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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr. WOLFF, the Chair of the IPPC Financial Committee (FC), welcomed the FC members and Observers, opened the meeting, and thanked the IPPC Secretariat for the work done since the last meeting in June 2019.
- [2] The IPPC Secretary, Mr. Jingyuan XIA, welcomed all the participants to Rome. He stressed the importance of the IPPC Strategic framework for 2020-2030 as the main guiding document for the future of the IPPC. In view of this, he stressed that the key areas that FC should take into consideration for the October 2019 meeting should include: 1) the IPPC Secretariat's Work Plan and Budget for 2021 should be linked to the IPPC Strategic framework for 2020-2030 and its 5 year Investment plan; 2) the FC should discuss funding for International Year of Plant Health in 2020; 3) the FC should consider strengthening its functions.
- [3] Mr. XIA reiterated his commitment to sound financial management, budgetary transparency and efficacy, as well as accountability to the IPPC Contracting parties.
- [4] Mr. DENG introduced himself as a new Integration and Support Team (IST) leader.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

- [5] The FC adopted the agenda (*Appendix 1*).

3. Administrative Matters

3.1. Documents list

- [6] The IPPC Secretariat presented the Documents list (*Appendix 2*).

3.2. Participants list

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat presented the Participants list (*Appendix 3*).

3.3. Local information

- [8] The IPPC Secretariat briefed the FC on Local information.

4. Report of Last Meeting and Review of Actions Points

- [9] The FC reviewed pending actions from the last meeting, and clarifications were provided on several items in relation to the FC meeting report from June 2019.

- [10] The FC:

(1) *thanked* the IPPC Secretariat for accomplished actions from the Actions list.

5. Report of Resource Mobilization of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019

- [11] Mr. XIA briefed the FC on resource mobilization efforts of the IPPC Secretariat in 2019. He noted that the IPPC Secretariat Task Force for Resource Mobilization (TFRM) implements resource mobilization activities of the IPPC Secretariat in order to assist the IPPC Secretary in ensuring sustainable and sufficient funding for fulfilling IPPC strategic objectives.

- [12] With regard to sustainable funding, the FAO Council supported the increase of Regular programme fund to the IPPC Secretariat in its April 2019 meeting.

- [13] With regard to the IPPC MDTF, the IPPC Secretariat received and/or has been pledged a total of USD 1.72 million from Ireland (USD 113,766), NAPPO/USA (USD 155,000), Switzerland (USD 200,401), UK (USD 77,586), Australia (AUD 17,495), France (USD 284,091), New Zealand (USD 150,000), Kenya (USD 10,000), Republic of Korea (160,000 USD - pledge) and Sudan (USD 10,000). This fund will contribute to the 2019 IPPC work plan and its specific initiatives, such as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH), the Sea-Containers Task Force, Emerging Pests, ePhyto and other activities.
- [14] With regard to IPPC Projects in 2019, the IPPC Secretariat has been managing six projects: the EU-funded project to support the 3rd cycle of the IRSS (GCP/GLO/877/EC, 2018-2021), the STDF-funded project "Rolling Out a Systems Approach Globally (MTF/INT/336/STF, 2018-2021), the STDF-funded ePhyto project (MTF/GLO/688/STF, 2016-2019), the project funded by the EU to support the implementation of the IPPC (GCP/GLO/725/EC, 2017-2019), the FAO-China funded project to strengthen the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the IPPC (GCP/INT/291/CPR, 2017-2020), and the project funded by Japan to support cooperation for the development of the ePhyto solution (GCP/GLO/827/JPN, 2017-2020).
- [15] The total value of the current projects is over USD 6 million. In addition, the IPPC Secretariat is negotiating with the EU two projects: one to renew the current project to support the implementation of the IPPC (with DG Trade) and a new project to cover additional areas, such as IYPH, emerging pests, Commodity and Pathway standards and ePhyto (with DG Sante).
- [16] With regard to IPPC In-kind contributions in 2019, the IPPC Secretariat received approximately USD 300,000 from China, USA, Canada, Japan, France, Republic of Korea to support meeting organization, study tours, the work of experts, training and similar activities. Final list of IPPC In-kind contributions and their detailed cost estimate will be presented in IPPC Secretariat Financial report for 2019 at CPM-15.
- [17] The FC:
- (1) *supported* resource mobilization efforts of the IPPC Secretariat.

