

Appendix 08 – Criteria for the Justification and Prioritization of Proposed Topics

[1] Priority will be given to topics with the largest global impact.

Core criteria (must provide information. It is expected that all submissions meet the following core criteria):

- Contribution to the purpose of the IPPC as described in article I.1.
- Linkage to IPPC Strategic Objectives (SOs) and Organizational results demonstrated.
- Feasibility of implementation at the global level (consider ease of implementation, technical complexity, capacity of NPPO(s) to implement, relevance for more than one region).
- Clear identification of the problems that need to be resolved through the development of the standard or implementation resource.
- Availability of, or possibility to collect, information in support of the proposed standard or implementation resource (e.g. scientific, historical, technical information, experience).

Supporting criteria (provide information as appropriate)

Practical

- 1) Is there a regional standard and/or implementation resource on the same topic already available and used by NPPOs, RPPOs or international organizations.
- 2) Availability of expertise needed to develop the proposed standard and/or implementation resource.

Economic

- 1) Estimated value of the plants protected.
- 2) Estimated value of trade including new trade opportunities affected by the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. volume of trade, value of trade, the percentage of Gross Domestic Product of this trade) if appropriate.

Environmental

- 1) Utility to reduce the potential negative environmental consequences of certain phytosanitary measures, for example reduction in global emissions for the protection of the ozone layer.
- 3) Utility in the management of non-indigenous species which are pests of plants (such as some invasive alien species).
- 4) Contribution to the protection of the environment, through the protection of wild flora, and their habitats and ecosystems, and of agricultural biodiversity.

Strategic

- 1) Extent of support for the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. one or more NPPOs or RPPOs have requested it, or one or more RPPOs have adopted a standard on the same topic).
- 2) Frequency with which the issue to be addressed, as identified in the submission emerges as a source of trade disruption (e.g. disputes or need for repeated bilateral discussions, number of times per year trade is disrupted).
- 3) Relevance and utility to developing countries.
- 4) Coverage (application to a wide range of countries/pests/commodities).
- 5) Complements other standards and/or implementation resources (e.g. potential for the standard to be used as part of a systems approach for one pest, complement treatments for other pests).
- 6) Conceptual standard and/or implementation resource to address fundamental concepts (e.g. treatment efficacy, inspection methodology).
- 7) Urgent need for the standard and/or implementation resource.