



# **REPORT**

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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 and welcomed all participants.

## 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] The CPM Chairperson noted the inclusion of the following proposals under Any Other Business, which received no objections:

- CPM Bureau participation in the appointment of the IPPC Secretary;
- Inclusion of silent observers at CPM Bureau meetings for capacity development and succession planning;
- Discussion on CPM-15 Role of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat during times of emergencies or crises;
- Selection of CPM vice-Chair; and
- Recognition of Mr Ralf LOPIAN's contribution to the plant health community at CPM-15.

- [5] The modified Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

## 4. Update on CPM-15 Preparations (including dry-run and Friends of the Chair sessions)

- [6] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that all available documents except the 2019 and 2020 financial report and Conference Room Papers have been posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal, and nominations to act as members or alternates for IPPC governing and subsidiary bodies have been received. It also provided a brief description about the content and features that are going to be tested during the scheduled dry-run to facilitate active participation to CPM-15 by all IPPC contracting parties (CPs).

- [7] The CPM Chairperson proposed that another CPM Bureau member may moderate the first dry-run session, scheduled for 09:00 am (CEST). The CPM Bureau proposed that Ms Marica GATT (CPM Bureau representative for Europe) replace the CPM Chairperson for said session, in case the Vice-Chairperson is not available.

- [8] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Agreed* that Ms Marica GATT (CPM Bureau representative for Europe) represents the CPM Bureau at the first session of the dry run, scheduled for 11 March 2021 at 09:00 (CEST), in case the Vice-Chairperson is not available.

## 5. Review of CPM-15 Credentials

- [9] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that seventy-six valid credentials have been received to date and invited the CPM Bureau to encourage IPPC CPs in each respective region to share valid credentials to reach the necessary quorum.
- [10] The CPM Bureau agreed to promote the issue amongst their respective constituencies and asked the IPPC Secretariat to share a list of the IPPC CPs that have not yet submitted valid credentials for an appropriate follow-up.
- [11] The IPPC Secretariat shared the list of CPs that have submitted valid credentials, and Bureau Members noted that they would follow-up accordingly.
- [12] The CPM Bureau:
- (2) *Agreed* to address the IPPC CPs in their respective regions encouraging them to submit valid credentials to attend CPM-15.

## 6. Update on IYPH Legacy, IPHC Helsinki

- [13] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau about the advancements in the activities for the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) despite COVID-19 and the next steps in ensuring its legacy. They highlighted that the IYPH Technical Advisory Body (TAB) may serve as the overseeing committee to continue promoting plant health globally, particularly in view of the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH), once declared by the General Assembly of the United Nations (UNGA) and provided that its membership is reassessed by the CPM Bureau.
- [14] The CPM Bureau noted the update and agreed that the IYPH TAB may be suitable for the proposed task and asked the IPPC Secretariat to share its current membership for review and reassessment, noting that it will be sought that CPM would assign such task to the CPM Bureau.
- [15] The CPM Bureau:
- (3) *Agreed* to the following IYPH ISC recommendations be sent to CPM:
    - a. that the First International Plant Health Conference be organised as an IPPC-led event during the week of 12 May 2022.
    - b. to mandate the IYPH Technical Advisory Body to function as the IPPC preparatory body for the planning and organization of the IPHC and the webinars leading to it.
    - c. to call upon IPPC contracting parties to volunteer for hosting the IPHC in 2022.
  - (4) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to share the current membership of the IYPH TAB.

## 7. Any Other Business

- *CPM Bureau participation in the appointment of the IPPC Secretary.*

- [16] Mr Peter THOMSON (CPM Bureau representative for South-West Pacific) shared an update with the CPM Bureau on the ongoing selection process of the IPPC Secretary, specifying that over one hundred applications were received. He also specified that FAO is going to shortlist twenty potential candidates

who will be invited to undergo a series of preliminary questions with the purpose of selecting a maximum of ten best candidates. The remaining selected candidates will be called for the final interview in front of a panel, including a representative of the CPM Bureau. He further indicated that the entire selection process may last until mid-April.

