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**IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 - Friends of the Chair meeting to
discuss the draft Strategic Framework 2020-2030**

Agenda item 8.2

Prepared by the Friends of the Chair

English only



Friends of the Chair meeting to discuss the draft Strategic Framework 2020-2030.

1. A 'Friends of the Chair' meeting was held to discuss concerns some countries raised with parts of the draft Strategic Framework 2020-2030. The meeting was constructive and all parties worked positively to find solutions to the concerns raised.
2. It was agreed that that Strategic Framework could be endorsed by CPM-14 subject to some adjustments being made as described below.
3. There was concern that the Strategic Framework could not be successfully implemented without commitments from donors and development organisations, and that a substantial increase in capacity development would be needed and should not be underestimated. This needs to be more explicit in the document. It was agreed that:
 - a. Implementation and Capacity Building are core activities of the IPPC so should be more prominent in the document. To achieve this the document will be reordered to place core activities ahead of strategic objectives (as per the diagram and in the body of the document).
 - b. Additional comment will be inserted into the document making it clear that while the Development Agenda items present great opportunities to advance the Mission of the IPPC, progressing them is dependent on securing adequate resources.
 - c. During IYPH 2020 a donor and development agency meeting will be held to highlight the substantial opportunities the Strategic Framework provides for investment in capacity building, and to secure commitments to specific Development Agenda items.
 - d. Not all Development Agenda items will be started at the same time. They need to be started once proper planning and securing of funding has occurred. However, it is recognised that some activities are already underway, e.g. e-Phyto.
4. There was a need for clarification that the Strategic Framework should have some detail including: implementation plans with schedules and milestones, capacity development plans, and funding plans. These should be in place for each development agenda item. However, it was recognised and agreed that:
 - a. The Strategic Framework is not a standard. It is a future focused aspirational document setting out what the IPPC community would like to achieve, and it is not the right place for detailed planning.
 - b. Under agenda item 8.3 the paper CPM 2019/30 *Five year Investment plan of the IPPC Secretariat - in relation to the IPPC Strategic Framework* was helpful and was a positive start to planning for implementation of the Strategic Framework. And the paper CPM 2019/35 *Five Year Strategic Plan for ePhyto: Transitioning from project to business as usual operation* was also the start of a good starting plan for ePhyto. However, more detailed capacity development plans would be needed for this and other Development Agenda items.
 - c. Following adoption of the Strategic Framework, detailed planning will occur as part of securing firm commitments from donors and development agencies. These plans will need to include detailed operational planning, financial planning and capacity development planning.

5. CPM highlighted that because the strategic framework is formally adopted, it may not be responsive to changes including if emergency situations arise.
 - a. It was agreed that text would be added to the document to make it clear that CPM can review and adapt the development agenda or other parts of the Strategic Framework as often as may be needed. This could potentially be a task assigned to SPG with recommendations provided to the CPM via the Bureau.
6. In response to comments that the pest case studies are not relevant to the issues discussed in the adjacent text, there was a suggestion that photographs and more information on the impacts of the pests is required.
 - a. It was agreed that each case study would include photographs and more information on the impact of the pests.
 - b. It was agreed that when final formatting is done by communications specialists, they will ensure the pest case studies are presented in a way that does not create confusion, and that they could achieve this by grouping them all together or by laying them out in an improved way.
7. A number of editorial issues were raised. It was accepted that some readers would not be aware of some of the subtleties of definitions used within the Commission.
 - a. It was agreed that the Secretariat would use communications specialists to simplify the wording and ensure consistent use of terms that would be easily understood by readers.
 - b. It was agreed that countries participating in the relevant friends of the chair meeting provide their issues in writing to the Secretariat over the next two weeks (no later than 20 April 2019), but that they should recognise communications specialists are likely to make additional editorial changes.
 - c. It was also agreed that the glossary of terms would be expanded to provide more explanation for example, that an NPPO is the competent authority for a country and is responsible for providing and receiving government to government phytosanitary assurances, and should be resourced to fulfil their functions competently.
 - d. The Secretariat will provide the final document formatted for printing to the SPG for information.
8. It was recognised that there are many papers on the CPM-14 agenda that discuss individual development agenda items. Many of the concerns related to capacity development and funding and it was recognised that these are largely addressed by what was agreed in 1 - 5 above. One exception is the topic of authorisation of third party entities. It is recognised that there has always been provision for this in the convention text and some countries are already doing it to one extent or another. The development agenda item does not promote nor encourage use of third parties. However, if an NPPO's chooses to authorise third parties, harmonised guidance will help this to be done in an effective way.
9. The agreements reached during the 'Friends of the Chair' meeting should allow the Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 to be endorsed this week.

10. In light of the ‘Friends of the Chair’ and issues raised, the CPM is invited to:

- *Endorse* the content of the IPCC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 in advance of the formal adoption by CPM-15 (2020), subject to adjustments as detailed in Appendix XX.