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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAME, Chairperson of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. Mr Avetik NERSISYAN, IPPC Secretary Officer-in-Charge for daily matters, welcomed all participants and informed the CPM Bureau that the IPPC Secretariat is working to ensure consistency and continuity between the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 and the new FAO Strategic Plan, articulated in Better Production, Better Nutrition, Better Environment and Better Life following the principle of *Leaving no one Behind*.. Mr NERSISYAN specified that Mr Brent LARSON and Sarah BRUNEL (IPPC Secretariat) are directly involved in this task, which is going to require inputs from all units.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Documents list

- [2] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#).

2.2. Participants list

- [3] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 2](#).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] The Provisional Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

4. Update on CPM Focus Groups (FGs)

- [5] The IPPC Secretariat proposed the following dates for the first meeting of each FG, as per CPM Bureau decision to postpone the meetings to September instead of July 2021 to allow adequate preparation for CPM FG members. The scheduled dates for each CPM FG are the following:

- 1 September: Implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 -2030 Development Agenda Items;
- 2 September: Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues; and
- 3 September: Communications.

- [6] Some CPM Bureau members informed the IPPC Secretariat that the invitation was not received and asked to resend it. The IPPC Secretariat confirmed that the CPM Bureau nominated as members and champions to the three CPM FGs were listed amongst the invitees and will ensure to send invitation again.

- [7] Mr Avetik NERSISYAN suggested that CPM Bureau members may be invited to join the first CPM FG meetings voluntarily and optionally. The CPM Bureau agreed to allow its members to participate in accordance with their respective engagements and availability.

- [8] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Noted* the update.

- (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to share the invitations to CPM Bureau members overseeing or participating to the work of the CPM Focus Groups.
- (3) *Agreed* to extend an optional invitation to all CPM Bureau members to attend the first meeting of each CPM Focus Group.

5. Update on preparation of the Strategic Planning Group Meeting

- [9] The IPPC Secretariat updated the CPM Bureau on the ongoing preparation of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) 2021, specifying that invitations and the agenda have been shared on 22 July via email and on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).
- [10] The CPM Bureau discussed and agreed to set a deadline to receive papers and disseminate for the SPG 2021 and 30 September deadline was set to receive papers and 7 October to disseminate the formatted papers.
- [11] The CPM Bureau
- (4) *Agreed* to set deadlines to receive and disseminate the paper
 - (5) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to inform the IPPC community about the deadline to send papers related to the SPG discussions no later than 30 September.

6. ToRs for the ePhyto funding Focus Group

- [12] The IPPC Secretariat recalled the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) in its fifteenth session (CPM-15, 2021)¹ considered a proposal for a CPM focus group to be established to develop a two-phase funding solution for the IPPC ePhyto Solution. The CPM-15 requested that the IPPC Secretariat take the lead in drafting Terms of Reference for the Focus Group, including its composition.
- [13] The CPM Bureau discussed and agreed on the CPM FG on ePhyto Funding Terms of Reference and asked the IPPC Secretariat to add one member from the ePhyto Steering Group to the Focus Group.
- [14] The CPM Bureau:
- (6) *Agreed* to the CPM Focus Group on ePhyto Funding Terms of Reference.
 - (7) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to include at least one member of the ePhyto Steering Group into the CPM Focus Group on ePhyto Funding.

7. Update on the IYPH legacies

- [15] The IPPC Secretariat reported on the main outcomes from the IYPH closing ceremony of 1 July 2021 and highlighted the next steps towards the first International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) and the process to establish the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH), amongst others. The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that the IYPH International Steering Committee suggested that the next two events of the IYPH Webinar Series: paving the way to the International Plant Health Conference will

¹ CPM meeting reports: <https://www.ippc.int/en/cpm-sessions/>

focus on remote sensing in plant health and on streamlining plant health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in October and December 2021 respectively and that the IYPH report will be available in all languages by October 2021.

[16] The CPM Bureau:

(8) *Noted* the update.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Considerations to adjust the tasks for the proposed CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

[17] The IPPC Secretariat recalled the CPM decision requesting the Sea Container Task Force to consider the value of an international workshop and also asked them to draft a Terms of Reference for a CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers (FG), which would be charged with arranging a possible 2022 workshop. The IPPC Secretariat recommended that a Workshop Steering Committee be established as soon as possible to coordinate these potential efforts and start arrangements, bearing in mind that the final decision to hold the workshop would be taken by CPM-16 (2022).

