

- some CPs had concerns with the proposal to establish a mechanism for dealing with emerging issues as they felt that a new mechanism was not needed. It was clarified that this proposal was related to emerging issues that require global concerted action from all CPs and that “mechanism” was maybe not the most appropriate term
- in response to questions, the Secretariat confirmed that there had been 11 submissions for topics in answer to the 2015 call for topics for IPPC standards. The SC had recommended four topics to the CPM for addition to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* (refer to section 9.4), but had not recommended to the CPM any of the proposals that were made for commodity specific ISPMs with a narrow scope.

[33] The CPM:

- (1) *Noted* the considerations by the WG, SPG and SC and the CDC in relation to the concept of commodity standards.
- (2) *Agreed* that the development of commodity standards is no more relevant, feasible or higher priority than any other standards or implementation tools and that there is nothing in the current standard setting procedure that prevents CPs from proposing topics for standards that harmonize the management of phytosanitary risks on a particular commodity or group of commodities.
- (3) *Agreed* that a standard need not be tagged as a particular type, such as a commodity standard, but rather focus on defining requirements or guidance for harmonization that are appropriate to the effective management of phytosanitary risks that the standard is intended to achieve and which is defined in its scope.
- (4) *Agreed* that a combined call for topics for standards and tools for implementation should be made, which would be reviewed with input from the SC and CDC, or its successor.
- (5) *Requested* the SC and CDC to review and adapt the current process to allow the call to be made, including any changes to the assessment criteria needed.
- (6) *Agreed* that any submission in response to a call for topics and tools should clearly define the problem needing resolution in sufficient detail to determine how it fits into the Framework of Standards and Implementation and the cost/benefit of the development of the standard or tool.
- (7) *Encouraged* CPs to provide phytosanitary resources relevant to the management of pests associated with commodities or groups of commodities for possible inclusion in the phytosanitary resources web page in response to specific calls for resources.
- (8) *Requested* the Bureau, in consultation with SC and CDC, to urgently establish a means for dealing with emerging issues that require global action.

8.4 Capacity development and implementation oversight

8.4.1 Review of the Capacity Development Committee (CDC)

[34] The Secretariat introduced the review¹⁰. The Secretariat gave an overview of the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) evaluation process and provided the outcome of the discussions held related to the evaluation. The CPs thanked those who contributed to the review exercise to finalize the report. The Secretariat proposed that the CDC mandate be extended until the new oversight subsidiary body to the CPM was established and active.

[35] The CPM:

- (1) *Discussed* the recommendations of the CDC Review.
- (2) *Agreed* to the extension of the CDC until a new oversight committee is established and active.
- (3) *Thanked* the members of the CDC for their continuous commitment and productive work in support of IPPC capacity development.

¹⁰ CPM 2016/16

8.4.2 Proposal for a new implementation oversight body

[36] The Secretariat introduced the proposal¹¹.

[37] CPs expressed broad support for the creation of the new subsidiary body on implementation, but agreed that it was premature to create the new body with the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedures (RoP) prepared by the Secretariat. Some contracting parties proposed that a small group be formed to develop the Terms of Reference for a Focus Group on Establishing an Implementation Committee.

[38] The small group reported back to CPM proposing the Focus Group Terms of Reference for adoption in CPM 2016/CRP/08 and informed the CPM that the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) had offered to host this meeting from 18-22 July 2016.

[39] The CPM:

- (1) *Agreed* to abolish the CDC and set up a new subsidiary body on the basis of Rule IX of the Rules of Procedure of the CPM. The CDC should be retained until the new subsidiary body is established.
- (2) *Agreed* to establish a Focus Group to carefully consider and propose the purpose, scope and functions of the new subsidiary body, and propose governance, membership, and rules of procedure.
- (3) *Agreed* the Focus Group would share the result of their work with the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting in October 2016 for testing and refining prior to Bureau consideration.
- (4) *Agreed* the Bureau should recommend to CPM-12 (2017), a Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the new subsidiary body, ensuring the newly drafted documents provided clarity on the purpose, scope, functions, governance, membership, and rules of procedure.
- (5) *Adopted* the Focus Group Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix 05.
- (6) *Agreed* that each region, through their Bureau member, should nominate a representative to participate in the Focus Group, by 15th May 2016.

9. Standard Setting

9.1 Report on the activities of the Standards Committee

[40] The Chairperson of the Standards Committee (SC) Mr. Bart Rossel presented the report¹². He highlighted the activities of the SC in 2015 as well as providing an insight into future activities. He noted the high volume of work within standard setting and highlighted the significant input provided throughout the year by the SC, technical panels and expert working group members as well as the stewards of draft ISPMs. He also acknowledged the professionalism and dedication of the IPPC Secretariat's Standard Setting Unit notwithstanding significant workload and resource constraints.

[41] The CPM:

- (1) *Noted* the report on the activities of the Standards Committee in 2015.

9.2 Adoption of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

[42] The Secretariat introduced the paper¹³ and the drafts proposed by the Standards Committee (SC) for adoption as International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), noting that no formal objections were received. The Secretariat also

¹¹ CPM 2016/18; CPM 2016/INF13; CPM 2016/INF/17

¹² CPM 2016/19

¹³ CPM 2016/05 rev1, CPM 2016/12