6. Important Work Plan and Budgetary Issues

6.1. Implementation progress of work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019

- [18] Mr. BENOVIC presented the interim financial report of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019 covering the period from 1 January – 30 September 2019. He noted that the overall programme execution is on track. With regard to Regular programme budget, no deficit is envisaged at the end of 2018-2019 biennium.
- [19] The financial situation of the IPPC Multi donor trust fund is stable, but various activities need faster rate of replenishment (ePhyto, various SSU and IFU activities). Major concern expressed was the lack of funds for the execution of all planned activities for the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH 2020). Budget deficit of the IYPH initiative is approximately USD 450,000.
- [20] Execution of budgets of projects is generally on track, with STDF ePhyto project and European Commission IRSS project being slightly delayed.
- [21] The FC:
- (1) *noted* the interim financial report of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019.

6.2. Revision of work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2020

- [22] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the issues surrounding interpretation of the Standards committee (SC) meeting, especially their budgetary aspects.
- [23] The FC reiterated the CPM Bureau position on the topic that the SC's rules prescribe that if interpretation is requested in time in a certain language, interpretation should be provided.
- [24] The FC:

- (1) *decided* to increase budget for SC interpretation in 2020 from USD 90,000 to USD 150,000 to cover potential interpretation requests.

6.3. Discussion on the work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2021

[25] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the paper and noted that, as FC requested, they used the 5 year investment plan as the main reference document for drafting the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2021 taking into consideration distribution of Development agendas.

[26] The IPPC Secretariat explained that the following IPPC teams would have responsibility for the following Development agendas:

[27] Integration and Support Team (IST):

- Development Agenda 6. Assessment and Management of Climate Change Impacts on Plant Health
- Development Agenda 7. Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination

[28] Standard Setting Unit (SSU):

- Development Agenda 2. Commodity and Pathway Specific ISPMs
- Development Agenda 3. Management of E-commerce and Postal and Courier Mail Pathways
- Development Agenda 4. Developing Guidance on the Use of Third Party Entities

[29] Implementation Facilitation Unit (IFU):

- Development Agenda 1. Harmonization of Electronic Data Exchange
- Development Agenda 5. Strengthening Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems
- Development Agenda 8. Diagnostic Laboratories Network

[30] The total budget of the IPPC Secretariat in 2021, that consists of FAO Regular programme, Extra-budgetary and In-kind (non financial) resources is planned at the level of USD 7.79 million. Regular programme resources are planned at the level of USD 3.34 million with a deficit of the 13% (USD 396 thousand).

[31] The FC:

- (1) *Approved* the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2021 to be presented at the CPM Bureau at its October meeting.

6.4. Discussion on FC role in reviewing CPM papers with regard to new initiatives requiring unplanned resources

[32] The FC reiterated the importance that IPPC Secretariat should inform Contracting parties in advance of the submission of CPM paper that, if their proposal has budgetary implications, relevant template for budgetary consideration should be attached to the main paper. This practice proved to be good at CPM-14 in 2019.

[33] The FC also reiterated the importance of its brief meetings prior to CPM plenary sessions to discuss any CPM decision that might have budgetary implications.

[34] The FC:

- (1) *decided* to keep the good practice of encouraging Contracting parties to use the relevant template for CPM documents that might have budgetary implications for the IPPC Secretariat.