[17] The CPM Bureau welcomed the update, noting the information referred to a meeting that occurred three weeks earlier, and suggested that the CPM Chairperson may contact Ms Beth BECHDOL, FAO Deputy Director-General (DDG) to request an update on the situation. The CPM Bureau also agreed to share the current update during CPM-15.

[18] The CPM Bureau:

- (5) *Asked* the CPM Chairperson to request an update on the current status of the selection process for the new IPPC Secretary to Ms Beth BECHDOL, FAO DDG.
- (6) *Agreed* to share the current update with IPPC CPs during CPM-15.

- *Inclusion of silent observers at CPM Bureau meetings for capacity development and succession planning.*

[19] Mr Peter THOMSON (CPM Bureau representative for South-West Pacific) suggested opening the CPM Bureau meetings to selected participants and on a case-by-case approach, particularly to facilitate knowledge transfer for future and potential CPM Bureau member replacements. The CPM Bureau agreed with the proposal, provided that it does not contradict the CPM Rules of Procedure and asked Mr THOMSON to explore possible ways to present this proposal clarifying any potential conflicts with the help of the IPPC Secretariat and FAO Legal Services.

[20] The CPM Bureau:

- (7) *Asked* Mr Peter THOMSON (CPM Bureau representative for South-West Pacific) to draft a proposal allowing participation to the CPM Bureau meetings to selected participants, in collaboration with the IPPC Secretariat and in consultation with FAO Legal Services to avoid conflicts with the current CPM Rules of Procedures.

- *Discussion on CPM-15 Role of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat during times of emergencies or crises.*

[21] Ms Marica GATT (CPM Bureau representative for Europe) raised the potential issues of appropriate dissemination beforehand of substantial CPM Bureau decisions during times of emergencies and crises, and adequate time allocation for IPPC CPs to object to substantial. She sought additional clarity on how to inform all IPPC CPs adequately and in a reasonable amount of time through the available methods for IPPC CPs to object effectively and timely.

[22] The CPM Bureau proposed to post its relevant decision on substantive matters during times of emergencies or crises on the International Phytosanitary Portal and that IPPC CPs may address their objections to the IPPC Secretariat for further dissemination.

[23] The CPM Bureau:

- (8) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to ensure that, if approved by CPM, the approach to validate extraordinary decisions during times of emergencies or crises by the CPM Bureau on behalf of CPM would entail posting these decisions on the International Phytosanitary Portal and collecting any possible objections by CPs for consideration by the CPM Bureau.

- *Selection of CPM Vice-Chairperson.*

[24] The CPM Bureau discussed about the necessity to follow the voluntary guidelines on rotation for CPM Chairperson and vice-chairperson and endorsed the nomination of the selected representative from the North American region as next CPM vice-Chairperson.

[25] The CPM Bureau also noted that, although not binding in nature, the guidelines on the rotation were discussed and designed to provide equity by CPM-8 (2013).

[26] The CPM Bureau:

- (9) *Agreed* to suggest continuing to follow the voluntary guidelines on rotation for CPM Chairperson and vice-chairperson and endorsed the nomination of the selected representative from the North American region as next CPM vice-Chairperson.

- *IC nominations and replacements*

[27] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau of the replacement of the representative for Europe in the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC).

[28] The CPM Bureau:

- (10) *Noted and agreed* with the proposed nomination.

- *Recognition of Mr Ralf LOPIAN (FINLAND) for his contribution to plant health*

[29] Ms Marica GATT (CPM Bureau representative for Europe) suggested to recognise Mr LOPIAN's contribution to plant health and asked the CPM Bureau to allocate time for an intervention by the representative of the European Union to that end.

[30] The CPM Bureau:

- (11) *Agreed* to allocate time for an intervention by the representative of the European Union to recognise Mr Ralf LOPIAN's contribution to the plant health community.

