**International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Partnership Strategy**

*Promoting Strategic and Effective Partnerships towards the IPPC Implementation*

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1. **Introduction**
2. This paper aims to describe the current status of the IPPC partnerships, with the purpose of initiating a discussion within the IPPC community on how to continue promoting strategic and effective partnerships toward the IPPC implementation. The IPPC Secretariat conducted a thorough review of the list of IPPC partners, analysed the new IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 and its development agenda and is proposing an in-depth strategic discussion by the IPPC community on how to proceed in this domain so that it aligns with past CPM decisions while promoting effective collaborations with standing and future partners.
3. **Background and rationale**
4. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat on behalf of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) maintains strong links with organizations that share common interests and objectives, with the aim to support the implementation of the Convention, its standards and recommendations, the IPPC Strategic Framework (from herein SF) 2020-2030 and the annual IPPC work plans and budgets.
5. The IPPC text in itself recognizes the importance of international cooperation amongst national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) established by IPPC contracting parties, and of regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) as coordinating bodies that participate in various activities to achieve the objectives of this Convention, gather and disseminate information, and cooperate with the IPPC Secretariat and the CPM in developing international standards.[[1]](#footnote-2)
6. The IPPC SF 2020-2030 defines communication and international cooperation as IPPC core activities, amongst others. In particular, it highlights the crucial role of cooperation in mainstreaming plant health dialogues and policies into the general debate on environmental, climate change and development issues, recognizing also the necessary intensive cooperation amongst relevant international organizations in view of the gained momentum after the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) 2020.
7. While recognizing the crucial importance of liaison activities with NPPOs, RPPOs and relevant FAO divisions, the current strategy focuses on IPPC “external” partners (hereinafter “IPPC partners”), contributing to the IPPC implementation with different modalities and prerogatives as opposed to IPPC contracting parties.
8. The IPPC Partnership Strategy expands on the provisions of the IPPC SF 2020-2030. It is based on and is consistent with the FAO partnership strategy including the FAO Strategy for Partnerships with the Private Sector[[2]](#footnote-3) and the FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations[[3]](#footnote-4), and FAO’s approach in partnerships with Academia and Research Organizations[[4]](#footnote-5), notwithstanding the peculiarities of the IPPC as an FAO Article XIV body.
9. As of today, an IPPC partners list has been maintained in cooperation with FAO to allow participation by relevant international organizations in the sessions of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). The current strategy sets requirements and modalities for an organization to be recognised as an IPPC partner, describes the role of an IPPC partner and, in accordance with the FAO and Codex Alimentarius Commission practices, classifies partners into three main categories: United Nations Organizations (UNO), Inter-governmental Organizations (IGOs) and Non-State Actors (NSA). NSA are in turn divided into Academia and Research Organizations (AROs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Private Sector (PSO) due to their peculiarities.
10. **Definition of IPPC partners**
11. National and regional plant protection organizations (NPPOs and RPPOs) cooperate with the IPPC Secretary in achieving the objectives of the Convention. In addition, the IPPC Secretariat cooperates with various groups of partners, which are referred to as any United Nations organization or agency, International Governmental Organization, or Non-State Actor contributing to achieve the IPPC mission and objectives, and establishing a form of cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat.
12. Key IPPC partners include:
13. a) the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), which recognizes the standards, guidelines and recommendations developed under the auspices of the IPPC Secretariat as the reference for trade disputes in the area of plant health[[5]](#footnote-6).
14. b) the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), given the IPPC’s role in protecting the environment and biodiversity from Invasive Alien Species as plant pests, and the IPPC Secretariat’s membership of the Biodiversity Liaison Group since 2015[[6]](#footnote-7).
15. c) Climate-change related organizations. The IPPC SF 2020-2030 calls for greater attention to phytosanitary issues in general policy considerations on climate change, and also for better incorporating the topic of plant health into the overall mainstream of the global climate change debate. It is also pivotal to better incorporate climate change considerations into plant health policies.
16. d) Academia and Research Organizations in the field of plant health. FAO has a large number of collaborative agreements with Academia and Research Organisations active in the field of plant health, and these collaborations have proven to foster sharing and exchanging knowledge and technical expertise, promoting innovative research techniques, and raising awareness on key issues related to plant health, food safety, biodiversity and climate change.
17. e) Private Sector. Private sector organizations and companies are of extreme importance, particularly those working on trade facilitation issues, including organizations engaged in the IPPC ePhyto solution via the ePhyto Industry Advisory Group[[7]](#footnote-8) and those working on e-commerce, sea container, and ISPM implementation issues.
18. **Purpose, scope and objectives**
19. The purpose of the IPPC Partnership Strategy is to define the scope, objectives and modalities of the IPPC partnership activities and provide a meaningful categorization and approved list of IPPC partners.
20. The scope of the IPPC Partnership Strategy is to set requirements and modalities for entities to be recognized as IPPC partners, classify partners into three main categories, and describe the role of an IPPC partner.
21. The primary objective of the IPPC partnership strategy is the implementation of IPPC, its standards and recommendations, the IPPC SF 2020-2030 and the annual IPPC work plans and budgets.
22. The main expected outcome of the IPPC partnership strategy is to contribute to the IPPC mission to protect the world’s plant resources by minimizing the risk associated with the international movement of plant pests and facilitate safe trade.
23. The IPPC community will establish and maintain existing partnerships keeping in mind the three Strategic Objectives set forth by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM):

