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REPORT OF THE 3RD FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Opening remarks

- [1] Mr Xia, Director of NSP, welcomed all participants and provided a brief summary of the Global Fall Armyworm Action Plan and highlighted two important lines of control of FAW globally:
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for which eight pilot countries were selected Burkina Faso (West Africa), Cameroun (Central Africa), Kenya (East Africa), South Africa (Southern Africa), Egypt (Northern Africa), China, India and Philippines (Asia).
 - Prevention of or delay of further spread of FAW, consisting of coordinating the work in the three regions where FAW is absent or of limited distribution.

1.2 Welcome remarks of the FAO/IPPC TWG Chair

- [2] The Chair welcomed all participants and indicated many references had been provided for the “IPM assessment” matrix maintained by the FAW Secretariat. He stated that he had attended the IPPC Regional Workshops in Asia and the Pacific where he delivered presentations on FAW, which received a lot of interest, and raised awareness on FAW, a scenario that will benefit the surveillance, monitoring and other technical work in the region and beyond.

2. Meeting Arrangements

- [3] Documents and participants list are available and will be updated as necessary. The participant list is available as Appendix 2 of this report.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] The agenda was adopted by all participants and is available as Appendix 1 of this report.

4. Update on FAO/IPPC FAW Technical Working Group and follow up activities

- [5] The Chair and Vice-Chair recalled that since the last meeting, the “IPM assessment” matrix was circulated and provided to the FAW Secretariat. The briefing paper of this TWG had been circulated to members for comments. A call for Phytosanitary contributed resources had been open and circulated to all members in order to aggregate existing prevention guidelines as a basis for drafting the FAO-IPPC guidelines on FAW prevention (see <https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/call-for-phytosanitary-technical-resources-on-fall-armyworm-spodoptera-frugiperda/>). The Chair indicated that a project dealing with FAW is currently on-going in Asia and has a lot of information that could benefit the current work on prevention and promised that he would provide further information on this project to the IPPC Secretariat.

5. Update on RPPO’s FAW Status (Prevention, Preparedness, Monitoring and Priorities) in Respective Regions: how to best use information

- [6] The Vice-Chair reported that during the last meeting, RPPOs representative had been asked to provide updates to the IPPC Secretariat on the status of FAW in their regions. She informed the group that such data is transmitted to the FAW Secretariat for the bi-weekly status report which is being sent to the FAO DG. Such reports are not posted on the IPPC and are rather used by the FAW Secretariat to cross-check distribution data. Only EPPO had provided such update, as there were no changes in other regions. She acknowledged the special alert EPPO had made on its website, listing all relevant FAW resources (see https://www.eppo.int/ACTIVITIES/plant_quarantine/shortnotes_qps/fall_armyworm).

- [7] The members discussed the need for verification of the data provided and agreed RPPOs would make reports on the FAW situation in their regions when a new outbreak would happen.

6. Work Arrangements of the IPPC' and TWG' on FAW Prevention

6.1 Updated FAO/IPPC TWG briefing paper

- [8] The Chair suggested that comments on the briefing paper would be extended until the 30th of September.

6.2 Three-year work plan on FAW Prevention (2020–2022)

- [9] The Vice-Chair informed members that while a draft was initially prepared, it was not shared as further time was necessary to get consensus with the Chair. This item would be kept for the next meeting.

6.3 Drafting guidelines for FAW prevention

- [10] The Chair and Vice-Chair recalled that, in line with the Global Action Plan, guidelines for FAW prevention should be drafted by December 2020 in the framework of this TWG. The Vice-Chair recalled that the call for Phytosanitary contributed resources aims at aggregating existing national or regional prevention guidelines on FAW to be used as a basis and as references. The technical resources should be related to pest risk analysis, diagnostic and identification, inspection, preventive measures and contingency plans. She indicated that the IPPC procedure to contribute these resources through the IPP is lengthy but ensures that the contributors officially agrees on the use and posting of their resources. She invited members to contribute resources and asked them whether such resources are available in their regions and the content they foresee for the guidelines to be drafted. She suggested that in terms of length and content, the guidelines to be drafted may be very straightforward and similar to the EPPO standards PM9 on National Regulatory Control Systems.
- [11] Ms Ciampitti indicated that in the European Union, some countries have contingency plans, two or three North European countries post contingency plans on their website. She commented that Italy is drafting a contingency plan for FAW. She considered that the guidelines to be drafted should be short and of the format of the EPPO standards PM9.
- [12] Mr Chouibani indicated that no contingency plan on FAW is available in the NENA region.
- [13] The Chair commented that in addition to including a contingency plan, the guidelines may also include information on prevention measures related to pest risk analysis and pathways vulnerability assessment.
- [14] The Vice-Chair asked all members for their views on the procedure(s) to follow to draft these guidelines in terms of regional validation and communication.
- [15] Ms Giuliani recalled that all FAO publication need to be entered into the PWS system, following a step by step approval which can prove lengthy.
- [16] Members agreed that the work procedure to follow would consist in drafting synthetic and straightforward guidelines for FAW prevention, followed by regional communication, validation and dissemination. These guidelines should avoid overlapping with the existing IPM procedures and should include prevention measures and a contingency plan. Mr Tay volunteered to provide support in drafting the guidelines for FAW prevention, under guidance from the IPPC Secretariat.

7. Improvement of Homepage of the FAW Prevention on the IPP

- [17] Mr Deng updated the participants indicating that their comments on the homepage of the FAW prevention on the IPP had been taken on board.

8. Next meeting

[18] The Vice Chair indicated a doodle poll would be circulated for the 4th meeting to be held around on 15th or 16th of October. She indicated that if dropbox is not accessible to all members, the use of another software will be explored.

[19] The members agreed to:

- - comment on the briefing paper by the 30th of September.
- - contribute or invite contributions to the call on contributed Phytosanitary resources as soon as possible.

9. Concluding Remarks

[20] The Chair thanked all for a productive meeting.

Appendix 1: The Third Meeting of FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary in Relation to Trade for Global Action on FAW Control

16 September 2020 (9:00 am - 11:00 am), Rome Time (Central European Time, GMT +1)
Teleconference

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Updated 2020-09-11

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Chris DALE
1.1	Opening remarks		Jingyuan XIA
1.2	Welcome remarks of the FAO/IPPC TWG Chair		Chris DALE
2	Meeting Arrangements		Chris DALE
2.1	Document list	2_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	
2.2	Participants list	3_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	
3	Adoption of the Agenda	1_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	Chris DALE
4	Update on activities since the 2 nd FAO-IPPC FAW TWG	4_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	Chris DALE/Sarah BRUNEL
5	Update on RPPO's FAW Status (Prevention, Preparedness, Monitoring and Priorities) in Respective Regions: how to best use this information?	Discussion	Chris DALE/Sarah BRUNEL
6	Arrangements of the IPPC' Work on FAW Prevention		Chris DALE/Sarah BRUNEL
6.1	Updated FAO/IPPC TWG briefing paper	5_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	
6.2	Three-year work plan on FAW Prevention (2020–2022)	6_ GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Sept	
6.3	Drafting guidelines for FAW prevention	https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/call-for-phytosanitary-technical-resources-on-fall-armyworm-spodoptera-frugiperda/	
7	Update on the webpage	--	Arop DENG
8	Any Other Business	--	Chris DALE
9	Next Meeting	--	Chris DALE
10	Concluding Remarks	--	Jingyuan XIA

Appendix 2: List of participants

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