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Updates on Technical Cooperation among regional plant protection organizations - Update on 31st Technical Consultation among regional plant protection organizations

Agenda items 16.1

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The 2019 Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO) was hosted by the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Services, Abuja from the 20-25 October 2019, The opening remarks was done by myself. Welcome addresses were given by FAO - Nigeria Office, IPPC Secretariat, Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Services, with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria officially opening the session.

The chair was myself Dr Mezui M'Ella (AU-IAPSC) and Ms Juliet Goldsmith of Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) as Vice-Chair, including Mr Visoni Timote of Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) as Rapporteur

During this meeting some pending matters from the 30th TC-RPPO were discussed.

Followed by presentations from seven RPPOs (IAPSC, NAPPO, EPPO, CAN, PPPO, CAHFSA, NEPPO) out of ten RPPOs.

The reports highlighted:

- Specificities of each RPPO
- Technical and capacity development achievements
- Emerging pests and issues
- Surveillance projects and activities
- Proposals for further collaboration

In addition an update on the draft action plan of the IPPC Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems was presented with the TC agreeing to:

- Elaborate further the criteria for an emerging pest; priority emerging pests to be considered in the IPPC Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems.
- Recommend to the CPM-15 (2020) to request for an Implementation and Review Support System (IRSS) survey to be conducted in 2020 for NPPOs and RPPOs to identify key impediments to reporting. CAHFSA volunteered to prepare the IRSS template.
- Recommend CPM-15 (2020) to request an IRSS study on methods for setting alert and response systems. CAHFSA and NAPPO volunteered to prepare the IRSS template
- Recommend CPM-15 (2020) to add an implementation topic for a guide on contingency plans as a priority 1 to the list of topics for implementation.

I am also happy to mention that the TC was updated on the human resources and internal structure of the IPPC Secretariat.

With respect to international organisation; The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI), FAO Nigeria Office and The Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS) presented reports on their organizations' plant health activities in the region.

There was also a cultural evening with interesting traditional dances and field visit by all participants

Way Forward

The 2019-2020 work plan table was updated. RPPOs agreed on summarizing all actions and including responsible institutions, timing and a description of each action.

- RPPOs agreed to hold the next TC-RPPOs in Rome just after CPM-15 (2020) for 3 days (6-8 April, 2020) to save time, financial resources and ensure all RPPOs are present.
- RPPOs agreed to provide their input to the article presented by the EPPO representative on “Science Diplomacy for Plant Health: Moving towards Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination” by mid-November 2019.

We were honoured by the presence of Mr Jingyuan XIA (Former Secretary IPPC Secretariat) and my other representatives of PPOS just to mention a few.

I now cease this occasion to hand over the chairing of the thirty second TC among RPPOs to Ms Juliet Goldsmith of Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA). I wish that physical meetings resume as soon as there any improvement with respect the COVID 19 pandemic.

Thank you for you kind attention