

Calls for EWG and TP experts

Once the Standards Committee (SC) approves a specification and resources are identified to hold an expert working group (EWG) meeting, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat contacts NPPOs and RPPOs through a **call to nominate experts** to be members of the EWG to develop a draft ISPM. In order to get nominated as an expert, the nominee is requested to sign a statement of commitment. The SC selects the technical experts identified by the NPPOs and RPPOs for the EWG. The EWG meets and produces a draft ISPM and a meeting report. The draft ISPM is then approved for consultation by the SC.

Members of [technical panels \(TPs\)](#) should have the necessary scientific expertise and subject matter experience and should be able to participate and contribute to the proceedings. The steward of the TP is considered a member. Membership of TPs should be reviewed by the SC on a regular basis and may be adjusted as necessary, taking into account, in particular, changes in the needs of scientific or other expertise required and in the professional duties of the experts.

Qualified female applicants, qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member nations, and person with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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2021-09 - Call for experts for technical panels

The IPPC Secretariat is soliciting nominations for appropriately qualified experts to take part in:

- the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
- the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)

Nominations are due 10 December 2021 and should be sent to ippc@fao.org with a copy to Mr Edgar Mushegian (Edgar.Mushegian@fao.org).

These panels operate in English (without interpretation), so experts should have a solid working knowledge of English.

Experts will be appointed for five-year terms beginning in 2022. They should be available to attend all annual face-to-face meetings and virtual meetings of the respective Technical Panel (see requirement details below). All meeting dates will be published on the [IPPC Calendar](#).

1. Specific expertise required

The SC will select the expert based on how closely an expert's skills and experience match the specific expertise outlined in:

- **Expertise required for the TPPT**

Up to three experts are sought with specific expertise in phytosanitary treatments (phytosanitary treatment research or practical treatment expertise) to complement already existing expertise within the TPPT. Preference will be given to experts actively involved in developing phytosanitary treatments.

Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPPT throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work, are essential. The tasks of the TPPT are described in [Specification TP 3](#). For more information about the TPPT, please access their webpage [by clicking here](#).

- **Expertise required for the TPCS**

Experts are sought with specific expertise in commodity pest risk assessment, commodity pest risk management, development and management of phytosanitary import requirements, selection and implementation of phytosanitary measures for use in trade, development of regional and international phytosanitary standards, and evaluation of commodity production practices in relation to pest risk management.

Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPCS throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work, are essential. The tasks of the TPCS are described in [Specification TP 6](#).

2. Instructions for making nominations

Nominations will be accepted from contracting parties, national or regional plant protection organizations (NPPOs or RPPOs) through their respective NPPO or RPPO [IPPC Official Contact Point](#). Self-nominations should be supported by an accompanying letter from the respective IPPC Official Contact Point. A nomination should only be made if the nominee has agreed to his/her nomination, is available for the meeting dates as posted on the [IPPC Calendar](#), and can allocate appropriate time to the tasks outlined in the [Statement of Commitment](#). The following documentation must accompany each nomination:

- **Completed nominee details and summary of expertise form** – (only as a word processing file, such as MS Word). All sections should be completed, including contact details, education, and professional training. A clear description of the nominee's expertise is required. The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_Summary**;
- **Completed and signed Statement of Commitment form** – should be read carefully by each nominee and discussed between the nominee and their employer. The form should then be signed by the nominee and a senior person in authority from the organization that employs the nominee. The form should be submitted with the nomination (as a scanned image file such as a PDF). The file should be named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_commitment**;
- **The nominee's Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – electronic copy of the nominee's CV with the file named as follows: **COUNTRY_SURNAME_Firstname_CV**.

The name of the nominating country or RPPO and the words “2021-09 - Call for experts for technical panels” should be placed in the subject line of the email message.

3. Funding for experts to attend meetings

The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e., travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds. The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistance-attend-meetings>). It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting, and those participants who plan to attend only part of a meeting should fund their travel.

2021-09 - Call for the TPG expert for the Russian language

The IPPC Secretariat is soliciting nominations for an appropriately qualified expert to take part in:

- **the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG): expert for the Russian language**

Nominations are due 25 October 2021 and should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org) with a copy to Mr Edgar Mushegian (Edgar.Mushegian@fao.org).

The expert will be appointed for five-year terms beginning in 2021 and should be available to attend the upcoming TPG virtual meeting in December 2021, all annual face-to-face meetings, and other virtual meetings of the TPG (see requirement details below).

All meeting dates will be published on the [IPPC Calendar](#).

1. Specific expertise required

The SC will select the expert based on how closely an expert's skills and experience match the specific expertise outlined in:

- **Expertise required for the TPG**

Candidates should have a broad understanding of plant protection systems, have experience in several aspects, including legislation, regulations, surveillance, diagnostics, pest risk analysis, phytosanitary certification and compliance, eradication, pest free areas, etc., and have an understanding of the use of terminology within those systems. In addition, experience in developing or implementing ISPMs is highly desired. Willingness and availability to participate continuously in the work of the TPG throughout the year, including face-to-face meetings, virtual meetings, and intersession work, are essential. The tasks of the TPG are described in [Specification TP 5](#). For more information about the TPG, please access their webpage [by clicking here](#).

This is for a five-year term beginning in 2021, and the selected experts should be available to attend all meetings of the TPG.

Language

The TPG operates in **English (without interpretation)**, so the expert should have a strong working knowledge of English. The expert should also demonstrate **a strong working knowledge of Russian (mother tongue level)**.

2. Instructions for making nominations

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