



## **THIRD VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS**

*2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 (2 pm - 5 pm), Rome time (central European time, GMT +1)*

### **Attendees**

- Mr Keith HAMILTON
- Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER
- Mr Nitesh DATT
- Ms Panagiota MYLONA
- Ms Kitty F. CARDWELL
- Ms Catherine ABADIE
- Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI
- Ms Mireille MARCOTTE
- Mr Roger DAY
- Mr Walter ENKERLIN
- Ms Sarah BRUNEL
- Mr Qingpo YANG
- Mr Chiluba MWAPE

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

- [1] Ms Sarah BRUNEL, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat - Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) Deputy Lead, welcomed the participants to the third virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, and in particular Mr Keith HAMILTON from the OIE who attended for the first time. She underscored the importance for the Focus Group to deliver the set outputs with respect to the lined-up activities.
- [2] Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER (South-Africa), Chair of the meeting, expressed his gratitude for the Focus Group to have stayed together since the inception meeting.
- [3] The Chair gave Mr Keith HAMILTON from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to introduce himself and to say a few words about OIE.
- [4] Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI volunteered to be rapporteur.

### **2. Meeting Arrangements**

#### **2.1 Adoption of the agenda**

- [5] The participants adopted the agenda as presented with an inclusion of an agenda item under AOB on Information management system (available in Appendix 1).

#### **2.2 Adoption of the FG VM02 minutes**

- [6] Adoption of Meeting Minutes uploaded on the IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-focus-group-reports/strengthening-pest-outbreak-alert-and-response-systems/> was deferred to give chance to some group members to review them.
- [7] The IPPC Secretariat gave a demonstration on how to access the Meeting Minutes and other documents.

### **3. Administrative Matters**

- [8] The Secretariat explained the importance of working collaboratively in Microsoft Teams. Further, the Secretariat emphasised that all documents could be accessed in their respective folders as demonstrated. This will enable the experts to work on same documents without duplication of efforts, provided that no conflicted version of documents were created.
- [9] The Secretariat informed the participants that all files will be arranged on Microsoft Teams according to the subject matter e.g files for tasks, meeting reports and collaborative documents. A standard system used for naming of files was set.
- [10] The Secretariat explained the need for side virtual meetings on specific tasks as this will help to monitor progress. Members were informed that they were free to participate in any side meeting.

### **4. Work Activities**

#### **4.1 Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions**

- [11] The Secretariat showed the road map for tasks and respective members for each group. The Secretariat explained that the road map was an evolving document detailing each task with timelines. The participants discussed the tasks as listed in the roadmap.
- [12] Task leads were encouraged to hold further discussions during side-meetings and email exchanges on how to proceed with the assigned tasks.
- [13] The Secretariat recalled that the procedure for holding meeting is to share documents two weeks before the subsequent meeting. The documents in the roadmap will be updated and named according to latest meetings with links.
- [14] The Task Leads agreed to provide a description on how each task would be carried out by the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

#### **4.2 Task 1: Review of the draft study: existing systems and systems to be added**

- [15] The Secretariat gave an overview of the comments and questions received from the group members on the draft study report. Some inputs received added clarity to the systems, others were additional systems while other comments were seeking clarification on some paragraphs.
- [16] Participants observed that from the list of resources provided, some were not talking about outbreak alert system but were rather guidelines or frameworks. Members were encouraged to focus on systems that are linked to other sources of information and to take into consideration issues related to access to data.
- [17] The participants discussed the need to review a number of systems taking into consideration the financial resources implications at national, regional and global levels.
- [18] The participants discussed the need for including information on indicators of success to help in selection of an appropriate system to help advance on other tasks.

#### **4.3 Task 2: Review of the components of the various systems**

- [19] The Lead for Task 2 presented a first draft with flowcharts of the various components of alert and response systems.
- [20] The participants discussed the components of the alert and response systems available in the draft study document.
- [21] The participants discussed the need for the flowcharts to have description of scenarios to show how they are linked with stakeholders who are not part of the NPPO, e.g pest detectors or farmers so as to complete the chain of detection and notification. This is important for the pest outbreak alert system.

[22] A participant considered the definition of an emerging pest or invasive pest as yet to be concluded because a pest may not be invasive in one area but become so when it moves to another area.

