



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

4th May 2021 (8 am - 11 am), Rome time (central European time, GMT +1)

Attendees

Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER
Mr Nitesh DATT
Ms Kitty F. CARDWELL
Ms Catherine ABADIE
Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI
Ms Mireille MARCOTTE
Mr Roger DAY
Mr Walter ENKERLIN
Ms Xiaonan Li
Ms Sarah BRUNEL
Mr Qingpo YANG

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 fifth virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems. She provided an update on the outbreak of status of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* tropical race 4 (TR4) in Peru and the high risk this quarantine pest represents to many countries to raise the awareness of the focus group.
- [2] Ms Mireille MARCOTTE was elected Chair of the meeting.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1 Adoption of the agenda

- [3] The agenda was adopted by all participants and is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2.2 Adoption of the FG VM02

- [4] The group members confirmed their review of the minutes of the 2nd meeting without further comments. The Focus group adopted the minutes.

3. Administrative matters

3.1 Extending the duration of the activity of the group until September 2021

- [5] The IPPC Secretariat suggested extending the activity of the Focus group until September 2021, considering the volume of work to be still delivered. The outputs of this Focus Group should be presented to the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) to be held in October 2021. The participants noted that the activity of the Focus group could be re-extended if necessary.

4. Work activities

4.1 Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks description

- [6] The Focus group discussed the road map¹ for tasks and respective members for each group, a description for Task 6 had been provided.

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

- [7] The Secretariat confirmed that the study on pest outbreak alert and response systems² had been revised including revisions from the owners of the EPPO, OIRSA and Cropwatch systems, among others. The study had also been reorganized in descriptions of global, regional and national systems, followed by components of systems.
- [8] One group member suggested revising the “Conclusion” so it would reflect the content of the study (e.g., what are the highlights, what is working well, what is missing, what needs to be fixed). The group leader for Task 1 offered to add a conclusion in the draft study available on MS Teams and asked all the other Focus Group members to provide their comments by 14 May.
- [9] The group also discussed how the study contributes to be various tasks of the Focus Group (e.g. Tasks 2, 4, 6, 7).

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

- [10] The Focus Group reviewed and discussed Task 2 on components of a plant pest, alert, detection response, and notification system³. The discussion focused on the financial model for the system. The Focus Group provided several comments including different funding mechanisms for the system and for research, collaboration with other partner organizations, making sure an emergency response get financial support. The Focus Group agreed this should be reflected under Task 12.
- [11] One group member suggested that priority of the alert system should only focus on identifying research needs. Funding research should be outside the function of the system.
- [12] The meeting decided to continue collecting comments on the document related to task 2 by 14 May, after what a revised new document will be presented to the next meeting for final approval.

4.4 Task 3 and 8: update and NROs and the way forward

- [13] The Focus group noted that the IC Teams on NROs will held its 3rd meeting on 6 May 2021, and that the way to collaborate with tasks 3 and 8 should be considered. The Focus Group recommended organizing an additional joint meeting with the IC Team on NROs to discuss tasks 3 and 8.

4.5 Task 4: Discussion on scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional, and national levels

- [14] The Focus Group lead for task 4 provided an update on the document⁴ prepared by members of task 4 and presented a chart showing the Global System Framework.
- [15] The Focus Group discussed the chart and recommended including the stakeholders and UN Organizations at regional and national levels as well as the funding mechanism. Participants also

¹ [Road map of the CPM Focus group on pest outbreaks alert and response systems](#)

² [Task 1: Study on pest outbreak alert and response systems](#)

³ [Task 2: Components of a plant pest, alert, detection, response and notification system](#)

⁴ [Task 4: Roles at global, regional and national levels for strengthening pest outbreak alert and response system](#)

suggested including national laboratories and the academic sector into the research sector at the national level.

[16] The Focus group discussed the section on alert focusing on how to track and map pests and data collection. The Focus group also discussed the section of post-detection, focusing on the component of research.

[17] The Focus group agreed to continue collecting comments by 14 May. A revised version would be presented during the next Focus Group meeting.

4.5. Task 5: RPPO's criteria for a pest to be considered emerging

[18] The group leader for task 5 presented the document⁵ prepared by members of task 5.

[19] The Focus Group decided to collect further comments until 14 May to consider how to move forward. Ms. Kitty F. CARDWELL volunteered to join in task 5.

5. Any other business.

[20] There was no other business.

6. Confirmation of date and arrangement of the next meeting

[21] The Chair confirmed that 14 May is the deadline for commenting on all the documents.

7. Close of the meeting

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

⁵ [RPPO's criteria for a pest to be considered emerging](#)

Appendix 1:

**FIFTH VIRTUAL MEETING OF COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY
MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND
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4 May 2021 at 8:00-11:00 (Central European Time, GMT +1)

Meeting URL: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/96158949904?from=addon>

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VM05 AGENDA

(Updated 2021-04-09)

| | Agenda Item | Document No. | Presenter |
|-----------|--|--|---|
| 1. | Opening of the Meeting | | |
| 1.1 | Opening by the IPPC Secretariat and Chair of the meeting | | IPPC Secretariat/CHAIR |
| 2. | Meeting Arrangements | | |
| 2.1 | Adoption of the Agenda (5 min) | VM05_01_FGPOARS_2021_Agenda | CHAIR |
| 2.2 | Adoption of the FG VM02 and 03 minutes | Minutes VM05 | CHAIR |
| 3. | Administrative Matters | | |
| 3.1 | Extending the duration of the activity of the group until September 2021 (15 min) | | BRUNEL |
| 4. | Work activities | | |
| 4.1 | Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions (10 min) | Microsoft Team link with document integrating comments | CHAIR |
| 4.2 | Task 1: Review of the draft study (20 min): existing systems and systems to be added | VM05_02_FGPOARS_2021_Study | MARCOTTE, DATT |
| 4.3 | Task 2: Review of the components of the various systems (30 min) | VM05_03_FGPOARS_2021_Components | VENTER, ENKERLIN, HAMILTON |
| 4.4 | Task 3 and 8: update and NROs and the way forward (15 min) | | LAVRENTJEVA, CARDWELL, MARCOTTE |
| | BREAK (10 min) | | |
| 4.5 | Task 4: Discussion on scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional and national levels (30 minutes) | VM04_04_FGPOARS_2021_Roles | ENKERLIN, LI, CARDWELL |
| 4.6 | Task 5: RPPO's criteria for a pest to be considered emerging (30 min) | VM04_05_FGPOARS_2021_RPPOs_Criteria | PANAGIOTA, ENKERLIN, CIAMPITI, MEDINA, LI |
| 4.7 | Task 6: identify efficient methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts to NPPOs (20 min) | | CARDWELL, ABADIE, DAY, MEDINA, PANAGIOTA |
| 5. | Any other business (5 min) | | ALL PARTICIPANTS |
| 6. | Confirmation of date and arrangement of the Next Meeting (2 min) | | CHAIR |
| 7. | Close of the Meeting (2 min) | | CHAIR |