



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), opened the meeting welcoming all participants to the first virtual meeting of the CPM Bureau for 2021.
- [2] Mr Avetik NERSYSIAN, IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge for daily matters, informed the CPM Bureau that the vacancy announcement for the IPPC Secretary was closed on 10 January 2021 and the profile evaluation process may last several weeks, even after CPM-15. He also invited the CPM Bureau to consider Mr Jingyuan XIA, IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge, as speaker for the opening session. He reported on the continuation of IPPC Secretariat positioning within the Natural Resources and Sustainable Production (NS) stream, under the Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP).

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 IPPC Secretariat proposed two additions under Any Other Business:
- brief update on the IPPC Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF)'s decision to revise its recommendations to CPM; and
 - preliminary considerations on the opportunity to facilitate CPM-15 participation for countries with poor internet access.
- [6] The CPM chairperson included the two items under Any Other Business, noting no objections. The Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

4. CPM-15 Preparations

- [7] The chairperson opened the discussion, inviting CPM Bureau members to indicate and support the IPPC Secretariat in allocating the proper amount of time to each session in relation to the provisional Agenda. The IPPC Secretariat shared the results of the online poll asking the IPPC contracting parties (CPs) to support the CPM Bureau decision to hold CPM-15 virtually, which received one hundred and twenty-six endorsements and one objection, reaching the necessary qualified majority of two thirds (one hundred and twenty-three).
- [8] The IPPC Secretariat also reported on the recent meeting with FAO Conference Services to ensure that CPM-15 aligns with the latest practices in virtual meetings of FAO governing bodies, proposing a dry run on 11 March for CPM-15 participants to test their equipment and familiarise with the platform for virtual meetings.

- [9] The CPM Bureau agreed to invite Ms Beth BECHDOL, FAO Deputy Director-General, and Mr Jingyuan XIA, NSP Director and IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge, to deliver speeches during the opening session. The CPM Bureau also endorsed the invitation to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland to deliver the keynote speech during CPM-15.
- [10] The CPM Bureau welcomed the update and decided to hold two one-hour dry run on Thursday 11 March from 09:00 to 10:00 am and from 6:00 to 7:00 pm (CET) on Zoom. One CPM Bureau member asked the IPPC Secretariat to pay particular attention to clarity of information, especially with regards to the invitation and accreditation process, the latter being a CPM Bureau's responsibility according to the new exceptional rules endorsed by more than two thirds of IPPC CPs.
- [11] The IPPC Secretariat clarified that the two processes will work in parallel and the IPPC Secretariat will be checking against each registration submitted through the FAO Gateway, also confirming that CPM-15 sessions will be recorded for reporting purposes and webcast live on the FAO page.
- [12] The CPM Bureau discussed the time allocation for each item on the current provisional agenda and asked the IPPC Secretariat to highlight that the CPM-15 Agenda may be adjusted as necessary, which may cause some discussion to occur prior than scheduled.
- [13] The CPM Bureau:
- (1) *Agreed* to post the revised CPM-15 Provisional Agenda with the proposed modifications¹.
 - (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to make all the necessary arrangements for a dry run for IPPC CPs on Thursday 11 March from 09:00 to 10:00 am and 6:00 to 7:00 pm (CET) to accommodate different time zones and in cooperation with the FAO Meeting Services staff.

5. Any Other Business

- [14] The IPPC Secretariat reported that the SCTF proposed to revise the recommendations to CPM and its members are engaging IPPC CPs for support.
- [15] The IPPC Secretariat raised the issue of poor internet access or infrastructures for certain IPPC CPs and suggested to allocate funds to ensure unhindered participation to CPM-15. The CPM Bureau appreciated the proposal but noted several administrative and substantial issues linked to it, and suggested the IPPC Secretariat to gather additional information prior to resubmitting such a proposal.

6. Next Meeting

- [16] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau will take place by virtual means on 4 February from 12:00 to 2:00 pm (CET).

¹ The revised version of the CPM-15 provisional agenda and schedule is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89254/>

7. Closing of the meeting

[17] The chairperson thanked all participants for their active engagement and closed the meeting.

Annex 1 –Documents List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	03	Agenda	2021-01-16
02_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2021-01-16
03_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2021-01-18
04_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	04	Link to CPM-15 agenda	2021-01--30

Annex 2 –Participant List

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO / Avetik NERSISYAN
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2021_Jan_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4.	CPM-15 Preparations	Link to CPM-15 agenda	Javier TRUJILLO / Arop DENG
5.	Any Other Business	--	Javier TRUJILLO
6.	Next Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
7.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Organise two dry run sessions on 11 March for IPPC contracting parties	IPPC Secretariat	Mr Arop DENG Mr Mirko MONTUORI	04/02/2021
2	Invite the FAO Deputy Director-General and FAO NSP Director to open CPM-15	IPPC Secretariat	Mr Arop DENG Mr Mirko MONTUORI	04/02/2021
3	Invite the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland to deliver a keynote speech during CPM-15	IPPC Secretariat	Mr Arop DENG Mr Mirko MONTUORI	04/02/2021
4	Look into possibilities to support participation of countries with poor internet connection to CPM-15 sessions	IPPC Secretariat	Mr Arop DENG Mr Brent LARSON	04/02/2021