[18] The CPM Bureau discussed the opportunity to remove this task from the CPM FG ToRs but felt that consideration should be given to include some SCTF members in the informal Steering Committee for the International Workshop on Sea Containers as well as ensure that the agenda is set to address some of the issues already identified in the past work on this topic.

[19] The CPM Bureau:

(9) *Agreed* to remove the task to arrange a possible 2022 workshop from the CPM Focus Group on Sea tasks

(10) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to establish an informal Steering Committee for the International Workshop on Sea Containers under the coordination of the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) of the IPPC Secretariat to begin planning and making provisional arrangements for a potential International Workshop on Sea Containers to be held in 2022.

8.2. Revision of IC TOR and ROP

[20] The IPPC Secretariat recalled the revision process of the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Rules of Procedure (ROP) of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) to bring clarity and as appropriate align with the Standards Committee TOR and ROP. It was also noted that both the CPM Bureau and SPG 2019 reviewed these proposed changes presented to CPM, but it was noted that COSAVE and the EU requested the adoption of these revisions be delayed (CPM-15, 2021). The CPM Bureau requested the Secretariat to contact both COSAVE and the EU to understand what the concerns were, and the Secretariat reported that COSAVE did not have any concerns to raise, however the European Union responded with the following points:

- IC Membership: The EU and its member states think that the IC should be composed of twelve members who are experts with relevant skills and experience in implementing phytosanitary related instruments and/or capacity development. Seven of these members should be representatives of each of the FAO regions while five members should be selected on their expertise alone. To enhance cooperation with the RPPOs and the SC, representatives of those bodies need to be nominated as permanent observers.
- Dispute Avoidance and Settlement (DAS): The function to oversee the DAS processes should be removed from the IC scope and assigned to the CPM-Bureau as it was felt that the DAS needs the involvement of the CPM Bureau, which has closer connection to the work of the governing body, the CPM.

[21] The CPM Bureau noted that DAS is an extremely delicate political matter and agreed that this function requires a broader oversight and a well-established process to allow a successful arbitration to take place or prevent dispute between two or amongst more parties. Several CPM Bureau members suggested to hold a discussion on this matter before the October SPG 2021 to better understand this matter and the positions of all IPPC contracting parties and regions on this matter.

[22] The CPM Bureau:

- (11) *Noted* the proposed revisions to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, which will be presented for discussion to the SPG 2021.
- (12) *Agreed* to add a discussion on the Dispute Avoidance and Settlement of the IPPC to collect views from all IPPC contracting parties and regions on this matter to the next CPM Bureau meeting.

8.3. Moving the IRSS to a more sustainable system

[23] Mr Fuxiang WANG, CPM Bureau representative on the IC Sub-group on IRSS, requested this item be discussed by the CPM Bureau and that the IPPC Secretariat provided a short presentation on the proposal on moving the IRSS to a more sustainable system². He specified that this idea originated from the IC's request to provide a clear message on the IRSS benefits and to propose options on how the IRSS may be embedded into the day-to-day tool of the IPPC community to support the CPM and its subsidiary bodies.

[24] The IPPC Secretariat introduced some of the proposal that emerged from the analysis of the IRSS by the IC Sub-group on IRSS, such as modifying the IRSS name, vision and scope, for instance by developing a statement of scope that reflects the cross-cutting support the IRSS provides to respond to the information needs of all aspects of the IPPC work programme, amongst others.

² The presentation on this Agenda Item is attached to this report as [Annex 5](#)

[25] Mr Fuxiang WANG underlined that a thorough report on the IRSS development and achievements had been drafted by the IPPC Secretariat, including constructive proposals towards a sustainable system. Mr WANG requested that this report be disseminated to all CPM Bureau members and encouraged them to take the appropriate time to review this report and to provide their comments back to him.

[26] Several CPM Bureau members noted concerns about future funding and resources for the IRSS, raising questions about EU's continued role in funding it and agreed that a more informed decision may be taken at the next September CPM Bureau meeting, requesting the IPPC Secretariat to allocate adequate time to discuss the report and proposals.

[27] The CPM Bureau:

(13) *Noted* the update.

(14) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to share the draft report on moving the IRSS to a more sustainable system to CPM Bureau members and include this discussion at the next CPM Bureau meeting on 16 September.