a) enhance global food security and increase sustainable agricultural productivity;

b) protect forests and the environment from the impacts of plant pests; and

c) facilitate safe trade development and economic growth.

1. Priority partnerships with relevant organizations may be indicated by the IPPC Governing Bodies to allow the IPPC Secretariat to initiate contacts and negotiations with such bodies.
2. **Requirements and modalities to become IPPC partners**
3. The CPM establishes cooperation with other relevant international organizations on matters covered by the Convention, with the support of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat, pursuant to Art. XI.(f) of the IPPC.
4. Collaboration with such international organizations will be assessed by the IPPC Secretariat, under the guidance of the CPM Bureau. For the purpose of the current strategy, organizations listed in Annex I to III, which have an established relationship with the IPPC Secretariat, are considered as IPPC partners.
5. The CPM Bureau, with input from the IPPC Secretariat, is responsible to consider the inclusion of additional organizations in the list of IPPC partners.
6. IPPC partners must share common interests and objectives, in view of supporting the implementation of the Convention, its standards and recommendations, the IPPC Strategic Framework (SF) 2020-2030 and the annual IPPC work plans and budgets.
7. Organizations may apply to become IPPC partners by providing a written application to the IPPC Secretariat completing a form available on the IPPC website. The application should include the name, mission, structure and functioning of the applying organization (e.g. Charter, Terms of Reference, website etc.), a short description of its relevance to the IPPC, and details of an active contact point (name, last name, mail address, email, phone/mobile).[[8]](#footnote-9)
8. The IPPC Secretariat or members of the CPM Bureau may also suggest the inclusion of organizations in the list of IPPC partners.
9. IPPC partners are categorized as follows:
* United Nations Organizations (UNO);
* Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs);
* Non-State Actors (NSA), which may be:
	+ Academia and Research Organizations (AROs);
	+ Private Sector (PS);
	+ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
1. IPPC partners are expected to maintain open, efficient and effective relationships with the IPPC Secretariat, under the guidance of the CPM Bureau.
2. The IPPC Secretariat seeks to propose global partners primarily, but may engage partners at the regional and national level to reach its objectives and advance its work plan.
3. If deemed relevant, partnerships may foresee the development of a joint work plan (to be renewed on a biannual basis), or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Preferably, mention of the partnership and details about joint activities would be included in the MoU signed by the partner organization with FAO.
4. **The role of an IPPC partners**
5. The contribution of IPPC partners towards achieving the IPPC mission and objectives may differ based on their focus and mandate, and subsequent agreement with the IPPC Secretariat; however, a general list of prerogatives of IPPC partners is presented below.
6. IPPC partners may participate in the CPM sessions. They may take the floor as allowed by the chairperson, but may not vote.
7. Upon invitation by the IPPC Secretariat, with agreement of the IPPC Standards Committee (SC), IPPC partners may take part in the IPPC standard setting process. In particular, relevant partners may be invited to consultations on draft standards. Their comments may be considered by the steward as deemed relevant, pending the review by the SC.
8. IPPC partners may also take part in IPPC implementation and capacity development projects and activities, as well as cooperate on joint communications and awareness raising initiatives, as deemed relevant by the IPPC Secretariat.
9. IPPC partners may also be called on to contribute directly to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 and its development agenda. Among other things, IPPC partners may provide financial and in-kind contributions to the IPPC Secretariat.
10. **Conclusions**
11. The IPPC community has always engaged other organizations and institutions with the purpose of achieving the Convention’s objectives and goals. The latest IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 contains a strong partnership component that the IPPC Governing Bodies and Secretariat should implement jointly and in coordination. The discussion on priorities and modalities of engagement for the coming decade require a strategic discussion within the IPPC community to provide guidance to the IPPC Secretariat, bearing in mind the potential future needs to shift priorities and engagement levels if needed.
12. The SPG is invited to:
13. *Endorse* the paper on IPPC Partnership Strategy for CPM discussion.

