



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 Chairperson), welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Documents list

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

2.2. Participants list

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

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] Mr Avetik NERSYSIAN (IPPC Office-in-charge for daily matters) suggested to add an item under Any Other Business to update the CPM Bureau regarding the FAO Council's discussion regarding the IPPC Secretariat positioning within FAO and the selection a of a new IPPC Secretary.
- [5] The CPM Chairperson included the suggested item in the agenda, noting no objections from the floor.
- [6] The Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

4. Main outcomes of 2020 SPG meetings

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat highlighted the main outcomes emerging from SPG 2020 meeting, underlining the proposed revision of SPG Terms of Reference (ToRs) and the establishment of CPM focus groups for communication, implementation of the IPP Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 development agenda and on the study on impact of climate change on plant health.
- [8] Mr Peter THOMSON (South-West Pacific representative) clarified that the main objective of the focus group on the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 development agenda is to provide a logical sequencing for implementation of each development agenda item, not assigning priorities, since all rank equally in terms of relevance.
- [9] Mr John GREIFER (North America representative) noted that the summary by the IPPC Secretariat was thorough but suggested to produce a list of actions.
- [10] The CPM Bureau also discussed the proposal to review the SPG ToRs as presented at the latest SPG meeting and Mr John GREIFER informed that the United States volunteered to revised the draft ToRs they had presented to the SPG, taking into account comments made and to submit to the CPM Bureau at the next meeting in January for further discussion and consideration.
- [11] The IPPC Secretariat suggested that the SPG Report be reviewed by CPM Bureau, SC and IC Chairpersons prior to submission to the SPG Rapporteur for improving the quality and ensure consistency.
- [12] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Agreed* to proceed with the proposals to CPM-15 (2021) to establish the following three focus groups on:
 - a. implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 development agenda, with Mr Peter THOMSON as CPM Bureau representative;
 - b. study on the impact of climate change on plant health, with Ms Marica GATT as CPM Bureau representative; and
 - c. communications to review and update the IPPC Communications Strategy (2013-2018) aligning it with the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030.

5. CPM-15 Agenda and Schedule

- [13] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the draft Provisional Agenda for CPM-15 (2021) for discussion and adoption by the CPM Bureau, clarifying the FAO Services constraints. The IPPC Secretariat also informed the CPM Bureau that IPPC contracting parties (CPs) will have to confirm their agreement of the proposed dates of 16 and 18 March, 1 April and to hold a virtual CPM-15 by replying to a poll on the IPP by 31 December 2020. A qualified majority of two thirds of IPPC contracting parties¹ (CPs) in favour of the proposal is necessary for CPM-15 to take place virtually.
- [14] The CPM Bureau discussed the agenda in detail and adopted the CPM-15 Agenda, which is attached to this report as [Annex 5](#). Several CPM Bureau members encouraged the IPPC Secretariat to communicate to IPPC CPs the desired outcomes of each agenda item by adding an additional column in the annotated agenda, which will be drafted and circulated amongst IPPC CPs, to share a concise invitation letter to facilitate CPM-15 proceedings and to consider arranging preparatory meetings, possibly in languages, to share good practices when attending such institutionalised virtual meetings, along with a note that the CPM-15 Agenda may be further revised, should new circumstances arise.
- [15] Due to time constraints for the CPM sessions, the CPM Bureau agree that the reports of the CPM Chairperson, Standards Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) should be pre-recorded and be available on IPP prior to the CPM.
- [16] The CPM Bureau also suggested to include a discussion point about its role during emergencies and crises, particularly asking CPM-15 to endorse CPM Bureau's course of action it took during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [17] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the documents² on the revision of the draft CPM recommendation on "Safe Provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)" for approval by the CPM Bureau to be submitted for adoption by CPM-15. Some CPM Bureau members expressed concerns regarding the appendices, and it was agreed

¹ The two thirds of the 184 IPPC contracting parties is 123.

² 09_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel, 10_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel, 11_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel and 12_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel

to remove them. It was agreed that a final of the draft by the CPM Bureau will be made via email especially for the new indent “g” regarding phytosanitary certificates.

[18] The CPM Bureau:

- (2) *Agreed* on the modified agenda, which is attached to this report as Annex 5.
- (3) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to invite the CPM Chairperson, Standards Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) to record their reports for dissemination through the IPP prior to CPM-15.
- (4) *Agreed* to review electronically the draft CPM recommendation on “Safe Provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)” prior to submission to CPM-15 for adoption.