9. Next Meeting

[28] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled on 16 September 2021, 12:00 – 14:00 (CEST)

10. Closing of the Meeting

[29] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting.

Annex 1 –Documents List

DOCUMENT NO.		DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	3	Agenda	2021-08-25
02_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	2.1	Document list	2021-08-25
03_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	2.2	Participant list	2021-08-25
04_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	4	Update on CPM Focus Groups (FGs) (IPPC Secretariat)	2021-08-25
05_ Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	6	ToRs for the ePhyto funding Focus group (IPPC Secretariat)	2021-08-24
06_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	7	Update on the IYPH legacies (IPPC Secretariat)	2021-08-25
07_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	8.1	Considerations to adjust the tasks for the proposed CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers (IPPC Secretariat)	2021-08-24
08_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	8.2	Revision of IC ToRs and ROP (IPPC Secretariat)	2021-08-24

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME/ Avetik NERSISYAN
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1.	Document list	02_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	
2.2.	Participant list	03_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	Lucien KONAN KUAME
4.	Update on CPM Focus Groups (FGs)	04_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	Arop DENG
5.	Update on preparation of the Strategic Planning Group Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME/ Arop DENG
6.	ToRs for the ePhyto funding Focus group	05_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	Craig FEDCHOCK
7.	Update on the IYPH legacies	06_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	Arop DENG
8.	Any Other Business		
8.1.	Considerations to adjust the tasks for the proposed CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers	07_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	John GREIFER/ Brent LARSON
8.2.	Revision of IC TOR and ROP	08_Bureau_2021_Aug_Tel	Marica GATT/ Descartes KOUMBA
8.3.	Moving the IRSS to a more sustainable system	-	Fuxiang WANG/ Descartes KOUMBA
9.	Next Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME
10.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Share the invitations to CPM Bureau members overseeing or participating to the work of the CPM Focus Groups	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG CPM FG Focal Points	27/08/2021
2	Extend an optional invitation to all CPM Bureau members to attend the first meeting of each CPM Focus Group	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG CPM FG Focal Points	27/08/2021
3	Inform the IPPC community about the deadline to send papers related to the SPG discussions no later than 30 September	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG	27/08/2021
4	Establish an informal Steering Committee for the International Workshop on Sea Containers under the coordination of the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) of the IPPC Secretariat to begin planning and making provisional arrangements for a potential International Workshop on Sea Containers to be held in 2022	IPPS Secretariat	Brent LARSON	30/09/2021
5	Add to the next CPM Bureau meeting a discussion on the Dispute Avoidance and Settlement of the IPPC to collect views from all IPPC contracting parties and regions on this matter	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG	9/09/2021
6	Share the draft report on moving the IRSS to a more sustainable system and include this discussion at the next CPM Bureau meeting on 16 September	IPPS Secretariat	Brent LARSON Arop DENG	09/09/2021

Annex 5 – Transition to a sustainable IRSS



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TRANSITION TO A SUSTAINABLE IRSS

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Transition to a sustainable IRSS

BACKGROUND

The IPPC "Implementation Review and Support System" (IRSS) aims to monitor challenges in implementing IPPC, ISPMs and CPM recommendations through conducting studies and surveys as requested by the IPPC Community through the IC Sub-group on IRSS.

Request from the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

- Provide a clear message on the benefits of the IRSS
- Propose options on how the IRSS might be embedded into the day-to-day work of the IPPC Secretariat to support the CPM and its subsidiary bodies

Objectives of the analysis

- Analyze the history of the IRSS
- Identify major factors to be considered to shift the IRSS from project management cycles to a sustainable system
- Propose recommendations to support the transition to a sustainable IRSS



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Transition to a sustainable IRSS

NAME, VISION & SCOPE

Findings

- Feedback in documents and interviews indicated that **the name should be changed**
- A shared vision of the purpose of the IRSS has not been identified and reflected, and as a result **not everyone in the IPPC Community knows what the IRSS is for**
- There is confusion about the **scope of the IRSS and what its activities** and outputs should extend to

Recommendations

- Consider **changing the name to something which better reflects the system's vision, mission and objectives**
- **“IPPC Observatory” or “IPPC Insight System”**
- Develop a **statement of scope which reflects the cross-cutting support the IRSS provides to respond to the information needs of all aspects of the IPPC work programme.**



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Transition to a sustainable IRSS

Integration of IRSS

Into the IPPC Secretariat

- Clear support for **embedding the IRSS in the Secretariat** but placement unclear.

