



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

7 September 2021 at 9:00 AM-12:00 AM (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 eighth virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems. She encouraged all participants to persist as all outputs are close to delivery
- [2] 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 VM 07 minutes

- [4] The Chair invited the members to adopt the minutes of 7th meeting. One member pointed out that adjustments need to be made to her name. The Chair indicated that the minutes will be adopted after the adjustments are made.

3. Work activities

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

- [5] Task 1: Review of the draft study
- [6] This task is almost complete the task lead is to input additional information, members were asked to finish all other contributions by the end of September.
- [7] Task 2: Final review of the components of the various systems
- [8] This task is complete and is now in the final documents folder.
- [9] Tasks 3 and 8: Update on NROs and the way forward
- [10] These tasks were merged, and the document is also finished and is in the final documents folder.
- [11] Task 4: Roles and Terms of Reference
- [12] This task 4 would be discussed at this meeting.
- [13] Task 5: Discussion on the way forward on criteria for a pest to be considered emerging
- [14] This task was completed, the members recommended that the definition should be added to the glossary of terms and that a group be established to do further work on it.
- [15] Task 6: Brainstorming session to identify efficient methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts to NPPOs
- [16] Task 6 needs to be completed and a draft will be presented in this meeting, task 6 will be discussed with tasks 7. These two tasks culminated with recommendations in task 10.

- [17] Task 9: Brainstorming session on processes to engage expertise
- [18] The first draft is shared in this meeting and further work will be done on it.
- [19] Task 11: Work Plan, Task 12: Budget
- [20] Tasks 11 and 12 were merged. The document is discussed at this meeting and further work will be needed.
- [21] The Chair informed the meeting that a draft for all the tasks is ready and needs to be commented on before the next meeting. The members were further encouraged to incorporate comments from this meeting in the existing drafts, comments should be in by Friday 10th of September. For tasks 6, 7, 9 and 10, Leads agreed to have revised drafts complete by Monday the 13th of September. The secretariat informed the members that the word version of all documents would be in MS teams.

3.2 Task 4: Roles and Terms of Reference of the POARS Steering Committee

- [22] The Task 4 Lead informed the meeting that the document was constantly being updated considering the latest developments. Update included the roles of the steering committee was included at the regional level. The role of the IPPC Secretariat was added at the global level. A term of reference for the committee was also developed. The task Lead indicated that the proposal is for the POARS Committee to be set up as a subsidiary body.
- [23] The meeting agreed that strong justification will be needed for the IPPC Community to consider the establishment of the POARS Committee as a subsidiary body. Similar strong justification would be needed for tasks 11 and 12 for the budgets.
- [24] The task Leader indicated that discussions were held regarding an emergency response system at the regional level. He noted that for the system to function at the regional level it is important that the RPPO level this is in place in connection with the global system.
- [25] Task 9 Lead indicated that texts on emergency management center currently integrated in the document for Task 9 could be removed and added to task 4. The FG members agreed that since task 9 will remain as a standalone document, information on the emergency management center should remain in the document for Task 9.
- [26] The FG members agreed that if the CPM would agree to set a POARS Committee, all the activities of the POARS would be under one umbrella and capacity development activities related to POARS (e.g. simulation exercises) would be under the POARS Committee (POARSC) rather than under the IC., The POARS Committee should be given appropriate resources. The FG members suggested a coordination mechanism be developed. It was agreed that an intermediary body could be formed to get activities started. Also, that the secretariat could draft a document regarding the formation of a dedicated group.
- [27] Composition of the subsidiary body is suggested to be one representative from each 7 FAO regions, 5 subject matter experts, 1 from RPPOs and 1 from the IC. It was suggested to consider 1 member from the IC. The meeting agreed that, to avoid confusion, clarity needs to be given between the responsibility of the IC and the POARSC as listed in the TOR.
- [28] Task 4 member invited the meeting to review the terms of reference and to provide comments by the Friday 12th of September.