6. 2021 IPPC Work Plan and Budget

[19] Mr John GREIFER, Chairperson of the Financial Committee (FC), informed the CPM Bureau about the coming FC meeting on the FC Chair invited all Bureau members to join the FC meeting

[20] The IPPC Secretariat presented an overview of the revision of IPPC Work Plan and Budget for 2021, providing some clarifications regarding expected activities and conditions for 2021, clarifying that the focus of this exercise was to review feasibility of the work plan for next year and re-allocate funds that are not planned to be utilized in 2020 (e.g. travel costs).

[21] The IPPC Secretariat clarified that the exact figures regarding 2020 savings will be available in February 2021 after the closure of the FAO financial year.

7. Selection of Experts for Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems

[22] The IPPC Secretariat reported a high number of nominations that had been received for the Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems and invited the CPM Bureau to select the experts and agreed on a CPM Bureau Member to represent the Bureau in this focus group. Monthly virtual meetings of the focus group are planned to be held between January and June 2021. The CPM Bureau selected experts as presented in Annex 6 and nominated Mr Lucien KONAN KUAMÉ (Africa region) as the CPM Bureau representative for this focus group.

[23] The CPM Bureau:

- (5) *Selected* Experts for Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems as presented in Annex 6 to this report.
- (6) *Nominated* Mr Lucien KONAN KUAMÉ (Africa region) as the CPM Bureau representative for the focus group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems.

8. Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for IPPC Communication Advisory Group

[24] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the main features of the background, Terms of Reference – especially regarding the functions – and its composition of the IPPC Communication and Advisory Group, inviting Ms Marta PARDO, FAO Legal Services, to share her comments.

[25] Ms Marta PARDO shared the following observations on the need:

- for clarity regarding the legal nature of such a group, especially in terms of duration stating that the CPM has the ability to create subsidiary bodies for longer term tasks. The CPM has a history of creating Focus Groups for focused activities over shorter time periods;
- to consider the size of said group, clarifying that a smaller group may operate more efficiently and would be able to act with more agility than a large committee;
- to establish a clear process for nominations of members, with particular attention on the costs involved for participating to such a group to help ensure representatives from developing countries could attend.

[26] The CPM Bureau thanked Ms Marta PARDO for her continuous support and agreed to suggest the establishment of a focus group over a committee, which may be required at a later stage, and suggested that the CPM Bureau may nominate its members. The CPM Bureau agreed that such group may operate for an initial period of three years.

[27] The CPM Bureau:

- (7) *Agreed* to suggest CPM-15 to establish a focus group on Communication for the duration of three years.
- (8) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to draft the initial Terms of Reference for a proposed focus group on Communication by the next CPM Bureau meeting in January 2021.

9. Any Other Business

[28] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that the FAO Council did not hold a discussion on the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat within FAO and that the IPPC Secretary vacancy announcement is open until 10 January 2021 for a D1 position. The IPPC Secretariat informed that the current vacancy announcement indicates that the appointed IPPC Secretary will report to the NSP Director.

10. Next Meeting

[29] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled for 14 January, 12:00 – 14:00 (CET).

11. Closing of the Meeting

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

Annex 1 –Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	03	Agenda	2020-12-09
02_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2020-12-09
03_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2020-12-03
04_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	08	Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for IPPC Communication Advisory Group	
05_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	04	Main outcomes of 2020 SPG meetings	2020-12-03
06_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	05	CPM-15 Agenda and Schedule	2020-12-03
07_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	07	Selection of Experts for Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems	2020-12-04
08_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	06	2021 IPPC Work Plan and Budget	2020-12-09
09_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	05	Notes on the Draft CPM Recommendation on: provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)	2020-12-07
10_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	05	2018-026 – Draft recommendation	2020-12-07
11_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	05	CPM Recommendation: Safe provision of food and other aid (2018-026) – EPPO compiled comments - 2020 Second consultation	2020-12-07
12_Bureau_2020_Nov_Tel	05	Compiled comments for Draft CPM Recommendation: Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026) - 2020 Second consultation	2020-12-07
IPP LINKS:			
Report Bureau November 2020			
Report Bureau October 2020			
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Report Bureau June 2020			
Report Bureau May 2020			
Report Bureau April 2020			
Report Bureau Dec 2019			
SPG October 2019 Report			

Annex 2 –Participant List

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4.	Main outcomes of 2020 SPG meetings	05_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel Link to 2020 SPG report Link to 2020 SPG extraordinary session report	Avetik NERSISYAN
5.	CPM-15 Agenda and Schedule - Draft CPM recommendation: Safe Provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)	06_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel Link to CPM-15 agenda 09_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel 10_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel 11_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel 12_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO Adriana MOREIRA
6.	2021 IPPC Work Plan and Budget	08_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	John GREIFER / Marko BENOVIC
7.	Selection of Experts for Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems	07_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	Brent LARSON
8.	Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for IPPC Communication Advisory Group	04_Bureau_2020_Dec_Tel	Mirko MONTUORI
9.	Next Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
10.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Disseminate the adopted CPM-15 Provisional Agenda to IPPC contracting parties.	PPC Secretariat	Mr Arop DENG	21/12/2020
2	Circulate the revised draft CPM recommendation for review and approval by the Bureau to submit to CPM-15 for adoption	PPC Secretariat	Ms Adriana MOREIRA	04/01/2021
3	Invite the CPM Chairperson, Standards Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) to record their reports for dissemination through the IPP prior to CPM-15	PPC Secretariat	Mr Avetik NERSYSIAN Ms Adriana MOREIRA Mr Brent LARSON	22/01/2021