Relationship to the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

- **Theory of Change for the IPPC Community** has been approved that illustrates how the work of the Core Activities supports the mission, strategy and goals of the IPPC, FAO and the SDGs
- IRSS should be able to **jumpstart some new activities** envisioned by the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030



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Transition to a sustainable IRSS

FUNDING MODEL /

Findings

- Several issues identified with funding IRSS funding model, e.g. related to ownership, transparency, continuity, etc.

Recommendations

IRSS should be fully integrated into the IPPC and supported with baseline funding and adequate staff

Project funds should cover priorities which have been identified above the baseline

Explore options such as development of joint proposals, participation in consortia, in-kind contributions of expertise, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS

Findings

Reporting and broader communications have sometimes been inadequate

The reach of IRSS studies has been largely limited to the internal IPPC community

More outreach, particularly at national level, is needed

Webinars can reach wider audiences

Recommendations

Develop a common approach to communicate on all IRSS activities on an ongoing basis

Analysis of stakeholders' communications needs should be carried out, and the communications strategy should address these needs

Consider carrying out a "mini" stakeholder analysis to identify communication needs whenever new studies are published



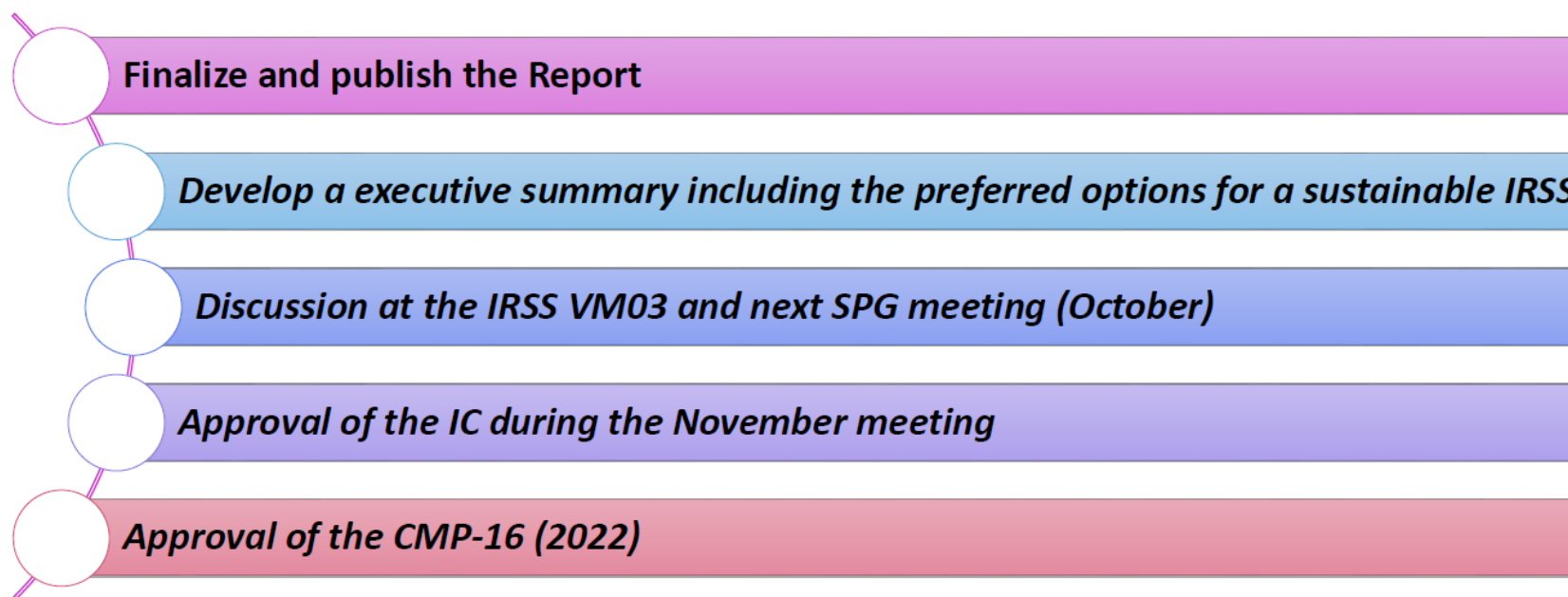
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NEXT STEPS





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