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Updates on Technical Cooperation among regional plant protection organizations - 31st Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs) - Summary Report

Agenda item 16.1

Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat and IAPSC

1. The 31st Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs) was organized on 21-25th of October 2019 in Abuja, Nigeria at the kind invitation of the Nigerian NPPO (NAQS) and IAPSC. Seven (7) RPPOs out of 10 were present, namely: CAHFSA, CAN, EPPO, IAPSC, NAPPO, NEPPO and PPPO. APPPC and COSAVE delivered presentations virtually on their activities. Representative from FAO Nigeria, CABI and CGIAR also attended as observers.

2. This document provides some highlights from the meeting and the full report is posted on the IPP¹.

3. Please note that a report on the 32nd Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs) will be posted late as this TC-RPPO will not finish until February 2021.

I. Updates from RPPOs

4. Representatives from each RPPO presented updates on the activities of their RPPO including:
- Specificities of their RPPO;

¹ The full report of the 31st TC-RPPOs is available at https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2019/12/Report_31stTC-RPPO_2019_12_05_Uxw51qr.pdf

- Technical and capacity development achievements;
- Emerging pests and issues;
- Surveillance projects and activities; and
- Proposals for further collaboration.

5. Presentations are all available on the IPP².

II. RPPOs role in upcoming IYPH key activities

6. The IPPC Secretariat provided suggestions for RPPOs roles in upcoming IYPH key activities (launch events, Ministerial-level CPM-15 (2020) and Ministerial Declaration). EPPO and NAPPO representatives provided updates on their specific activities they plan to conduct (tag on luggage, calendars, pins, etc.). The TC-RPPOs agreed to facilitate the celebration of IYPH.

III. Update on IPPC Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems

7. The IPPC Secretariat delivered an update on the draft action plan to strengthen Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems. The action plan was discussed and RPPOs agreed to elaborate further on the criteria for the prioritization of emerging pests to be considered in the IPPC Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems. RPPOs agreed that an implementation topic for a Guide on contingency plans, with a priority of 1 should be added to the list of topics for implementation and capacity development resources and recommended this to the IC.

IV. PRA platform: global coverage or regional initiatives?

8. The EPPO representative demonstrated a newly available EPPO PRA platform. PRAs from EPPO, EFSA and EPPO countries are freely available on this platform. To be able to post a PRA, a country has to register. RPPOs agreed to share the information on the EPPO PRA platform with their member countries. RPPOs also agreed to consult their member countries and provide feedback to EPPO on their discussions.

V. Implementation Facilitation and Capacity Development

9. The TC-RPPOs agreed to support the NAPPO representative to continue in the role of the RPPO representative on the IC for a new term of 3 years (2020- 2023).

VI. Update on e-Commerce activities

10. The IPPC Secretariat updated the TC-RPPOs on recent activities on e-Commerce. The RPPOs welcomed the idea of setting up an informal network for e-commerce. RPPOs agreed to identify regional experts on the subject of e-Commerce to take part in an informal network of experts on the topic. RPPOs would also facilitate the collection of information about e-commerce initiatives that are already underway in their regions.

11. RPPOs discussed how to improve NROs, in particular assisting the IPPC Secretariat in promoting reporting/updating on country points of contacts and regulated pest lists for their member countries. The NAPPO representative considered that the lack of reporting is mainly due to lack of time from contact points. RPPOs made the following suggestions to improve NROs: to make the procedures to change the editor and contact point clearer; to draft a news article on the procedure for NROs; to

² Presentations of RPPOs during the 31st TC-RPPOs <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/partners/technical-consultation-among-rppos/2019-31st-tc-among-rppos/>

establish connections in between the regional and global IPPC Secretariat pest reporting systems; to follow up on NROs workshops in regions; and to develop an e-learning on NROs.

VII. Global Surveillance System, any role for RPPOs?

12. The EPPO representative delivered a presentation³ on the Global Surveillance System (GSS). The concept would be to link existing surveillance systems with diagnostic laboratories and risk assessment units and he encouraged RPPOs to take a role in this effort.

13. The TC-RPPOs proposed the following:

- that the representatives from EPPO and NAPPO, as well as the IPPC Secretariat to liaise with their the researchers from the GSS network to inform them about the IPPC and the work of NPPOs and RPPOs;
- to have representatives from GSS network attend CPM-15 (2020) and present the concept in plenary.

VIII. Date and venue of the next TC-RPPOs

14. The RPPOs agreed to hold the next TC-RPPOs in Rome just after CPM-15 (2020) for 3 days on 6-8 April 2020 in order to save financial resources and time and ensure that all RPPOs will be present. This is a transitory meeting to explore legal issues related to the TC-RPPO's Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure and to provide a broader opportunity to liaise with the relevant FAO staff. Please note that due to COVID-19 this meeting was postponed and moved to a series of virtual meetings held between December 2020 and February 2021.

15. CPM-15 (2021) is invited to:

- 1) *Note* the report from the 31st meeting of the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations.

³ Presentation EPPO Global Surveillance System available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/87994/>