**Annex 1 – IPPC and United Nations Organizations (UNO)**

A list of UNO collaborating with the IPPC Secretariat is provided in table 1.

**Table 1. IPPC partners – UNO**

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| **N.** | **Organization** | **Abbr.** | **IPPC Contact Point** | **Partner Org. Contact Point** | **Type** | **Main link to IPPC** | **MoU with FAO?** | **Agreement / Joint Work Plan with IPPC Sec?** |
| 1 | [Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/biologicalweaponsconvention/) | BWC | Mr Artur Shamilov | Mr Daniel Feakes | UNO |  |  |  |
| 2 | [Codex Alimentarius](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/codexalimentarius/) | Codex | Mr Mirko Montuori | Ms Gracia Brisco | UNO | SPS sister |  |  |
| 3 | [Convention on Biological Diversity](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/cbd/) | CBD | Mr Avetik Nersisyan / Ms Adriana Moreira (for Global Taxonomy Initiative) / Mr Mirko Montuori (for communication) | Ms Junko Shimura | UNO | BLG |  | Joint work plan 2020-2021 |
| 4 | Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change | IPPC | Ms Viivi Kuvaja |  | UNO | IPPC development agenda on climate change impacts on plant health |  |  |
| 5 | [International Atomic Energy Agency](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalatomicenergyagency/) | IAEA | Ms Adriana Moreira | Mr Rui Cardoso Pereira | UNO | Joint FAO/IAEA work, TPPT |  |  |
| 6 | [International Maritime Organization](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/imo/) | IMO | Ms Ketevan Lomsadze | Mr Alfredo Parroquin-Ohlson | UNO | Sea Container Task Force |  |  |
| 7 | International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture | ITPGRFA | Mr Avetik Nersisyan | Mr Kent Nnadozie | UNO | BLG |  |  |
| 8 | [Ozone Secretariat (UN Environment)](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/ozonesecretariat/) |  | Ms Adriana Moreira | Ms Sophia Mylona | UNO |  |  |  |
| 9 | [United Nations Environment](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/unep/) Programme | UNEP | Mr Mirko Montuori | Ms Diane Klaimi | UNO | MEA and project on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions |  |  |
| 10 | [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/unfccc/) | UNFCCC | Mr Mirko Montuori / Ms Viivi Kuvaja | Mr Peter Iversen | UNO | IPPC development agenda on climate change impacts on plant health |  |  |
| 11 | United Nations International Computing Centre | UNICCC | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | UNO | ePhyto |  |  |
| 12 | Universal Postal Union | UPU | Mr Mirko Montuori / Ms Barbara Peterson |  | UNO | IYPH, advocacy and e-commerce |  |  |
| 13 | World Meteorological Organization | WMO | Ms Viivi Kuvaja |  | UNO | IPPC development agenda on climate change impacts on plant health |  |  |

**Annex 2 – IPPC and International Governmental Organizations (IGOs)**

A list of IGOs collaborating with the IPPC Secretariat is provided in table 2.

