



# **REPORT**

## **BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (TELECONFERENCE)**

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## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

- [1] Mr Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA, Chairperson of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), welcomed the participants and informed the CPM Bureau members about the encouraging response by Ms Beth BECHDOL, FAO Deputy Director-General, to his letter regarding the IPPC Secretary appointment and IPPC Secretariat positioning within the FAO structure.
- [2] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that the vacancy announcement for the IPPC Secretary position has been cleared by FAO and appears to report to a Deputy Director-General directly. He highlighted that the IPPC Secretariat positioning within the FAO structure may be discussed at the coming FAO Council session (30 November – 4 December) under Any Other Business only if such an item is raised by its members.

## **2. Meeting Arrangements**

### **2.1. Documents list**

- [3] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#).

### **2.2. Participants list**

- [4] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 2](#).

## **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

- [5] The Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

## **4. CPM-15 Agenda and Contingency Planning**

- [6] The CPM Chairperson highlighted the key elements regarding the planning of CPM-15, inviting CPM Bureau members to discuss and analyse the different possible arrangements allowing sufficient time for discussion and decisions as well as to set precise dates to facilitate CPM-15 planning activities for the IPPC Secretariat and FAO.
- [7] The IPPC Secretariat presented the proposed revised agenda for CPM-15, which would entail the division into substantive items, for discussion and approval/adoption, and updates and reports and all other papers not requiring decisions. The latter will be posted with comments sought in written form, noted in the meeting report, but not discussed. The IPPC Secretariat reminded the CPM Bureau that the proposed dates will be checked against the availability of FAO Conference Services and that the CPM Bureau will be consulted for additional guidance, should the proposed dates not be available.
- [8] The CPM Bureau agreed that CPM-15 should take place virtually, considering the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic globally and in Europe in particular, broadening the CPM-15 sessions over a three-week period, with clear indications of which discussions are taking place during each allotted time slot.
- [9] One member suggested that each time slot is dedicated to specific topics for discussion and decision to allow proper preparation and foster focused discussions.

[10] Another member asked whether CPM-15 would entertain discussions and a decision on the election of the new CPM Chairperson and adoption of the budget. The CPM Chairperson clarified that CPM-15 will include such items in its agenda as well as the endorsement of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030, suggesting that the Ministerial Segment, including the Ministerial declaration on plant health would not take place as scheduled. He concluded by informing the CPM Bureau that he will present a paper on the role of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat during times of emergencies or crisis for CPM-15 discussion.

[11] The CPM Bureau discussed several potential arrangements, considering the different time zones and possible impediments to participate on specific week days, concluding that CPM-15 may take place on Tuesdays 16 and 23 March 2021 with two daily sessions lasting three hours each and one three-hour session on Tuesday 30 March 2020 to review and adopt the report.

[12] The CPM Bureau:

(1) *Proposed* to hold the CPM-15 session virtually according to the following schedule, in accordance with FAO conference services availability:

- Tuesday 16 March 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 (CET): Session 1 - Opening
- Tuesday 16 March 2021, 15:00 – 18:00 (CET): Session 2
- Tuesday 23 March 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 (CET): Session 3
- Tuesday 23 March 2021, 15:00 – 18:00 (CET): Session 4
- Tuesday 30 March 2021, 12:00 – 15:00 (CET): Session 5 - Adoption of the report

(2) *Agreed* to revise the CPM-15 agenda in accordance with the discussion, including:

- cancelling the CPM-15 Ministerial Segment, but allowing possible Ministerial statements, possibly pre-recorded or live during the opening session;
- updating the agenda to highlight the division into substantive items, for discussion and decision, and updates and other items not requiring decisions, for noting;
- adding a point for the role of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat during times of crisis for CPM-15 discussion and decision, whose relevant paper will be drafted by the CPM Chairperson; and
- ensuring that decisions or recommendations from the CPM Bureau and SPG are appropriately presented to CPM for discussion and decision or for noting.

(3) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to initiate the necessary arrangements to hold CPM-15 according to the new schedule through virtual means, especially on viable options to vote remotely.

