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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Jingyuan XIA, IPPC Secretary, opened the third teleconference during 2020 of the Bureau of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM Bureau) highlighting the importance of taking clear decisions on the process to move the IPPC work plan forward in the interim period leading to the next session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). He also noted the need to mobilise additional resources for the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) while thanking the Republic of Korea for pledging additional USD 160 000 for 2020. Mr XIA encouraged the CPM Bureau to find alternative methods to mobilise resources during the absence of the CPM as platform to receive pledges from traditional and potentially new donors. The IPPC Secretary also informed the CPM Bureau that the Republic of Zambia proposed to become the champion to establish an International Day of Plant Health (IDPH).

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Document list

- [2] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the list of documents, which is attached to this Report as [Annex 1](#).

2.2. Participant list

- [3] Mr Javier TRUJILLO, CPM Chairperson, recognised the presence of all CPM Bureau members except Mr Gameel Anwar Mohammed RAMADHAN, who sent his regrets, and noted Mr John GREIFER (alternate for North American region) as an observer to the meeting. The Participant list is attached to this Report as [Annex 2](#).

3. Agenda

4. Review of CPM Bureau Action List

- [4] The IPPC Secretariat reported that all actions from the previous Bureau action list had been carried out since the previous meeting.
- [5] The IPPC Secretariat also presented a paper on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, detailing the next steps to participate and the IPPC community's views. Mr Greg WOLFF (North American region) reiterated the intention by the NPPO of Canada to follow-up on this issue and called on other countries to participate. Mr Fuxiang WANG (Asian region) also expressed China's support for the initiative.
- [6] The CPM Bureau:
- (1) *Noted* Canada's and China's support in acting as champions to input the IPPC community's position into the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
 - (2) *Invited* other countries to join in the effort to express the IPPC community's position about the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

5. Update from the IPPC Secretariat

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat reported on several activities that have been carried out since the last meeting of the CPM Bureau¹.

6. Action points from CPM-15 Agenda to move forward during COVID-19 Pandemic

- [8] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the paper on the action points from CPM-15 Agenda to move forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several CPM Bureau members reported favourable communication with IPPC contracting parties (CPs) in their regions, some of which raised some concerns related to draft ISPMs on *authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary activities* and Commodity standards. The CPM Bureau noted that the deadline for CPs to object to the Bureau's decision-making process related to various agenda points was 13 June 2020.

- [9] The CPM Bureau agreed to wait after 13 June 2020, so that any responses and objections from IPPC CPs could be assessed and then agree on how to proceed to help continue implementing the IPPC Secretariat's work plan.

- [10] The CPM Bureau:

(3) *Agreed* on the actions to this report to be taken by the CPM Bureau to move the IPPC Secretariat work plan forward during the current COVID-19 pandemic and *tasked* the IPPC Secretariat to take appropriate actions to their fulfilment.

(4) *Noted* that IPPC contracting parties may submit comments or objections by 13 June 2020 regarding the CPM Bureau's decision-making process to move forward the IPPC Secretariat work plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Resource mobilisation (letter from CPM Bureau Chair to traditional contributors)

- [11] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the two papers² related to this topic and encouraged the CPM Bureau to send the letter on resource mobilisation to IPPC CPs to provide guidance in terms of how to move forward to fill in the existing gap and attract new funds during the current crisis. The IPPC Secretary reminded the CPM Bureau about the existing resources allocated as per the FAO budget but also about the necessity to raise additional funds for the MDTF for sustainable support to all the planned activities.

- [12] One CPM Bureau member noted that there are some projects on which CPs may be eager to invest on, such as ePhyto and the IYPH, and there is need to make these and other activities prominent in the letter to attract funds.

- [13] The CPM Bureau:

¹ A detailed report of the activities can be found in Document 08_Bureau_2020_June_Tel.

² 09_Bureau_2020_June_Tel and 10_Bureau_2020_June_Tel

- (5) *Endorsed* the letter on resource mobilisation to be sent to IPPC contracting parties, pending further review in accordance with the Bureau suggestions.
- (6) *Encouraged* its members to provide the IPPC Secretariat with comments or proposals on the resource mobilization letter by 11 June.

8. International Day of Plant Health

- [14] The IPPC Secretariat presented the process that led to the selection of the two proposed dates by the IYPH ISC and encouraged the CPM Bureau to express its preference on the final proposal as per invitation of the IYPH ISC.
- [15] The CPM Bureau discussed the possibility to endorse one of the two proposed dates and expressed its preference for 12 May.
- [16] The CPM Bureau:
- (7) *Endorsed* 12 May as the proposed date for the establishment of an International Day of Plant Health.
 - (8) *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to inform FAO, the IYPH ISC and the FAO Committee on Agriculture about the Bureau's support for the proposal.

9. Informal Briefing for IPPC Contracting Parties (Zoom Meeting)

- [17] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the paper and asked the CPM Bureau to discuss the possibility to hold informal briefings with the IPPC CPs, for which FAO DDG-P Ms Beth BECHDOL may attend and deliver opening remarks.
- [18] The CPM Chairperson noted the support from the CPM Bureau for this proposal and asked the IPPC Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to organise such informal briefings, taking into consideration time differences. The CPM Bureau agreed that the IPPC Secretariat will organise two informal briefings on 18 June 2020 from 09:00 - 11:00 (CEST) for Asia, Europe and South-West Pacific, and 15:30 - 17:30 (CEST) for Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, Near East and North America, respectively.
- [19] The CPM Bureau:
- (9) *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to organise a virtual meeting with all IPPC taking into consideration the different time zones.