- *Other items under Any Other Business*

- [31] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau about the content of a CPM paper providing directions for the Sea Container Task Force, which is under the IC supervision, without including the IC in the process. The IPPC Secretariat suggested the CPM Bureau asked the CPM to address said directions to the IC for institutional coherence.
- [32] Mr John GREIFER, Chairperson of the Financial Committee (FC), noted that the list of items contained in proposals for the use of un-earmarked funds may not be aligned with the strategic direction set in the IPPC Strategic framework 2020-2030. He suggested that the use of un-earmarked at the level of USD 650 000 funds be discussed and allocated by the CPM Bureau after CPM-15, following the CPM approval to do so.
- [33] The IPPC Secretariat informed that the CPM-15 report is scheduled to be shared with IPPC CPs in all languages at least one day prior to the last sessions on 1 April 2021, but any discussion taking place on that day will be shared at a later stage for approval.
- [34] The CPM Chairperson informed the CPM Bureau of the possibility to breakout into smaller rooms fifteen minutes prior or at the end of each CPM-15 session, in case of necessity.
- [35] The CPM Bureau:
- (12) *Agreed* to suggest the CPM addressed directions regarding the Sea Container Task Force to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC).
  - (13) *Agreed* to discuss the allocation of unspent, un-earmarked funds in the Multi-Donor Trust Fund from 2020 after CPM-15.

## **8. Next Meeting**

- [36] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled on 30 March 2021, 12:00 – 14:00 (CEST)

## **9. Closing of the Meeting**

- [37] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting.



**Annex 1 –Document List**

<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)</b>	<b>DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED</b>
01_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	03	Agenda	25 February 2021
02_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	02.1	Documents List	25 February 2021
03_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	02.2	Participants List	25 February 2021
04_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	05	The delivery of the IYPH 2020: new developments and way forward	25 February 2021
<a href="#">Link to CPM-15 agenda</a> <a href="#">Link to CPM-15 annotated agenda</a>	04	CPM agenda	23 February 2021 (ann. agenda)
<a href="#">Link to CPM-15 Credentials</a>	05	CPM credentials	25 February 2021

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**Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO / Avetik NERSISYAN
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>	01_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
<b>4.</b>	<b>Update on CPM-15 Preparations (including dry-run and Friends of the Chair sessions)</b>	<a href="#">Link to CPM-15 agenda</a> <a href="#">Link to CPM-15 annotated agenda</a>	Javier TRUJILLO / Arop DENG
<b>5.</b>	<b>Review of CPM-15 Credentials</b>	<a href="#">Link to CPM-15 Credentials</a>	Javier TRUJILLO / Mirko MONTUORI
<b>5.</b>	<b>Update on IYPH Legacy, IPHC Helsinki</b>	04_Bureau_2021_Mar_Tel	Mirko MONTUORI
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CPM Bureau participation in the appointment of the IPPC Secretary;</li> <li>- Inclusion of silent observers at CPM Bureau meetings for capacity development and succession planning;</li> <li>- Discussion on CPM-15 Role of the CPM Bureau and IPPC Secretariat during times of emergencies or crises;</li> <li>- Selection of CPM vice-Chair; and</li> <li>- Recognition of Mr Ralf LOPIAN's contribution to the plant health community at CPM-15.</li> </ul>	--	Javier TRUJILLO
<b>7.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO
<b>8.</b>	<b>Closing of the Meeting</b>	--	Javier TRUJILLO

**Annex 4 – Action List**

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Request an update on the current status of the selection process for the new IPPC Secretary to Ms Beth BECHDOL, FAO DDG	CPM Chairperson	Arop DENG	31/03/2021
2	Draft a proposal allowing participation to the CPM Bureau meetings to selected participants	CPM Bureau	Peter THOMSON Arop DENG	31/03/2021
3	Share the current membership of the IYPH TAB	IPPC Secretariat	Mirko MONTUORI	19/03/2021
4	Send to CPM/15 the following IYPH ISC recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the First International Plant Health Conference be organised as an IPPC-led event during the week of 12 May 2022.</li> <li>• to mandate the IYPH Technical Advisory Body to function as the IPPC preparatory body for the planning and organization of the IPHC and the webinars leading to it.</li> <li>• to call upon IPPC contracting parties to volunteer for hosting the IPHC in 2022.</li> </ul>	CPM Bureau	CPM Chairperson Arop DENG Mirko MONTUORI	18/03/2021
5	Share the status on the appointment of the new IPPC Secretary during CPM-15	CPM Chairperson	Arop DENG	18/03/2021