[23] The participants agreed that an updated document will be presented during the next meeting.

#### **4.4 Task 3: Update on NROs activities**

[24] The Secretariat informed the Focus Group that the annual work plan was agreed upon by the dedicated National Reporting Obligations IC Team and will be further presented to the IC for approval.

[25] Participants were urged to be on the lookout for the call of experts to be issued at the end of the year and to create synergies with national reporting obligations activities that correlated with the activities of the Focus Group.

#### **4.5 Task 4: Presentation of scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional and national levels and draft action plan**

[26] The Secretariat presented the desired outputs and outcomes of the Focus Group as guided by the 5<sup>th</sup> Development Agenda of the 2020-2030 IPPC Strategic Framework, the work plan which had been drafted and shared with the TC-RPPO, the IC and the SPG in 2019. This document gathers all steps taken for the development of this Development Agenda and can be revisited by participants when necessary.

[27] The Secretariat reiterated the emphasis of the Bureau on the need for the Focus Group to create synergies with the existing initiatives while focusing on emerging and quarantine pests and national reporting obligations.

The participants discussed who should host the alert system, who should be alerted, how the diagnostics should be done and how data from various sources such as academia should be verified. The participants concluded that the activity of Task 6 “identify efficient methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts to NPPOs” should focus on improving methods considering pest data already available. It was agreed that the Focus Group mandate is not for this task to consider how to generate new data from the field.

[28] As participants have an intimate knowledge of some systems, side-sessions would be organized to present these systems. The sessions would be recorded to allow all to watch them in case they cannot attend. The first session would be dedicated to the global systems of EMPRESS, INFOSAN and OIE.

#### **4.6 Task 5: RPPO’s criteria for a pest to be considered emerging**

[29] This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time.

### **5. Any Other Business**

[30] The Secretariat briefly indicated that the Technical Consultation of Regional Plant Protection Organizations suggested that the CPM Focus Group consider the International Society for Pest Information (ISPI), information on which is to be shared during a later meeting.

### **6. Date and Arrangement of the Next Meeting**

[31] The next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 (10 PM Rome time).

### **7. Close of the Meeting**

[32] In closing, the Secretariat thanked the Chairperson and participants for a very productive meeting.

**Appendix 1:**

**THIRD VIRTUAL MEETING OF COMMISSION ON  
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*2 March 2021 at 14:00-17:00 (central European time, GMT +1)*

*Meeting URL: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/95927384947?from=addon>*

*Meeting ID: 959 2738 4947*

*Passcode: 144197*

**VM03 AGENDA**

*(Updated 2021-02-16)*

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Document No.</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>		
1.1	Opening by the Chair of the meeting		CHAIR
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)	VM03_01_FGPOARS_2021_Agenda	CHAIR
2.2	Adoption of the FG VM02 minutes		CHAIR
<b>3.</b>	<b>Administrative Matters</b>		
3.1	Participants list (1 min)		BRUNEL
<b>4.</b>	<b>Work activities</b>		
4.1	Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions (30 min)	<a href="#">Microsoft Team link with document integrating comments</a>	CHAIR
4.2	Task 1: Review of the draft study (20 min): existing systems and systems to be added	<a href="#">Microsoft Team link with document integrating comments</a>	DATT
4.3	Task 2: Review of the components of the various systems (20 min)	<a href="#">Microsoft Team link with document integrating comments</a>	VENTER, ENKERLIN
	BREAK (10 min)		
4.4	Task 3: Update on NROs activities		LAVRENTJEVA/YANG
4.5	Task 4: Presentation of scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional and national levels and draft action plan (20 minutes)	VM03_02_FGPOARS_2021_Roles	BRUNEL, ENKERLIN, CARDWELL, LI
4.6	Task 5: RPPO's criteria for a pest to be considered emerging (20 min)	VM03_03_FGPOARS_2021_NROs	BRUNEL, PANAGIOTA, ENKERLIN, CIAMPITI, MEDINA, LI
<b>5.</b>	<b>Any other business (5 min)</b>		ALL PARTICIPANTS
<b>6.</b>	<b>Confirmation of date and arrangement of the Next Meeting (2 min)</b>		CHAIR
<b>7.</b>	<b>Close of the Meeting (2 min)</b>		CHAIR