



## SIXTH FG POARS VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS

1 June 2021 at 2:00-5:00 PM (Central European Time, GMT +1)

### 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 sixth virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems. Ms Mireille MARCOTTE was elected Chair of the meeting. Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI volunteered to be the rapporteur.

### 2. Meeting arrangements

#### 2.1. Adoption of the agenda

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

#### 2.2. Adoption of the FG VM 05 minutes

- [3] The group members review the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Focus Group and adopted the minutes.

### 3. Work activities

#### 3.1. Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks description

- [4] The Chair made an update on the tasks described in the road map<sup>1</sup> of the CPM Focus Group and the associated leads and members. No further change was brought to this road map.

#### 3.2. Task 1: Review of the draft study: the way forward to brainstorm on the conclusion

- [5] One group member committed to further reviewing the draft study after the meeting as she dedicated her available time to task 5 as a priority.
- [6] The group agreed to open the document<sup>2</sup> to comments on MS Team to collect further comments until the 18 June, particularly on the conclusion. The group considered the document as almost finalized and proposed that after this series of comments it be put on hold until a final revision.

#### 3.3. Task 2: Final review of the components of the various systems

- [7] The lead of task 2 provided an update on the latest development of the document<sup>3</sup>.
- [8] One group member suggested providing more information on the policy of global data sharing.
- [9] The group decided to further discuss and highlight the data policy in task 8.
- [10] The group lead would further work on numbering and references in the document.

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<sup>1</sup> [Road map of the CPM Focus Group on pest outbreaks alert and response systems](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Study on pest outbreak alert and response system](#)

<sup>3</sup>

- [11] The group agreed to post the document of task 2 on MS Team to collect further comments until the 18 June. The group considered the document as almost finalized and proposed that after this series of comments it be put on hold until a final revision.

### **3.4.Task 3 and 8: update on NROs and the way forward**

- [12] The IPPC Secretariat explained that a side meeting had been organized with the Tasks members and the IC Team on NROs. A draft document was under preparation and was not finalized by the lead of the task due to other commitments. Ms Mireille MARCOTE agreed to step up to advance on this task. She explained that a survey to identify the challenges for NROs to member countries was conducted in the past in the framework of the NROs work plan. For each challenge, attendants to the side-meeting recommended solutions.
- [13] Ms Kitty F. CARDWELL committed to liaising these challenges into tasks 6 and 8.
- [14] The IPPC Secretariat encouraged group members to join the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IC Team on NROs on 3 June for the presentation on FAO's HiHi Geospatial Platform and Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).
- [15] The group decided to provide further comments on the draft document for task 8 by the 18 June. Further side-meeting are foreseen for this task.

### **3.5.Task 4: Final review on scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional, and national levels**

- [16] The lead of task 4 presented the document<sup>4</sup> according to group members' comments and indicated he also drafted a Term of Reference of the committee, which would be discussed during the next meeting.
- [17] The lead highlighted that the relationship among stakeholders had been revised and clarified at the global, regional, and national levels in the document.
- [18] The group decided to post the documents in MS Team for any further comments until 18 June.

### **3.6.Task 5: Discussion on the way forward on criteria for a pest to be considered emerging**

- [19] The lead of task 5 presented the update on the document<sup>5</sup> according to comments collected.
- [20] The group discussed whether to define the term "global emerging pests" and/or to submit it to the Technical Panel on the Glossary.
- [21] The group thought the current definition is too board and encouraged the group members of task 5 to further discuss it.
- [22] The group decided to further discuss the criteria for deciding whether an emerging pest is of global concern in the next Focus Group meeting in July. The group reiterated that quarantine pests or qualifying as quarantine pests are the target and should be made clear in the definition.
- [23] The group considered it is difficult to decide on the type of tools to be used: decision tree/matrix/dedicated tools for criteria and prioritization. The group discussed the potential use of existing tools such as the EFSA tool, keeping in mind this process should be simple for the IPPC Secretariat to implement. This topic needs to be further discussed by the members of task 5. Another Expert Working Group would need to be established to consider these questions in detail, and members of Task 5 would draft the Terms of Reference for this Expert Working Group.

