

2020-10 Call for Experts – Technical Panel for the Glossary

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is soliciting nominations for appropriately qualified experts to take part in

- the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG): expert for Russian language

Nominations are due **15 December 2020 (EXTENDED)** and should be sent to ippc@fao.org with a copy to Edgar.Mushegyan@fao.org.

Experts will be appointed for five-year terms beginning in 2021 and should be available to attend all annual face-to-face meetings as well as virtual meetings of the TPG (see requirement details below).

All meeting dates will be published on the [IPPC Calendar \(2020\)](#).

1. Specific expertise required

The Standards Committee (SC) will select the experts based on how closely an expert's skills and experience match the specific expertise required.

- Expertise required for the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols

Candidates should have a broad understanding of plant protection systems, have experience in several aspects, including legislation, regulations, surveillance, diagnostics, pest risk analysis, phytosanitary certification and compliance, eradication, pest free areas etc., and have an understanding of the use of terminology within those systems. Experience in developing or implementing ISPMs is highly desired.

Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPG throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work is essential. The tasks of the TPG are described in the [Specification TP 5](#). For more information about the TPG, please access their webpage by [clicking here](#).

This is for a five-year term beginning in 2021 and the selected expert should be available to attend all meetings of the TPG.

2. Instructions for making nominations Nominations will be accepted from contracting parties, national or regional plant protection organizations (NPPOs or RPPOs) through their respective NPPO or RPPO [official IPPC Contact Point](#) and self-nominations should be supported by an accompanying letter from the respective IPPC contact point. A nomination should only be made if the nominee has agreed to his/her nomination, is available for the meeting dates as posted on the [IPPC Calendar \(2020\)](#) and can allocate appropriate time to the tasks as outlined in the [Statement of Commitment](#). Each nomination must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- **Completed nominee details and summary of expertise form** – (only as a word processing file such as MS Word). All sections should be completed, including contact details, education and professional training. A clear description of the nominee's

expertise is required. The file should be named as

follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_Summary**;

- **Completed and signed Statement of Commitment form** – this should be read carefully by each nominee and discussed between the nominee and their employer. The form should then be signed by the nominee and a senior person in authority from the organization that employs the nominee. The form should be submitted with the nomination (as a scanned image file such as PDF). The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_commitment**;
- **The nominee's Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – electronic copy of the nominee's CV with the file named as follows: COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_CV.

Submissions should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail (ippc@fao.org) with a copy to Edgar.Mushegyan@fao.org no later than **15 December 2020**. The name of the nominating country or RPPO and the words "Call for Technical Panel Experts" should be placed in the subject line of the email message.

3. Funding for experts to attend meetings

The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds. The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistance-attend-meetings>).

It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting and those participants who plan to attend only part of a meeting should fund their own travel.