Mainstream SPS in country CAADP investment plans and development of SPS information systems and enhancing advocacy, awareness and communications to ensure sufficient safe biological control agents are available to manage plant and improve SPS information;

ACTIVITIES (2017)

4. Review and update member states plant quarantine legislation and laws in compliance with international requirement and organize a workshop on strengthening their capacity on Alien Invasive Plants and Risk Assessment and management

5. Establishment of the continental SPS Committee: Participation to CPM, Technical RPPOs and standards committee meetings; Preparatory technical meeting for CPM10 and

6. Joint work with others to capture the WTO-SPS three sisters' standards settings organizations (IPPC, OIE and Codex Alimentarius).

FPartnerships: Joint work with others

* Study the Black Fungus gnats situation in Seychelles

* Fall Armyworm Technical Meeting and Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on Fall Armyworms in Africa: Status and Strategy for Effective Management

* 2017 International Plant protection Convention Regional Workshop for Africa

FPartnerships: Joint work with others

* Second Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) On Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (20)

* Regional Strategy Workshop on Fall Armyworm Management in Eastern and Central Africa

2017 International Plant protection Convention Regional Workshop for Africa

IPPC in collaboration with AU-IAPSC and NPPO of Togo organized IPPC Regional Workshop for Africa in Lomé, Togo from 11th to 13th September, under the 2017 theme of Plant Health and Trade Facilitation. It was attend by 22 participants from 14 member states, IPPC, FAO-RAF and TAPSC

Main objectives

* Learn how to analyze draft ISPMs and formulate productive comments * Build phytosanitary capacity and raise awareness on all IPPC related activities and

* Exchange experiences at the regional level.

Discussion

Participants discussed the following priority draft ISPMs and diagnostic protocols for the region and brought substantive and technical comments:

* Draft 2016 amendments to ISPM5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (1994-001);

* Draft revision of ISPM6: National surveillance systems (2009-004);

* Draft ISPM: Requirements for the use of temperature treatments as phytosanitary measures (2014-005);

* Draft Annex to ISPM 27-Phytopthora ramorum (2004-013); * Draft Annex to ISPM 27: Fusarium circinatum (2006-021) and

* Draft Annex to ISPM 27-Candidatus Liberibacter solanaceearum (2013-001)



Mainstream SPS in country CAADP investment plans and development of SPS information systems and enhancing advocacy, awareness and communications to ensure sufficient safe biological control agents are available to manage plant with a continental training

2. Support training of AU member states to implement SPS measures in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) of IPPC and Pest Risk Analysis

3. Strengthen cooperation on migratory pests between countries and RECs through workshops to discuss and solve the problems of main migratory pests on crops

CONCLUSSION

* IAPSC with its stakeholders are building links with all AU member states, and deploy relevant capacity and technology in the interest of agricultural and economic development.

* Some member states capacity has been developed by IAPSC.
* The need for better coordination and networks is still emphasized by:
* Networking with African and international role players is essential to move the continent to a future of self-sufficiency resources and prosperity.