## 5. Preparation of SPG November session

- [13] The CPM Chairperson opened the discussion for the SPG November session, encouraging CPM Bureau members to share their views and opinions on the items on the agenda<sup>1</sup>. He invited the CPM Bureau to nominate an alternate SPG Chairperson, should the CPM vice-Chairperson encounter technical difficulties or become suddenly unable to participate. The CPM Bureau welcomed the offer by Ms Marica GATT (Europe region) to function as alternate SPG Chairperson for the next SPG session.
- [14] Mr John GREIFER (North America) introduced the proposal for the renewed SPG Terms of Reference (ToRs), anticipating that the proposal revolves around the improvement of its strategic focus. He further anticipated that the paper discusses the SPG composition, with direct reference to the IPPC Secretariat participation, amongst other topics.
- [15] One member noted that the SPG has had highly strategic discussions in its latest sessions, thus welcoming the opportunity to improve the SPG ToRs aiming to even more focused discussions. He underlined the CPM Bureau's role in maintaining the SPG strategically centred by avoiding the inclusion of administrative or procedural items in its agenda. Mr THOMSON further commented that the papers presented by New Zealand and the United States of America complement each other, looking forward to tomorrow's SPG discussion.
- [16] The CPM Bureau discussed the IPPC Strategic Framework (SF) 2020 – 2030 and agreed that all the development agenda items rank equally in terms of priority, but resource constraints require a clear timeline for their progressive implementation to avoid the risk of diluting the IPPC SF effectiveness and efficacy over the ten-year period.
- [17] The CPM Bureau recognised that the IPPC Secretariat has three pillars, reflecting its core functions that make the IPPC unique at the global level, particularly standard setting. Several CPM Bureau members suggested to raise to the attention of the SPG that certain IPPC SF development agenda items have been already initiated, despite being in different implementation stages.
- [18] One member encouraged the CPM Bureau to provide the necessary guidance to the IPPC Secretariat regarding which development agenda items to work on, suggesting that similar guidance may be provided by the SPG and CPM so that the IPPC Secretariat may continue to work efficiently and deliver the expected results. He also suggested CPM Bureau members to review the resource mobilisation plan developed in 2012<sup>2</sup> as a corner stone to better define the IPPC community's role for such a pivotal activity.

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<sup>1</sup> The SPG November agenda is available at the following location:

[https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2020/10/01\\_SPG\\_2020\\_Nov\\_Agenda\\_2020-10-23.DOCX](https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2020/10/01_SPG_2020_Nov_Agenda_2020-10-23.DOCX)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/mediakit/IPPCResourceMobilization-en.pdf>

- [19] The IPPC Secretariat agreed with the need to highlight the IPPC SF development agenda items to address first, suggesting that the CPM Bureau and SPG provide guidance for the revision of 2021 work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat.
- [20] The IPPC Secretariat agreed on the opportunity to review the IPPC community's role in resource mobilisation activities underlining the need to consider also FAO requirements in this regard.

## **6. Update on Resource Mobilisation**

- [21] The CPM Chairperson introduced the discussion on the resource mobilisation summary and encouraged CPM Bureau members to share their views on this topic.
- [22] One member invited CPM Bureau members to share their views on the opportunity to establish a small group to work on resource mobilisation at the SPG November session.
- [23] The CPM Chairperson suggested to wait until a new IPPC Secretary is appointed and the CPM Bureau agreed with his position.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- [24] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled on Thursday 10 December 2020 at 13:00 (CET).

## **8. Closing of the Meeting**

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

**Annex 1 –Documents List**

<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TITLE</b>	<b>DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED</b>
01_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	03	Agenda	2020-11-05
02_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2020-11-05
03_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2020-11-05
04_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel		CPM-15 decision points and contingency planning	2020-10-30
05_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel		Resource Mobilization	2020-11-04

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**Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
1.	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO
2.	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	
3.	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>	01_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4.	<b>CPM-15 Agenda and Contingency Planning</b>	04_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel <a href="#">Link to CPM-15 agenda</a>	Javier TRUJILLO
5.	<b>Preparation of SPG November session</b>	<a href="#">Link to SPG November 2020 agenda</a>	Konan KUAME
6.	<b>Update on Resource Mobilization</b>	05_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	John GREIFER / Marko BENOVIC
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO
8.	<b>Closing of the Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO

**Annex 4 – Action List**

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Include a point on the CPM agenda to discuss the role of the CPM Bureau and the IPPC Secretariat during times of crisis, and draft relevant paper	CPM Chairperson	Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA Arop DENG	15/01/2021
2	Initiate the necessary arrangements to hold CPM-15 according to the new schedule through virtual means	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Mirko MONTUORI	30/11/2020