

# 2020-06 Call for Experts – Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is soliciting nominations for appropriately qualified experts to take part in:

- the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP): experts in Botany

Nominations are due **1 August 2020 (extended from 1 July 2020)** and should be sent to [ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org).

Experts will be appointed for five-year terms beginning in 2021 and should be available to attend all annual face-to-face meetings as well as potential virtual meetings of the TPDP (see requirement details below).

All meeting dates will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2021\)](#).

These groups operate in English language (without interpretation), so experts should have a strong working knowledge of English.

## 1. Specific expertise required

The Standards Committee (SC) will select the experts based on how closely an expert's skills and experience match the specific expertise required.

- Expertise required for the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols

In response to the inclusion of new topics for DPs in the List of Topics of IPPC Standards, experts for the field of **Botany** are sought to complement already existing expertise within the TPDP. Candidates should have diagnostic expertise in their relevant field, including practical and research expertise in the use of morphological, molecular and biochemical diagnostic techniques, in quality assurance and in phytosanitary procedures. Experience in developing diagnostic protocols is highly desired. Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPDP throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work is essential. The tasks of the TPDP are described in the [Specification TP1](#). For more information about the TPDP, please access their webpage by [clicking here](#).

This is for a five-year term beginning in 2021 and the selected experts should be available to attend all meetings of the TPDP.

**2. Instructions for making nominations** Nominations will be accepted from contracting parties, national or regional plant protection organizations (NPPOs or RPPOs) through their respective NPPO or RPPO [official IPPC Contact Point](#) and self-nominations should be supported by an accompanying letter from the respective IPPC contact point. A nomination should only be made if the nominee has agreed to his/her nomination, is available for the meeting dates as posted on the [IPPC Calendar \(2021\)](#) and can allocate appropriate time to the tasks as outlined in the [Statement of Commitment](#). Each nomination must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- **Completed nominee details and summary of expertise form** – (only as a word processing file such as MS Word). All sections should be completed, including contact details, education and professional training. A clear description of the nominee's

expertise is required. The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_Summary**;

- **Completed and signed Statement of Commitment form** – this should be read carefully by each nominee and discussed between the nominee and their employer. The form should then be signed by the nominee and a senior person in authority from the organization that employs the nominee. The form should be submitted with the nomination (as a scanned image file such as PDF). The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_commitment**;
- **The nominee's Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – electronic copy of the nominee's CV with the file named as follows: **COUNTRY\_SURNAME\_Firstname\_CV**.

Submissions should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) no later than **1 August 2020**. The name of the nominating country or RPPO and the words "Call for Technical Panel Experts" should be placed in the subject line of the email message.

### **3. Funding for experts to attend meetings**

The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds. The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistance-attend-meetings>).

It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting and those participants who plan to attend only part of a meeting should fund their own travel.