3.3 Task 6, 7, and 10: Discussion to identify efficient methods and tools and ways to present them

- [29] Task 6 Lead could not attend the meeting, so the Task 7 Lead presented the content of the document.
- [30] Task 7 Lead reminded the members that no recommendations are included in this document, as recommendations from tasks 6 & 7 would be provided in task 10. The Chair suggested that all members

look at the document and submit their comment by the Friday 12th of September so that it can be finalized.

[31] Regarding Task 7, the Lead indicated that the document did not change much. Attendants was taken through the general recommendations in the document. The Lead indicated that the spread sheet with generic tools will be appended to the document. The FG members agreed that this spread sheet could be included in task 7 as a resource for assessing tools.

[32] Task 10 Lead indicated that the document was further developed with contents from tasks 6 & 7 to capture recommendations on the tools in each component. The FG members discussed each recommendation.

[33] The chair asked the members look at editing the recommendations by the Friday 12th of September.

3.4 Task 9: Discussion on processes to engage expertise

[34] The task lead noted that the document was almost the same as the one presented in July. The Lead noted that activities to be done are listed in the table, and no costs were indicated. The secretariat indicated that recommendations were missing and needed to be included.

[35] The section on emerging pests should be revised and it should be decided whether it should be placed under task 7 or 5.

[36] The FG members agreed that information on budget should be moved to Task 12.

3.5 Task 11 and 12: Discussion on work plan and budget

[37] The Chair reminded the meeting that tasks 11 and 12 were merged.

[38] It was decided that the animal health emergency organogram should be included.

[39] The members were reminded that this document is an overall summary of the POARS recommendations, and represents the basis of the findings of the FG to be presented to the Strategic Planning Group (SPG). The members need to decide if the draft terms of reference for the subsidiary body should be included.

[40] The members were asked to consider revising the initial budget presented to the SPG.

[41] It was suggested that:

- the overall total budget be increased
- clear recommendations about managing the funds be included
- the aim should be to have something similar to the Animal Health EMC of the FAO, which had been presented into a POARS presentation session.

4. Any Other Business

[42] No other business was discussed.

5. Confirmation of date and arrangement of the Next Meeting

[43] Next meeting will held on the 21st of September in preparation for the SPG meeting.

6. Close of meeting

[44] In closing, the Chairperson noted that all the documents should be finalized before the next meeting on the 21st September, 2021.

Appendix 1**EIGHTH VIRTUAL MEETING OF COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS***7 September 2021 at 09:00-12:00 AM (Central European Time, GMT +1)***Meeting URL:** <https://fao.zoom.us/j/92252500942?from=addon>

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VM08 AGENDA

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Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter
1.	Opening of the Meeting		
1.1	Opening by the IPPC Secretariat and Chair of the meeting (5 min)		IPPC Secretariat/CHAIR
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)	VM08_01_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Agenda	CHAIR
2.2	Adoption of the FG VM07 (5 min)	Minutes VM07 and on the IPP.	CHAIR
3.	Work activities		
3.1	Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions and update on deliverables (10 min)	VM08_02_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Road_map	CHAIR
3.2	Task 4: roles and Terms of Reference of the POARS Steering Committee (25 min)	VM08_03_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_TORs	ENKERLIN
3.3	Task 6, 7 and 10: Discussion to identify efficient methods and tools and ways to present them (35 min)	VM08_04_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task6 VM08_05_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task7 VM08_06_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task7_Table VM08_07_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task10	CARDWELL, ABADIE, DAY, MEDINA, PANAGIOTA, VENTER, DATT
	BREAK 10 MIN		
3.4	Task 9: Discussion on processes to engage expertise (35 min)	VM08_08_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task9	ABADIE, PANAGIOTA, ENKERLIN
3.5	Task 11 and 12: Discussion on work plan and budget (35 min)	VM08_09_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Tasks11and12	PANAGIOTA, MARCOTE, CIAMPITI, ARNITIS, ALL LEADS
4.	Any other business (10 min)		ALL PARTICIPANTS
5.	Confirmation of date and arrangement of the Next Meeting (2 min)		CHAIR
6.	Close of the Meeting (3 min)		CHAIR

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