FAO GLOBAL ACTION FOR FALL ARMYWORM CONTROL

Terms of Reference

IPPC/Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) Task Force

Context

1. Fall Armyworm (FAW) (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) has increasingly spread around the world over the last decades, affecting many countries in Africa, the Near East, Asia and the Pacific. To respond to this global threat to food security and scale-up international efforts to limit the spread of FAW worldwide, FAO launched a three-year Global Action for Fall Armyworm Control.
2. As the international standards setting body for plant health, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is called upon to play a crucial role in implementing the global action and reduce the risk of further introduction of FAW into new territories.
3. The IPPC/Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) Task Force is established in response to the growing need within the Near East and North Africa, South-West Pacific and European regions to strengthen international quarantine and phytosanitary measures to prevent the further introduction and spread of FAW.

Objectives

1. The key objectives of the IPPC/ RPPOs Task Force are to:
* Coordinate and facilitate the implementation of prevention and preparedness pillar of the FAO Global Action for FAW Control in Europe, Near East and North Africa, and the Pacific.
* Support the implementation of three-year’s workplan of FAO-IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures.
* Oversee training activities on Fall Armyworm prevention and preparedness undertaken at regional and national levels.

Major Tasks

1. The IPPC/RPPOs Task Force will carry out the following tasks:
* Facilitate the implementation of the FAW Global action plan, in particular for Outcome “Risk of FAW introduction and spread to new areas reduced”
* Organize and coordinate regional and national activities and events in Europe, Near East and North Africa, and the Pacific
* Support the development and distribution of communication and advocacy materials.
* Establish and maintain linkages and collaboration with other relevant areas within FAO, IPPC Community, RPPOs, International Trade Organisations and other agencies as required.
* Coordinate with FAO FAW Secretariat.

Membership

1. Arop Deng (TF Leader), Sarah Brunel (1st Assistant to TF Leader), Chris Dale (2nd Assistant to TF Leader), Qingpo Yang, Directors or their representatives of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), Near East and North Africa Plant Protection Organization (NENA), and the Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO).

Working Mechanism

1. The Task Force will report to FAO FAW Secretariat, and meet virtually on a regular basis during COVID-19 outbreak and in other modes during implementation of planned activities in the field.