**Table 2. IPPC partners – IGOs**

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| 1 | [Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International](http://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/cabi/) | CABI | Mr Brent Larson | Mr Washington Otieno | IGO | The global burden of crop loss, IYPH support | No |  |
| 2 | Centre international de hautes études agronomiques méditerranéennes | CIHEAM | Arop Deng | Ms Anna Maria D’Onghia | IGO | Joint training, work on climate change, IYPH support (IYPH ISC member) | Yes |  |
| 3 | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora | CITES | Mr Brent Larson |  | IGO | BLG member |  |  |
| 4 | Eurasian Economic Commission | EEC | Mr Avetik Nersisyan |  | IGO |  |  |  |
| 5 | European Phytosanitary Research Coordination | Euphresco | Mr Arop Deng | Mr Baldissera Giovani | IGO | Joint paper on research coordination, IYPH support | No |  |
| 6 | [Inter American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/iica/) | IICA | Mr Descartes Koumba | Mr Robert Ahern | IGO | IPPC Regional Workshops and projects |  |  |
| 7 | International Organization for Standardization | ISO | Ms Adriana Moreira | Mr Michael Sussman | IGO | Standard setting |  |  |
| 8 | [International Seed Testing Association](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalseedtestingassociation/) | ISTA | Ms Ketevan Lomsadze | Mr Andreas Wais | IGO | ISPM 38 implementation |  |  |
| 9 | [Standards Trade Development Facility](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/stdf/) | STDF | Mr Brent Larson | Mr Melvin Spreij | IGO | STDF working group |  |  |
| 10 | [World Animal Health Organization](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/oie/) | OIE | Mr Jingyuan Xia |  | IGO | SPS sister |  |  |
| 11 | [World Bank](http://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/worldbank/) | WB | Mr Craig Fedchock | Mr William John Gain | IGO | ePhyto |  |  |
| 12 | [World Customs Organization](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/wco/) | WCO | Mr Craig Fedchock / Mr Brent Larson | Mr Ozlem Soysanli | IGO | e-commerce, ePhyto |  | Joint work plan 2020-2021 |
| 13 | World Economic Forum | WEF | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | IGO | ePhyto |  |  |
| 14 | [World Trade Organization](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/wto/) | WTO | Mr Brent Larson | Mr Rolando Alcala | IGO | SPS committee |  |  |

**Annex 3 – IPPC and Non-State Actors (NSA)**

NSA include three sub-categories:

* Academia and Research Organizations (AROs);
* Private Sector (PS);
* Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

A list of NSA collaborating with the IPPC Secretariat is provided in table 3.

