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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Jingyuan XIA, the IPPC Secretariat Officer in Charge and Director of the FAO Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), delivered his opening remarks, recalling the past five years as IPPC Secretary. He highlighted the progressive restructuring of the IPPC Secretariat, with the introduction of annual themes, the endorsement of a renewed IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030, as well as the establishment of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC). He further recalled the record number of adopted International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and recommendations, regional workshops and the ePhyto solution as well as the proclamation of 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health.
- [2] Mr XIA mentioned that one of the next important challenges is the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat within the FAO structure. In this regard, he suggested that the CPM Bureau takes an active role in ensuring the visibility of the IPPC Secretariat. He also noted the need to engage in preparations and contingency planning for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-15), and encouraged to keep working towards the implementation of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) and the proclamation of the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH). He further noted the opportunity to define the IPPC role in the One Health approach. He thanked all CPM Bureau members and IPPC Secretariat staff for the support rendered to him during his five-year tenure as the IPPC Secretary.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Documents list

- [3] The List of Documents is attached to this report as [Annex 01](#).

2.2. Participants list

- [4] The CPM Bureau welcomed Mr John GREIFER who has taken the position of CPM Bureau member for North America and Mr Peter THOMPSON who has taken the position of CPM Bureau member for the Pacific following Mr Stephen BUTCHER'S resignation. During this COVID-19 situation, Mr Greg WOLFF, former Bureau member also participated in the meeting to facilitate the transition to the new members.
- [5] The CPM Bureau also noted the presence of Mr Gamil Anwar Mohammed RAMADHAN, CPM Bureau member for the Near East and North Africa, after his prolonged absence and discussed how to ensure continuity in representation for his region.
- [6] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 02](#).
- [7] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Thanked* Mr Greg WOLFF for his service as CPM Bureau member and *welcomed* Mr John GREIFER as the new CPM Bureau member for North America and Mr Peter THOMPSON as the new CPM Bureau member for the Southwest Pacific.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [8] The CPM Bureau discussed the agenda and agreed to discuss the item under Any Other Business (AOB) (Proposal for the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat in the new FAO structure) right after agenda point 4.
- [9] Mr Francisco Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA, Chairperson of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), proposed a discussion to clarify the role of the CPM Bureau in the selection process for a new IPPC Secretary under AOB.
- [10] The IPPC Secretariat also proposed the inclusion of the selection of a new chairperson of the IPPC Financial Committee (FC) under any other business. The Provisional Agenda as attached to this report as Annex 03 was adopted.

4. Review of CPM Bureau Action List

- [11] The IPPC Secretariat reviewed the Actions list from the previous CPM Bureau meeting, which were all carried out on time.

5. Proposal for the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat in the new FAO structure

- [12] Mr John GREIFER (North America) initiated the discussion in the CPM Bureau meeting about the issue of the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat in the new FAO structure, underlining that resolution of this issue will have a wide number of consequences that also reside outside the IPPC community. He suggested the CPM Bureau provide its point of view, taking into consideration the issues related to the IPPC community as well as to the broader issues related to plant health.
- [13] The IPPC Secretariat provided the CPM Bureau with an update regarding the IPPC Secretariat's positioning in FAO, which was already decided during the June 2020 session of the FAO Council, and suggested that the IPPC community should raise some key points to be considered (e.g. ensuring a D-1 level position for the new IPPC Secretary, visibility of the Secretariat, profile, reporting lines, etc.) rather than where the Secretariat fit into the FAO structure.
- [14] The CPM Bureau:
- (2) *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to organise an extraordinary session of the CPM Bureau to further discuss this topic and prepare a background document with the relevant information.

- (3) *Requested* the CPM Chairperson to draft a message to the FAO Deputy Director-General Ms Beth BECHDOL underlining the key elements of what needed to be address in the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat within FAO.

6. Review of 2020 Strategic Planning Group Agenda

[15] Several CPM Bureau expressed their concern regarding the current agenda for the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting in 2020, in particular that there were too many agenda items to have a clear focused discussion in the allocated time of a virtual meeting and suggested to have a more selective approach.

[16] The CPM Bureau requested the SPG Chairperson to consider how best to address the agenda items proposed in the meeting document, noting the importance to have a focused meeting. They also agreed that as the meeting is virtual it is possible to have a subsequent SPG meeting if needed, including to consider contingency planning for the next CPM if a physical meeting is not possible.