Annex 5 – CPM-15 Provisional Agenda**Fifteenth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-15)
Provisional Agenda****Session 1 (16 March 2021, morning)**

- 1. Opening of the Session**
- 2. Keynote Address and Speeches by Ministers (pre-recorded)**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 3.1 EU statement of competence
- 4. Election of the Rapporteur**
- 5. Report from the CPM Bureau on Credentials**
- 6. Report from the CPM Chairperson (including update on CPM Focus Group on Strengthening pest outbreak alert and response systems)**
- 7. Report from the IPPC Secretariat (including update on IPPC Regional Workshops)**
- 8. Governance and Strategy**
 - 8.1 Adoption of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030
 - 8.2 Adoption of the revision of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure
 - 8.3 Report from Strategic Planning Group
 - Adoption of the revision of the Strategic Planning Group Terms of Reference
 - Establishment of CPM Focus Group on Implementation plans for the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030
 - Establishment of CPM Focus Group on Communications
 - Establishment of CPM Focus Group on Climate change impacts on plant health
 - 8.4 Endorsement of updated Framework for standards and implementation

Session 2 (16 March 2021, afternoon)

- 8. Governance and Strategy (continued)**

Session 3 (18 March 2021, morning)

- 9. Standard Setting**
 - 9.1 Report from Standards Committee (pre-recorded)
 - 9.2 Adoption of standards and noting of ink amendments
 - 9.3 Standards Committee recommendations to the CPM (including adoption of the List of topics for IPPC standards)
- 10. CPM recommendations**
 - 10.1 Adoption of draft CPM Recommendation on “food aid”
 - 10.2 Approval for first consultation of CPM Recommendation on “contaminating pests”
Inclusion of any other topics submitted by contracting parties in the CPM work programme (possibly including proposal for “authorization of entities”)
- 11. Implementation and Capacity Development**
 - 11.1 Report from Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (pre-recorded)
 - 11.2 Adoption of the List of Implementation and Capacity Development Topics

- 11.3 Update from the Sea Containers Task Force
- 12. Financial Report and Budget**
- 12.1 IPPC Secretariat financial report (2019 and 2020)
- 12.2 2021 IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget

Session 4 (18 March 2021, afternoon)

- 13. ePhyto**
- 13.1 Long-term financial sustainability
- 14. IPPC Communication**
- 14.1 Update on IPPC communications
- 14.2 Update on International Year of Plant Health
- 14.3 Update on proposal for an International Day of Plant Health
- 15. External Cooperation**
- 15.1 Update on international cooperation
- 15.2 Written reports from international organizations
- 16. IPPC Network Activities**
- 16.1 Updates on Technical Cooperation among regional plant protection organizations (pre-recorded)
- 17. Confirmation of Membership and Potential Replacements for CPM Subsidiary Bodies** (including selection of new CPM Chairperson)
- 18. Any other business**
- 19. CPM authorization for the CPM Bureau to operate on its behalf during 2021**
- 20. Date and Venue of the Next Session**

Session 5 (1 April 2021, morning)

- 21. Finalization of pending items (if needed)**

Session 6 (1 April 2021, afternoon)

- 22. Adoption of the Report**
- 23. Closing of the Session**

Annex 6 - Experts for Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems

The CPM Bureau selected the following experts to compose the CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems:

- Catherine ABADIE, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD) (Network of researchers)
- Kitty CARDWELL, International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP) (Network of researchers)
- Mariangela CIAMPITTI, SC Representative
- Nitesh DATT, South West Pacific region
- Roger DAY, CABI (International Organization)
- Eleonora DUPOUY, FAO-WHO (International Organization)
- Walter ENKERLIN, IAEA-FAO (International Organization)
- Keith HAMILTON, OIE (International Organization)
- Olga LAVRETJEVA, IC Representative
- Xiaonan LI, Asia region
- Mireille MARCOTTE, North-America region
- Hector Emilio MEDINA, Latin America and the Caribbean region
- Panagiota MYLONA, Europe region
- Carlos URIAS, RPPO expert (OIRSA)
- Jan Hendrik VENTER, Africa region