**Table 3. IPPC partner organizations – NSA**

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| 1 | Container Owners Association | COA | Ms Ketevan Lomsadze | Mr Michael Patrik Downes | NSA-PS | Sea Container Task Force |  |  |
| 2 | European potato trade association | EUROPATAT | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 3 | European Seed Association | ESA | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 4 | European fresh fruit and vegetables chain | Freshfel Europe | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 5 | Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation | GATFA | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG observer |  |  |
| 6 | Global Express Association | GSA | Ms Barbara Peterson | Mr Carlos Grau Tanner | NSA-PS | e-commerce, ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 7 | International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties | CIOPORA | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 8 | International Cotton Advisory Committee | ICAC | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 9 | International Flower Trade Association | Union Fleurs | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 10 | International Grain Trade Coalition | IGTC | Mr Craig Fedchock | Ms Katy Lee | NSA-PS | ISPM 38 implementation, ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 11 | International Olive Council | IOC | Ms Sarah Brunel | Mr Abdellatif Ghedira | NSA-PS |  |  |  |
| 12 | [International Seed Federation](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalseedfederation/) | ISF | Ms Ketevan Lomsadze/Mr Mirko Montuori | Ms Rose Souza Richards | NSA-PS | ISPM 38 implementation, ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 13 | International Wood Products Association | IWPA | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 14 | National Alfalfa and Forage Association | NAFA | Mr Craig Fedchock |  | NSA-PS | ePhyto IAG member |  |  |
| 15 | Entomological Society of America | ESA | Mr Deng Arop | Mr Chris Stelzig | NSA-ARO | Joint initiatives, IYPH support | No |  |
| 16 | European Phytosanitary Research Network | Euphresco | Mr Arop Deng | Mr Baldissera Giovani | NSA-ARO | Development agenda on global phytosanitary research coordination |  |  |
| 17 | International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences | IAPPS | Mr Arop Deng  | Mr Elvis Heinrichs | NSA-ARO | IPPC Congress, IYPH support | No |  |
| 18 | [International Forestry Quarantine Research Group](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalforestryquarantineresearchgroup/) | IFQRG | Mr Brent Larson | Mr Michael Ormsby | NSA-ARO | Support to TPs work | No |  |
| 19 | [International Pest Risk Research Group](https://www.ippc.int/fr/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalpestriskresearchgroup) | IPRRG | Mr Denis Allex | Mr Alan MacLeod | NSA-ARO | Support on PRA related issues | No |  |
| 20 | International Society for Plant Pathology | ISPP | Mr Arop Deng  | Ms Jan Leach | NSA-ARO | Joint publications, IYPH support | No |  |
| 21 | Italian Society for Plant Pathology  | SIPAV | Mr Mirko Montuori | Mr Massimo Reverberi | NSA-ARO | Joint initiatives and publications, IYPH support | No |  |
| 22 | [Phytosanitary Measures Research Group](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/phytosanitarymeasuresresearchgroup/) | PMRG | Ms Adriana Moreira | Mr Peter Leach (Chairperson) and Ms Joanne Wilson (Secretary) | NSA-ARO | Support to IPPC standard setting work | No |  |
| 23 | Erasmus Mundus Programme of Plant Health |  | Mr Arop Deng | Mr Josep Armengol Forti | NSA-ARO | Joint initiatives, IYPH support | No |  |
| 24 | Imperial College |  | Ms Ketevan Lomsadze | Ms Megan Quinlan | NSA-ARO | Beyond compliance project | No | Yes, through STDF project |
| 25 | La Sapienza University of Rome |  | Mr Riccardo Mazzucchelli |  | NSA-ARO | Classes on IPPC, volunteers, student visits | Yes |  |
| 26 | University of Florence |  | Mr Arop Deng  | Ms Laura Mugnai | NSA-ARO | Classes on IPPC, students visits | No |  |
| 27 | University of Naples “Suor Orsola Benincasa” |  | Mr Mirko Montuori  | Ms Alessandra Storlazzi | NSA-ARO | Classes on IPPC | No |  |
| 28 | University of Padua |  | Mr Mirko Montuori | Mr Lucio Montecchio | NSA-ARO | Joint initiatives, IYPH support | No |  |
| 29 | University of Turin |  | Mr Mirko Montuori | Ms Maria Lodovica Gullino | NSA-ARO | Leading study on climate change, IYPH support | Yes |  |
| 30 | Wageningen University |  | Mr Brent Larson | Ms Cecile Kuster | NSA-ARO | IPPC M&E project | Yes |  |
| 31 | Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations-General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives | COPA-COGECA | Mr Mirko Montuori | Mr Pedro Gallardo | NSA-CSO | IYPH ISC member |  |  |
| 32 | The Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee | COLEACP | Ms Sarah Brunel | Ms Morag Webb | NSA-CSO | CPM travel support, translation of IPPC guides into French |  |  |

1. Ref. IPPC text: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/convention-text/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Ref. FAO Strategy for Partnerships with the Private Sector: <http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/c5b98b4a-5441-589a-b621-f142a266cda9/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Ref. FAO Strategy for Partnerships with CSO: <http://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/950860ae-1a3b-5e44-b797-32fd880fbaac/> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Ref. FAO Approach for Partnerships with Academia and Research Organizations: <http://www.fao.org/partnerships/academia/en/> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Ref. WTO SPS text: <https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/spsagr_e.htm> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Ref. BLG web page: <https://www.cbd.int/blg/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Ref. <https://www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/ephyto-industry-advisory-group/> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. The application form will be available through the IPPC website: <https://www.ippc.int/en/> [↑](#footnote-ref-9)