[17] The CPM Bureau:

- (4) *Endorsed* the proposed SPG agenda and *asked* the IPPC Secretariat to post it as soon as possible.
- (5) *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to provide suggestions to the SPG Chairperson to help have a focused SPG meeting.
- (6) *Agreed* to hold one or more additional sessions of the SPG, focusing on items that SPG was not able to discuss.

7. CPM-15 Contingency Plan

[18] This item was deferred to a later discussion.

The CPM Bureau deferred discussion on the following topics:

- Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy
- Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination
- Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health

[19] It was agreed that the Bureau would discuss these agenda points in a written form, given the broad areas of some of these topics.

[20] The Bureau also recalled some agenda points including the One Health approach and the Phytosanitary Treatment Research Tool that had not been addressed at the previous Bureau meeting and requested the IPPC Secretariat to add them to the list of deferred agenda points, so they could be considered at future meetings.

[21] The CPM Bureau:

(7) *Decided* to continue the discussion on the following topics through written means by 25 September 2020:

- Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy
- Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination
- Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health

(8) *Deferred* the following agenda points for discussion at a future CPM Bureau meeting:

- IPPC and One Health approach
- Phytosanitary Treatment Research Tool
- Advancing work on e-Commerce

8. Any Other Business

- Role of the CPM Bureau in the selection process of a new IPPC Secretary

[22] This item was deferred to a later discussion.

- Nomination of a new chairperson of the Financial Committee

[23] The CPM Bureau selected Mr John GREIFER (North America) as the Chairperson of the IPPC Financial Committee.

9. Next Meeting

[24] The CPM Bureau agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on 24 September 2020 from 12:00 to 14:00 (CEST), and a pre-SPG meeting on 7 October 2020, from 12:00 to 14:00 (CEST).

10. Closing of the Meeting

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

Annex 01 - Documents List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	03	Agenda	2020-09-01
02_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2020-09-01
03_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2020-08-06
04_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.3	Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health	2020-08-21
05_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.2	Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination	2020-08-21
06_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	05	Review of 2020 Strategic Planning Group Agenda	2020-08-27
07_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	09	Proposed IPPC positioning in new FAO structure	2020-08-28
08_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.1	Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy	2020-09-01
IPP LINKS:			
Report Bureau June 2020			
Report Bureau May 2020			
Report Bureau April 2020			
Report Bureau Dec 2019			
SPG October 2019 Report			

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Annex 03 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Jingyuan XIA / Javier TRUJILLO
2	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
3	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4	Review of CPM Bureau Action List	Link to CPM Bureau July 2020 meeting report	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI
5	Review of 2020 Strategic Planning Group Agenda	06_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Lucien KUAME KONAN / Arop DENG
6	CPM-15 Contingency Plan	--	Javier TRUJILLO
7	Integration and Support		Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI
7.1	Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy	08_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
7.2	Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination	05_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
7.3	Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health	04_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
8	Advancing Work on e-Commerce	--	Greg WOLFF / Brent LARSON
9	Any Other Business Proposal for the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat in the new FAO structure	07_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
10	Next Meeting	--	Jingyuan XIA / Javier TRUJILLO
11	Closing of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO

Annex 04 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Organise an extraordinary session to further discuss the IPPC Secretariat position in the renewed FAO structure	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Mirko MONTUORI	18/09/2020
2	Draft a message to the FAO Deputy Director-General Ms Beth BECHDOL underlining the key elements on the IPPC Secretariat positioning within FAO	CPM Chairperson IPPC Secretariat	Javier TRUJILLO	16/09/2020
3	Post the SPG agenda and provide a list of suggestions to the SPG Chairperson to have a focused meeting.	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI with input of other IPPC Core Team Members	25/09/2020
4	Continue the discussion through written means by 25 September 2020 on these topics: - Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy - Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination - Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health	CPM Bureau IPPC Secretariat	CPM Bureau members Mirko MONTUORI	25/09/2020
5	Include following points in agenda of future CPM Bureau meeting: - IPPC and One Health approach - Phytosanitary Treatment Research Tool - Advancing work on e-Commerce	CPM Bureau IPPC Secretariat	Javier TRUJILLO Arop DENG	CPM Bureau meeting in 2020