10. Any Other Business

- [20] The IPPC Secretariat invited the CPM Bureau to consider the situation of the Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF), whose mandate would expire in 2020, and encouraged to extend its mandate until the end of 2021 considering its limitations to operate due to the current global sanitary crisis.
- [21] The CPM Bureau

(10) *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to draft a paper on the possibility to extend the SCTF for one year for discussion at the Bureau July meeting.

11. Next Meeting

[22] Next meeting of the CPM Bureau will take place on 9 July 2020 at 12:30 (CEST), with the participation of Ms Beth BECHDOL, Deputy Director-General (DDG) of FAO.

[23] The CPM Bureau considered holding a special session to discuss on Standard Setting Process.

[24] The CPM Bureau:

(11) *Agreed* to hold a special session on the Standard Setting Process on 17 June at 12:00 (CEST).

12. Closing of the Meeting

[25] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Annex 1 – Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	03	Agenda	2020-06-02
02_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2020-06-02
03_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2020-05-27
04_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	08	Dates for IDPH	2020-05-27
05_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	04	Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	2020-05-27
06_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	06	Decision points in the CPM-15 Agenda	2020-06-02
07_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	09	Informal Briefing for IPPC Contracting Parties	2020-06-02
08_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	05	IPPC Secretary's update	2020-05-29
09_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	07	Resource mobilisation of the IPPC Secretariat for 2020	2020-05-29
10_Bureau_2020_June_Tel	07	Letter to the selected donors	2020-06-02
IPP LINKS:			
Report Bureau May 2020			
Report Bureau April 2020			
Report Bureau Dec 2019			
SPG October 2019 Report			

Annex 2 – Participant List

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BUREAU MEETING – TELECONFERENCE 4 JUNE 2020**

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A check (✓) in column 1 indicates confirmed attendance at the meeting.

Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	XIA/TRUJILLO
2	Meeting Arrangements		DENG/MONTUORI
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	
3	Agenda	01_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	TRUJILLO
4	Review of CPM Bureau Action List	Report Bureau May 2020 05_Bureau_2020_Tel_June (paper on process of post-2020 GBF)	DENG/MONTUORI
5	Update from the IPPC Secretariat	08_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	XIA
6	Action points from CPM-15 Agenda to move forward during COVID-19 Pandemic	06_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	DENG
7	Resource mobilisation (letter from CPM Bureau Chair to traditional contributors)	09_Bureau_2020_Tel_June 10_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	BENOVIC
8	International Day of Plant Health	04_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	DENG/MONTUORI
9	Informal Briefing for IPPC Contracting Parties (Zoom Meeting)	07_Bureau_2020_Tel_June	DENG
10	Any Other Business	--	TRUJILLO
11	Next Meeting	--	XIA/TRUJILLO
12	Closing of the Meeting	--	TRUJILLO

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Take appropriate actions to move the IPPC work plan forward during the current COVID-19 pandemic.	IPPC Secretariat	All Team Leads	9 July 2020
2	Inform FAO, IYPH ISC and COAG Secretariat about selected date for International Day of Plant Health.	IPPC Secretariat	Jingyuan XIA Arop DENG Mirko MONTUORI	18 June 2020
3	Organise a virtual meeting with all IPPC CPs.	IPPC Secretariat	Jingyuan XIA Arop DENG Mirko MONTUORI	18 June 2020
4	Provide the IPPC Secretariat comments on proposals to make IPPC activities attractive by 18 June.	CPM Bureau	Marko BENOVIC	18 June 2020
5	Organize a CPM Bureau special session on the Standard Setting Process.	IPPC Secretariat	Avetik NERSISYAN	End of June 2020
6	Draft a paper on the possibility to extend the SCTF until the end of 2021.	IPPC Secretariat	Brent LARSON Ketevan LOMSADZE	5 July 2020

Annex 5 – List of decision points for CPM Bureau consideration

Decision theme	Decision category	Decision Number in previous Bureau paper	Topic of decision (CPM Bureau on behalf of CPM)
1. Governance and strategy	Approval	28	Adjustments to “The Work Plan and Budget of the IPPC Secretariat for 2020” and MDTF.
2. Standard Setting	“	5	Approve CPM recommendations for consultation.
	“	6	Approve draft ISPM on commodity standards for consultation.
	“	7	Approve draft specification for TPCS for consultation.
	Emergency	35	Provide guidance on topic of “ <i>authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions</i> ”.
	“	36	Provide guidance on re-organization of standards related to Pest risk analysis (PRA)
3. Implementation and Facilitation	Procedural	16-18	CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert & Response System: agree to establish it, review TORs and hold first meeting.
	“	37	Authorize the IPPC Secretariat to proceed with the following two ICD topics as a high priority pending CPM official change of priority: Surveillance and e-Commerce priority 1.
4. Communication and International Cooperation	Procedural	42	Agree to develop new IPPC Communications Strategy 2021-2025 and consider requesting the SPG at their October 2020 meeting to discuss key elements of the new strategy (note: this also requires a decision on the new SPG dates).
5. IYPH	Emergency	46	Endorse the establishment of an International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) as a legacy of IYPH 2020 (but note: this was already done in 2017 by CPM-12; the IYPH ISC now asked the Bureau to select one date between April 3 and May 12).
6. ePhyto	Emergency	57	Support the formation of the small working group to assess the options for ePhyto sustainable funding and to present its recommendations to the Bureau.