7. Follow-up on Increase in FAO Regular Programme Support to the IPPC Work Programme

- [35] The IPPC Secretariat reported that, in early 2019, IPPC Secretariat, CPM Bureau and Financial committee (FC) made strong awareness raising efforts among Contracting parties and Permanent representatives to request FAO Council to support the initiative to increase FAO Regular programme funding to IPPC Secretariat.
- [36] As a result, in April 2019, FAO Council requested that “*FAO increase the funding in the PWB 2020-21to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)*”, which is a major milestone in this initiative.
- [37] The FAO Finance committee is supposed to discuss this matter in its November 2019 meeting and make final decision on the increase in resources.
- [38] In the meantime, IPPC Secretariat received news from the FAO’s budgetary office that it will receive special allocation of the USD 500,000 in the 2019.
- [39] Mr. XIA noted that additional resources will contribute to the further development of commodity and pathway standards, the strengthening of national phytosanitary capacities, further development of electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) and increased efforts in addressing emerging pests globally.
- [40] Mr. WOLFF stressed the importance of keeping Ms. Ketevan LOMSADZE in the IPPC Secretariat to support the work of the Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF) in 2020.
- [41] The FC:
- (1) *noted* the special allotment and *strongly supported* the initiative to increase FAO Regular programme funding to the IPPC Secretariat;
 - (2) *thanked* IPPC Secretary for his efforts in securing the additional allotment.
 - (3) *decided* to suggest to the CPM Bureau to write a Thank letter to DG on the special allocation for 2019.

8. Any Other Business

- [42] None discussed.

9. Next Meeting

- [43] The next meeting is scheduled for 27 March 2020 (morning) in Rome, Italy at FAO-HQ.

10. Closing of the Meeting

- [44] The FC Chairperson thanked all FC members, Observers and the IPPC Secretariat for the work carried out during the recent period and at the meeting, and expressed hope that this will continue.

Appendix 01 – Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting		XIA/WOLFF
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda	01_IPPC-FC_2019_Oct	WOLFF
3.	Administrative Matters		BENOVIC/AROP
3.1	Documents list	02_IPPC-FC_2019_Oct	
3.2	Participants list	03_IPPC-FC_2019_Oct	
3.3	Local information	LINK	
4.	Review of Actions Points of the Last Meeting	June 2019 Report	WOLFF
5.	Report of Resource Mobilization of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019		XIA/BENOVIC
6.	Important Work Plan and Budgetary Issues		
6.1.	Implementation progress of work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2019		BENOVIC/TETI
6.2.	Revision of work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2020		BENOVIC/TETI
6.3.	Discussion on the work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2021	04_CPM_Bureau_2019_Oct	BENOVIC/TETI
6.4.	Discussion on FC role in reviewing CPM papers with regard to new initiatives requiring unplanned resources		FC
7.	Follow-up on Increase in FAO Regular Programme Support to the IPPC Work Programme		FC
8.	Any Other Business		ALL
9.	Next Meeting		WOLFF
10.	Closing of the Meeting		WOLFF

Appendix 02 – Documents list

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA NO.	DOCUMENT TITLE	POSTED
01_IPPC-FC_2019_Oct	2.1	Agenda	2019-10-04
02_IPPC-FC_2019_Oct	3.1	Documents list	2019-10-04
03_IPPC-FC-2019_Oct	3.2	Participants list	2019-10-04
04_CPM_Bureau_2019_Oct	6.3	IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2021	2019-10-04

Document	Agenda item	Content
June 2019 Report	4	Last meeting report

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Appendix 04 – Action list

#	ACTION	Action from	Responsible	Deadline	Status
Basic set up (ToR & WA)					
1	Review working arrangements of the FC and its membership			Permanent	Ongoing
Resource mobilization					
2	Review Resource mobilization activities of the IPPC Secretariat, Bureau and FC			Permanent	Ongoing
3	Follow up on Sustainable funding initiative for the IPPC Secretariat voluntary contributions to the IPPC MDTF – follow up on Letter to Ministers	Oct-18	IPPC Secretariat, CPM Bureau, FC	2020	On hold
Work Plan and Budget / Planning and Reporting					
4	Review IPPC Secretariat financial forms (Work plan and Budget, Financial report, Progress reports)			Permanent	Ongoing
5	Revise IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2020 based on FC/Bureau decisions (SC interpretation) and potential increase in Regular programme	Oct-19	IPPC Secretariat	Apr-20	In Process
6	Prepare the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget for 2021 for CPM-15	Oct-19	IPPC Secretariat	Apr-20	In Process
7	Prepare IPPC Secretariat Financial Report for 2019 for CPM-15	Oct-19	IPPC Secretariat	Apr-20	In Process
8	Issue report on the status of ePhyto contributions under the IPPC MDTF	Oct-18	IPPC Secretariat	2020	In Process
Other					
9	Produce information package for incoming FC members	Oct-18	IPPC Secretariat, FC	June-20	In Process