



Capacity building for increased and improved Participation in CPM meetings

The Development and Use of a Training Manual

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context

- CPM can be an intricate and intimidating affair for newcomers.
- It is not a one-time event. It is an on-going story.
- Many topics have a history of several years and some may even sound strange to newcomers.
- It takes involvement and commitment to stay on top of the CPM/IPPC agenda.

CPM Participation Guide- Background

- The initiative consisted of the elaboration of a guide for facilitating the participation of contracting parties in meetings of the IPPC inclusive of CPM, as well as in other meetings.
- It was created as a component of the IPPC Strategy for developing national phytosanitary capacity, which was approved by the CPM-5 (2010).
- It was prepared by a team of phytosanitary experts, and was reviewed by the Capacity Development Committee of the IPPC, integrated by plant protection experts from the seven FAO regions, and produced under the auspices of the IPPC Secretariat and funded by STDF 350 Project.
- It was developed in cooperation with IICA

Case Study- The OIRSA region (central America)

- The OIRSA Region received a two-tiered approach in participation in the initiative
- 2015- the region was selected as a pilot to use the manual, coinciding with a preparatory meeting for CPM. IPPC personnel (Ana Perralta and Sonia Hammonds) presented the manual and used it as a tool to prepare the group that year for CPM. (20 participants, 9 NPPOs and 1 RPPO)
- Input was given by participants towards improving the manual.
- The group in part participated in the training given at CPM 11

Outcome and impact

- In the region, the exposure created a culture regarding preparation and participation at IPPC meetings (CPM and Regional IPPC Workshops)
- While not all participants remain within the NPPOs (50%), The remaining members serve as mentors to new-comers as part of an induction process.
- The RPPO (OIRSA) now organizes preparatory meetings for CPM and IPPC regional workshops for seeking consensus on certain topics, inclusive of discussions on logistics for participation.

Issues and Challenges

- Turn over of staff in the NPPOs causing the experience and capacity to be lost.
- Irregularity in attending IPPC meetings. Members lose track of the issues.

Lessons learned

- The development of the manual was an excellent initiative.
- It is very thorough and detailed.
- It was developed with input from experienced persons with a long trajectory of participation at IPPC meetings.
- It needs to continuously be socialized.

Future activities

- Possible repeat of the trainings for new participants
- RPPOs can use the manual and the principles to also continuously train new participants.
- RPPOs can designate mentors within their regions to assist new participants.
- Ensure that new participants are made aware of the manual (e.g. at the time that new participants confirm participation to meetings)
- Regional Preparatory meetings especially on-line, are very feasible and can achieve much (Modality at OIRSA for CPM and IPCC regional Workshops now)

Thank you



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