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Summary of the 2018 Strategic Planning Group report

Agenda item 8.1

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1. The Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome from 9 to 11 October 2018 with over 41 participants attending the meeting.
2. The meeting brings some key points to the CPM's attention and some specific recommendations from SPG are included in CPM agenda and addressed through CPM papers.
3. On the IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030, the SPG was presented with the results of the formal consultation among contracting parties (CPs) which took place during 2018. It was noted that CPs and partners showed great interest in the Framework with over 850 comments received which were reviewed by the drafters. As a result of discussion, the SPG proposed i) to include case studies that focus on high impact pests and show examples of when the IPPC community has made a difference, ii) to rewrite and rephrase some of the sections, iii) to prepare and insert a one-page summary for sharing the essence of the framework with ministers and other officials. The SPG decided that the final version of the Framework be submitted to CPM-14 (2019) for endorsement, prior to the final adoption by CPM-15 (2020).
4. SPG received an update on the progress and timelines of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) proclamation process by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and its Second Committee. SPG was informed that a programme of activities and budget have been developed by the IYPH Steering Committee (StC), as well as the IYPH way forward strategy proposed by the Committee that includes the establishment of an International IYPH Steering Committee under the umbrella of FAO and organization of the International Plant Health Conference in 2020.

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5. The Republic of Korea announced its support to the conference and is looking for funds to support participation from Asian CPs. Indonesia supports the IYPH programme of activities, the International Plant Health Conference and will work to have a national programme.
6. SPG recommended CPs to establish national IYPH committees and start mobilizing resources and partners. A coordination meeting is planned on April 6 to bring all partners together to establish an IYPH 2020 calendar and share their programmes.
7. However, the highest merit mainly goes to two recipients: the Government of Finland and our former CPM chairperson Mr Ralf Lopian. We should also acknowledge the excellent support provided by the IPPC IYPH Steering Committee and the IPPC Secretariat in making this event happen. I invite the CPM members to enthusiastically thank them for their successful work.
8. The Commodity and Pathways Standards Focus Group in its meeting in October 2018, defined the strategic value and purpose of commodity and pathway standards, captured the principles and criteria for their development and use with reference to practical examples. The Group also assessed processes used to develop and use these standards. The SPG supported the proposed principles and criteria as well as the governance processes developed by the Focus Group, and recommended that the Bureau continue to advance this work as a priority and develop related information for CPM-14 (2019).
9. Trade facilitation issues were discussed through the trade facilitation action plan and the ePhyto five-year plan. The SPG received an update on the IPPC Trade Facilitation Action Plan where concerns were raised related to resources and capacity development for developing countries. SPG decided to propose the Trade Facilitation Action Plan for adoption by CPM-14 (2019).
10. The ePhyto project has set up the hub with 18 countries in it. However the hub needs about USD 500,000 to 700,000 per year to sustain its operations and for capacity development and implementation of the web-based generic system. A five-year strategic plan for ePhyto was presented before the SPG. The plan calls for the establishment of a sustainable funding mechanism within the IPPC Community. SPG decided that the ePhyto five-year plan be presented to CPM-14 (2019) for approval.
11. SPG discussed plant health emerging issues, including emerging pests, Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR), and Fall Armyworm (FAW). At first, SPG felt that there was a need to define what an emergency is in relation to IPPC activities. A draft paper on the concept of an IPPC emergency was presented and discussed. SPG decided to update the draft paper in view to present it to CPM-14 (2019) for further discussion.
12. On the issue of emerging pests, it was highlighted that the IPPC Community's role is to prevent pest occurrence and not to intervene directly in emerging pest situations, as many institutions have the mandate to take control actions. However, the SPG suggested a stronger involvement of the IPPC Community in plant health emergencies.
13. The use of Anti-Microbial (AMR) products for controlling plant pests is increasing. Therefore, the IPPC Community need to gain more information on the subject in order to better define the role it can play on the development of AMR. SPG agreed that a draft paper on AMR be presented to CPM-14 (2019) for discussion. With regards to Fall Armyworm (FAW), SPG pointed out although FAO is taking actions to support CPs in the management of this pest, the IPPC Secretariat could play an important role by sharing information and providing technical information, as it's primary role is to share information. Efficient coordination and collaboration among NPPOs and RPPOs, and between NPPOs and RPPOs can also play an important role in fostering cooperation. Finally it was felt that IPPC Secretariat channels should be used by FAO for communicating emerging pest related information.
14. IPPC Secretariat financial resources getting scarce, many actions are ongoing to ensure sustainable funding. To this end, SPG discussed a couple of actions. The Bureau in cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat solicited the FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) to support their actions to request FAO to increase IPPC Regular Programme budget. In October 2018, COAG recommended that

FAO should ensure sustainable funding for the IPPC Secretariat, including from the regular programme budget.

15. CPM Chairperson presented a draft letter to be sent to ministers of IPPC contracting parties to request ministers to contribute to the IPPC Multi Donor Trust Fund. The SPG agreed that the letter should be sent to the ministers through the IPPC Contact Points with copy to be sent to the CPs' FAO permanent representatives.

16. The Five-year Investment Plan of the IPPC Secretariat was discussed. SPG noted that it is a useful advocacy document and a good estimation of the cost to implement the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020-2030). SPG recommended to add an executive summary that includes the scope of the plan, with a sustainable funding strategy, and to submit to CPM-14 (2019) for noting.

17. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the 2018 Report of the Strategic Planning Group.