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## REPORT OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

### 1. Opening of the meeting

#### 1.1 Opening remarks

[1] Mr Dale, Chair of FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed the participants and informed the TWG members that national contingency plans are being prepared in Australia to tackle Fall Armyworm and other priority pests. He also mentioned that Fall Armyworm is gathering unprecedented momentum in the Asia Pacific region and events on surveillance, detection and response are being organized throughout the region, particularly in Papua New Guinea.

#### [2] 1.2 Welcome remarks of the FAO/IPPC TWG Vice Chair

[3] Ms Brunel, Vice Chair of the FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed all participants and confirmed that comments and input submitted by the TWG members on the guidelines on FAW prevention are well noted and received.

### 2. Meeting Arrangements

[4] Document and participants lists are available on the [IPPC website](#) and will be updated as necessary. The participants list is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

### 4. The establishment of the IPPC/RPPOs Task Force

[6] Mr Deng, IPPC/RPPOs Chair, informed the TWG members that a new Task Force on Fall Armyworm will be established to facilitate the implementation of the prevention pillar of the FAO Global Action and coordinate with the FAW Secretariat and the Regional Plant Protection Organizations of Europe, Near East and North Africa, and the Pacific. Mr Deng informed that the establishment of the task force will be formally announced by Mr Avetik Nersisyan, IPPC Secretariat Officer in Charge, during the IPPC webinar on FAW prevention on 9 December. The main objectives of the Task Force will be:

[7] 1. Coordinate and facilitate the implementation of prevention and preparedness pillar of the FAO Global Action for FAW Control in Europe, Near East and North Africa, and the Pacific.

[8] 2. Support the implementation of three-year's workplan of FAO-IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures.

[9] 3. Oversee training activities on Fall Armyworm prevention and preparedness undertaken at global, regional and national levels.

[10] Mr Deng informed that the task force will be composed as follows: Arop Deng (TF Leader), Sarah Brunel (1st Assistant to TF Leader), Chris Dale (2nd Assistant to TF Leader), Qingpo Yang, Directors of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), Near East and North Africa Plant Protection Organization (NENA), and the Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO).

[11] The TWG noted and endorsed the establishment of the IPPC/RPPOs Task Force on FAW.

## **5. Arrangements of the IPPC' Work on FAW prevention**

### **5.1 Review of the FAW prevention and preparedness guidelines**

- [23] The Vice-Chair coordinated the revision of the guidelines on FAW prevention and discussed comments and suggestions made by TWG members to the document.
- [24] It was agreed that Pest Risk Assessment and the Italian modeling document will be included in the guidelines. The TWG also agreed that the steps for an NPPO to draft preparedness and contingency plans should be included as a check-list in Appendix. A flow chart may also be included. The surveillance part should also be revised in the view of the additions by EPPO.
- [25] The Vice-Chair informed that a clean version of the guidelines will be shared with TWG members via Microsoft Teams before mid-December. Once the TWG has endorsed the guidelines, the document will be posted on the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) for further revision in January 2021.

### **5.2 Way forward for spreading the guidelines**

- [26] The Vice-Chair informed that NPPOs will be requested to provide comments to the guidelines via OCS and that training activities will be organized at the global, regional and national levels to validate the guidelines. A road map for capacity development activities was shared by the Vice-Chair with all the TWG members to coordinate the organization and implementation of such activities, in cooperation with relevant RPPOs.

## **6. Organizational arrangements of the IPPC Webinar on prevention**

- [27] Ms Czerwien, Implementation Facilitation Team Assistant, informed TWG members about the status of the registrations to the IPPC webinar on FAW prevention that will take place on 9 December 2020. She informed that bios, photos and presentations of the panelists will be collected a few days prior to the webinar, while a practice session was planned to take place on 7 December.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- [28] TWG members agreed to have the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in mid-December. A poll will be sent out by the IPPC Secretariat to inquire preferences and availability of the participants for the period between 14 and 15 December 2020.

## **8. Concluding Remarks**

- [29] The Chair thanked all for the productive meeting.

## Appendix 1: The Fifth Meeting of the FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures for FAO Global Action on FAW Control

*1<sup>st</sup> December 2020  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
(Central European Time, GMT  
+1) Teleconference*

### AGENDA

*Updated 2020-11-27*

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	--	Chris DALE
<b>2</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		Chris DALE
2.1	Document list	2_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	
2.2	Participants list	3_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	
<b>3</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>	1_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	Chris DALE
<b>4</b>	<b>Setting of the IPPC/RPPO Task Force for implementing the three years work plan</b>	4_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	Arop DENG
<b>5</b>	<b>Arrangements of the IPPC' Work on FAW Prevention</b>		
5.1	Review of the FAW prevention and preparedness guidelines	5_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	Sarah BRUNEL
5.2	Way forward for spreading the guidelines	6_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Dec	Sarah BRUNEL
<b>7</b>	<b>Communication</b>	--	
7.1	Organizational arrangements of the IPPC Webinar on prevention	--	Ewa CZERWIEN
<b>8</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	--	Chris DALE
<b>9</b>	<b>Next Meeting and close of the meeting</b>	--	Chris DALE

## Appendix 2: List of participants

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