



29th May 2019

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

Present Participants:

Christian Dellis (US)
Peter Neimanis (AU, Chair)
Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat)
Laura Vicaria (IPPC Secretariat)
Aoife Cassin (IPPC Secretariat)
Venkat Venkateswaran (UNICC)
Gianluca Nuzzo (UNICC)
Younes Kabbab (MAR)
Philippe Loopuyt (EU)

Participants not able to attend:

Walter Alessandrini (AR)
Chen Ying (CN)
Josiah Syanda (KE)

1. Hub and GeNS updates (inc landing page) _ UNICC

The Landing page has been released (www.ephytoexchange.org). This platform holds all the documents relevant to the system. ESG/PTC to review and provide comments.

The Hub: there were a few changes/improvements, advance reporting on the NPPO dashboard. Please review and if you have any comments share with the UNICC. Main focus has been on improvement of the validation tool following feedback and GeNS experience.

The GeNS: main activity focused on this component. The main objective has been the application of feedback follow workshops/ other and other bugs.

upcoming: BBC plant health, a media contest , ABCDS, multiple channels in industry – mini plan : messages and objectives

A few ESG/PTC members will be attending the IGTC meetings held in London to speak briefly on ePhyto as well as meet with the UK NPPO who has expressed interest in joining ePhyto. During this time these ESG/PTC members will have further meetings to make a few decisions that will help finalize the system into its production pilot stage.



The USA representative is working to merge the two documents released by the UNICC, changing over some of the technical into a phyto language. This document will be finalized in the coming days and will be shared with the ESG for input. This document is expected to bring more efficiency to the upcoming workshops in the Caribbean.

The promotion of the GeNS release (expected in July) was discussed. It was agreed for a brief communications plan to be developed for this specific theme. Ideas included:

- Posted on IPPC website
- Specific GeNS newsletter feature
- Make specific social media content on GeNS (infographic, countdown)
- BBC – Plant health
- IAG media contest/ use IAG media platform
- Collaborate with ABCDs from Geneva meeting

2. Samoan visit – Peter

The IPPC ePhyto Workshop in Samoa that took place in mid May was very successful. It was a three-day program with Samoa, as well as Fiji representatives joining. The workshop initiated with leveling the knowledge around the GeNS, thus reviewing the workflows and demonstrating the basics of creating a certificate. Second Day consisted of an industry session with over 40 people attending. The final day was focused on quarantine staff using actual phytos and bringing the training to a more real life context. Aiming to put GeNS into production in July.

Sri Lanka Workshop has been postponed due to recent terror attack. Communication with staff in the region is ongoing. Call with them next week is likely to take place in order to follow up and determine next steps.

With reference to Ghana, following the recent workshop, the UNICC communicated that at this stage they are waiting for the release for the production pilot instance (which is almost ready). No further feedback from them. The Netherlands have informed the UNICC that they are continuing to carry out tests with Ghana.

3. Morocco visit - Gianluca & Younes

The Morocco visit was very smooth. The developers were very good and with guidance they developed the export process in one day. They will be traveling to Brindisi in the upcoming month to develop the import process. It was suggested by the UNICC in the long run to have a workshop where countries pay to participate to receive the same level of support to develop their own processes with potential site visits as a follow up. Overall Morocco is likely to join in production by the end of the summer 2019.

4. African workshop - Craig

The USA will be contributing financially for an Africa workshop with the IPPC also contributing 45K for travel. This event is likely to take place in the US, in November 2019 (likely 18th). The ESG meeting is most likely also going to take place before or after the Africa workshop. With the interest to also have the Near East workshop in Morocco, there is an ongoing discussion with GIZ for their financial support



to host set workshop, along with the IPPC also providing 45K for travel. The exact timing of this workshop is still do be determined.

5. Other

- ESG were encouraged to review factsheet one as a final review before formatting.
- PhL requested that the change to the HUB to integrate a single HUB connection for multiple country (like for the EU case) should be planned on a more official manner. VV confirmed that it will be planned, evaluated and presented to the ESG for the next phone meeting.

Action	Owner	Status
ESG to provide comments on the new landing page	All	Done
Merged GeNs document produced by the USA to be shared with ESG for input	Christian Dellis	Document shared
GeNs communication plan to be drafted and shared with ESG	Laura Vicaria	Done
Factsheet one to be reviewed by ESG	ALL	Done
List of issues and enhancements for prioritization to be shared with the ESG	UNICC	Pending