Future plans for the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO)

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

Proposed arrangements for the 33rd TC-RPPO

The 32nd Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO) was organized as three virtual meetings (December 2020, January and February 2021) following three informal virtual meetings of RPPOs (May, June, September 2020) since the originally planned TC-RPPO face-to-face meeting in April 2020 was cancelled.

It is still unlikely that the next TC-RPPO can be convened as face-to-face meeting in the near future due to the travel restrictions related to COVID-19. The Article IX of the Convention stipulates that ‘*the Secretary will convene regular Technical Consultations of representatives of regional plant protection organizations*’ while the current Terms of Reference (TOR) of TC-RPPO[[1]](#footnote-1) refers to ‘*The frequency of meetings shall be annual, normally in the first half of September*.’

For this reason, the IPPC Secretariat would like to propose to hold the 33rd TC-RPPO as three virtual meetings with the following dates and deadlines:

* 30 September 2021
* 9 September 2021 for submitting papers to the Secretariat.
* 16 September 2021 for posting documents on the IPP.
* 28 October 2021
* 7 October 2021 for submitting papers to the Secretariat.
* 14 October 2021 for posting documents on the IPP.
* 30 November 2021
* 9 November 2021 for submitting papers to the Secretariat.
* 16 November 2021 for posting documents on the IPP.

In addition, in the future if CPM is held as face-face-meeting, it may be considered that the TC-RPPO is held as face-to-face meeting between Monday and Wednesday the week after the CPM.

Possible agenda items for the 33rd TC-RPPO

The following agenda items were planned[[2]](#footnote-2) to be discussed during the 32nd TC-RPPO but they have been deferred to the 33rd TC-RPPO:

* Pest outbreak Alert and Response System, Emerging pests, National Reporting Obligations and DART tool (paper will be prepared by Mr Nico HORN and the IPPC Secretariat)
* Amendments to Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of TC-RPPO (paper will be prepared by Ms Stephanie BLOEM and the IPPC Secretariat with support from FAO Legal office)

Rotation of the position of Chairperson

The current TC-RPPO TOR (and ROP)refers to the TC-RPPO Chair as follows:

*At the end of each Consultation, an election will be held to name the Chair for the next Consultation. The incoming Chair will coordinate the following year’s work programme including preparation of the next agenda (in conjunction with the IPPC Secretariat).*

Every year the TC-RPPO has rotated the position of Chairperson (and meeting venue, when a face-to-face meeting was held). Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur for the last ten years are presented in Appendix 1.

There is a need to select the Chairperson for the 33rd TC-RPPO to coordinate the work in 2021 including preparation of the 33rd TC-RPPO agenda in conjunction with the IPPC Secretariat.

The TC-RPPO is invited to:

* *Discuss* the proposed arrangements for the 33rd TC-RPPO.
* *Discuss* possible agenda items for the 33rd TC-RPPO.
* *Select* the Chairperson for the 33rd TC-RPPO.

Appendix 1: TC-RPPO Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson & Rapporteur since 2011

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| TC-RPPO | Year | Place, dates | Chair | Vice-Chair | Rapporteur |
| 23rd | 2011 | Hanoi, Vietnam 28th August- September 2nd 2011 | Mr Yongfan PIAO (APPPC) | Mr. Roy MASAMDU (PPPO) | Mr. Hernan FUNES (COSAVE) |
| 24th | 2012 | Nandi, Fiji 27th- 31st August 2012 | Mr Josua WAINIQOLO (PPPO) | Ms Maria Ines ARES (COSAVE) | Mr Emil ADAMS (PPPO) |
| 25th | 2013 | Colonia del Sacramento  Uruguay  26 - 30 August 2013 | Ms Maria Ines ARE (COSAVE) | Mr. Jimmy RRUIZ BLANCO (OIRSA) | Mr Ian McDONNELL (NAPPO) |
| 26th | 2014 | Antigua, Guatemala  10 – 14 November 2014 | Mr Jimmy RUIZ (OIRSA) | Ms Christina DEVERSHAK (NAPPO) | Mr Josua WAINIQOLO, (PPPO) |
| 27th | 2015 | Memphis, Tennessee, USA 02 – 06 November 2015 | Ms Stephanie BLOEM (NAPPO) | Mr Mekki CHOUIBANI (NEPPO) | Ms Rebecca LEE (NAPPO) |
| 28th | 2016 | Rabat, Morocco  14-18 Nov 2016 | Mr Mekki CHOUIBANI (NEPPO) | Mr Martin WARD (EPPO) | Ms Stephanie BLOEM (NAPPO) |
| 29th | 2017 | Paris, France  30 October – 3 November 2017 | Mr Martin WARD (EPPO) | Mr Jean Gerard MEZUI M’ELLA (IAPSC) | Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA) |
| 30th | 2018 | Lima, Peru  29 October-2 November 2018 | Mr Camilo BELTRAN (CAN) | Mr Jean Gerard MEZUI M’ELLA (IAPSC) | Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA) |
| 31st | 2019 | Abuja, Nigeria  20-25 October 2019 | Mr Jean Gerard MEZUI M’ELLA (IAPSC) | Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA) | Mr Visoni TIMOTE (PPPO) |
| 32nd | 2020-2021 | Virtual | Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA) | N/A | 1st virtual meeting: Mr Nico HORN (EPPO)  2nd virtual meeting: Mr Camilo BELTRAN (CAN)  3rd virtual meeting: TBD |

1. Terms of Reference of TC-RPPO is available at: <http://www.ippc.int/en/publications/88719/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2020-09 Summary of 3rd virtual meeting for RPPOs is available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/88914/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)