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Virtual Meeting Report of the IPPC ePhyto project Technical Committee & IPPC ePhyto Steering Group

Present Participants:

Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat)
Younes Kabbab (MAR)
Laura Vicaria (IPPC Secretariat)
Gianluca Nuzzo (UNICC)

Participants not able to attend:

Christian Dellis (US)
Walter Alessandrini (AR)
Chen Ying (CN)
Peter Neimanis (AU, Chair)
Philippe Loopuyt (NL)
Josiah Syanda (KE)
Venkat Venkateswaran (UNICC)

GeNS Progress and Ghana Trip – UNICC

The UNICC provided a quick progress overview of the GeNS. Efforts are being made to complete and close the lower priority requirements. Main work on finalizing the configuration settings and additional functionalities such as data expert. It was announced that the Pilot stage will initiate in March.

Preparation for the Ghana Trip (17th of March) is ongoing. The purpose of the visit is to help them solve the issues raised earlier and any other challenge they may be experiencing. UNICC shall address system issues while I shall handle any business processes and procedures.

The report from these visits shall be useful for generating case studies and lessons learned while on boarding countries to the GeNS.

It was further noted that the UNICC will be sharing with the ESG the compilation of the feedback received for the GeNS and Hub, via direct access to the issues tracker of the UNICC.

NENA workshop- outcome – Vicaria

Due to financial restrictions, the NENA workshop has been postponed. It was suggested by the Secretariat to potential host it in Egypt due to their increasing interest in ePhyto and on going discussion with the private sector. The possibility of this happening will be enquired further by the Secretariat and they will follow up in the weeks to come.



Based on external feedback, Kenya reported that it is still open to host the Workshop. As a Developing country they are keen to provide the leadership within the region towards use of e-trade. In Japan, they offered to support the hosting of the workshop with 10,000 USD.

As was mentioned by the IAPSC representative in Kuala Lumpur, there is need to create awareness and have action oriented meeting to bring the NPPOs to speed on ePhyto.

Morocco contract status – Vicaria

The last 3 weeks have been focused on finding an alternative to the payment of GIZ to the IPPC for training support in Morocco. A solution was found this week and the invoice and payment have been issued. This is great news as the project had been on hold until this issue was solved. There was discussion about the importance of ensuring good collaboration with GIZ. The Secretariat and the head of NEPPO will be discussing with them at a later stage about the possibility of further collaboration and projects.