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<sup>4</sup> [Roles at global, regional and national levels for strengthening pest outbreak alert and response systems.](#)

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

- [24] The group decided that the members of task 5 will organize side-meetings to have further discussions. As an output for this task, a document would be produced merging the initial paper prepared by the IPPC Secretariat and the content drafted in the framework of the group work.

### **3.7.Task 6: Brainstorming session to identify efficient methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts to NPPOs**

- [25] The lead of task 6 presented the component of early detection and communication. She suggested that Task 6 was related to other tasks, such as Task 7 and 8.
- [26] One group member clarified that NROs report shall only be reported by NPPOs.
- [27] The group discussed the unofficial channel to collect pest reports for the POARS considering this action would facilitate early detection and improve reporting efficiency.
- [28] The group decided to post the draft document presented orally into “ongoing documents file” in MS Team and collect comments by 18 June.

### **3.8.Task 7: Update and brainstorming session on useful tools**

- [29] The lead of task 7 presented the work undertaken by the members of this task consisting in putting together a table aggregating existing materials. The table categorizes the components including policy model, legal framework, funding model, data management and communication, oversight, pre-presence to detection for different types of tools including capacity assessment, training, simulation, information, manual guideline.
- [30] The group would further populate the table until the 9 June and then make it available in MS Teams to collect further comments by 18 June 2021.

## **4. Any other business**

- [31] The IPPC Secretariat reminded the group that the call for TR4 team members will be expire on 11 June.

## **5. Confirmation of date and arrangement of the next meeting**

- [32] The Chair summarized the decisions for different tasks as below:
- Documents for tasks 1, 2 and 4 are still open for comments until 18 June but will be finally reviewed in the September meeting. The group will not discuss these three tasks before September.
  - Document of task 3 will be delayed to discuss the issue with the FAO legal unit.
  - Documents of tasks 5, 7, and 8 are open to collect comments by 18 June.
- [33] The group decided to hold the next meeting on 6 July.

## **6. Close of the meeting**

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

## Appendix 1

### SIXTH Virtual Meeting OF COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS 1 June 2021 at 2:00-5:00 PM (Central European Time, GMT +1)

Meeting URL: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/99872916346?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 998 7291 6346

Passcode: 127492

#### VM06 AGENDA

(Updated 2021-05-24)

	Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>		
1.1	Opening by the IPPC Secretariat and Chair of the meeting (5 min)		IPPC Secretariat/CHAIR
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda (2 min)	VM06_01_FGPOARS_2021_Agenda	CHAIR
2.2	Adoption of the FG VM05 minutes (3 min)	Minutes VM05	CHAIR
<b>3.</b>	<b>Work activities</b>		
3.1	Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions (10 min)	<a href="#">Microsoft Team link with document integrating comments</a>	CHAIR
3.2	Task 1: Review of the draft study (15 min): the way forward to brainstorm on the conclusion	VM06_02_FGPOARS_2021_Study	MARCOTTE, DATT
3.3	Task 2: Final review of the components of the various systems (15 min)	VM06_03_FGPOARS_2021_Components	VENTER, ENKERLIN, HAMILTON
3.4	Task 3 and 8: update on NROs and the way forward (20 min)		LAVRENTJEVA, CARDWELL, MARCOTTE
3.5	Task 4: Final review on scopes, roles of institutions at the global, regional and national levels (15 minutes)	VM06_04_FGPOARS_2021_Roles	ENKERLIN, LI, CARDWELL
	BREAK (10 min)		
3.6	Task 5: Discussion on the way forward on criteria for a pest to be considered emerging (15 min)	VM06_05_FGPOARS_2021_RPPOs_Criteria	PANAGIOTA, ENKERLIN, CIAMPITI, MEDINA, LI
3.7	Task 6: Brainstorming session to identify efficient methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts to NPPOs (20 min)		CARDWELL, ABADIE, DAY, MEDINA, PANAGIOTA
3.8	Task 7: Update and brainstorming session on useful tools (20 min)		DAY, VENTER, DATT
<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

## Appendix 2

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