



REPORT

BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (TELECONFERENCE)

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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ, Chairperson of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.
- [2] Mr Avetik NERSISYAN, IPPC Secretary Officer-in-Charge for daily matters, welcomed all participants and updated the CPM Bureau regarding the implementation of the employee return plan to headquarters. He clarified that the IPPC Secretariat is following the guidelines of the Plant Production and Protection Stream (NSP) of FAO, of which Mr Jingyuan XIA is the Director and IPPC Secretary Officer-in-Charge for overall coordination. Mr NERSISYAN informed the CPM Bureau that Mr Xia holds regular meetings to receive updates on the IPPC community work, as part of NSP. He also updated the CPM Bureau on the advancements by Zambia in tabling the resolution for establishing the International Day of Plant Health at the next plenary session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (UNGA), with expected adoption in March 2022. Mr NERSISYAN reported the current situation of the poll to hold CPM-16 virtually, stating that sixty-six IPPC contracting parties (CPs) expressed their preference for it, and encouraged the CPM Bureau members to invite the missing IPPC CPs to participate to it.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Documents list

- [3] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#). CPM Chairperson noted that the documents are coming in late.

2.2. Participants list

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

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [5] The CPM Chairperson noted the following requests:
- Update on the IPPC Secretary selection process;
 - Membership of CPM FG on CCPI;
 - Nomination from Tunisia; and
 - Discussion on IPPC work plan and budget, jointly under item 6.

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

4. CPM-16

4.1. General update

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat updated the CPM Bureau on the work of the CPM-16 Task Force preparing the sixteenth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), also recalling Mr NERSISYAN's update about IPPC CPs participating to the poll, particularly underlining the

encouragement to liaise with the missing IPPC CPs. The IPPC Secretariat reminded the CPM Bureau that the deadline to receive papers is 24 January 2022, to allow enough time for their processing and publication.

4.2. Agenda finalisation

[8] The IPPC Secretariat shared the CPM-16 draft Provisional Agenda with the CPM Bureau for comments and observations, reminding that the virtual sessions will last two and a half hours instead of three. The CPM Bureau confirmed the 5, 7 and 21 April 2022 as CPM-16 dates, and indicated its preference to remove the division of topics per day while maintaining the annotated agenda in six languages for all CPM-16 participants. The CPM Bureau discussed the opportunity for CPM Focus Groups to table a report and entertain questions only and asked the IPPC Secretariat to propose a viable solution to streamline each discussion on the CPM Focus Group.

[9] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Adopted* the revised CPM-16 Provisional Agenda, which is attached to this report as Annex 5, pending the discussion about the streamlining the discussion on CPM Focus Groups.
- (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to present a viable solution to streamline each discussion on the CPM Focus Group.

5. CPM Focus Group on SFDAI

[10] The IPPC Secretariat reported on the dialogue with the CPM Focus Group on SFDAI, clarifying the IPPC Secretariat's role, underlining that the aim of involving IPPC CPs in the implementation of the Development Agenda Items of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 is to include IPPC CPs' views on the long term goals for each development agenda item. The CPM Bureau was invited to consider that the IPPC Secretariat is currently lacking the capacity to implement the development agenda items besides lack of clear direction regarding the long-term objectives for each of them. It was also noted that the CPM Focus Group may be in a better position to address the coordination of SFDAI implementation.

[11] Mr Peter THOMSON, Chairperson of the CPM FG on SFDAI, underlined that the CPM FG forwarded a request to the IPPC Secretariat for updates regarding the SFDAI status, noting that most of the SFDAIs have had little or no advancement, also due to their lower priority in some cases. He highlighted the importance of retrieving at least general information to create an overarching plan, and suggested the CPM FG members and IPPC Secretariat work together to support the SFDAI implementation. He also expressed his understanding of the current workload the IPPC Secretariat is facing.

6. 2022 IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget

[12] Mr John GREIFER, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, updated the CPM Bureau regarding the session that took place on 17 November, summarising the discussed issues related to savings as well as

staffing, amongst others. The IPPC Secretariat clarified that the IPPC work plan and budget will be revised in more details at the next CPM Bureau meeting and finally sent to CPM-16 for adoption.

[13] Mr GREIFER suggested that the next CPM Bureau session will focus on the IPPC work plan and budget to consider the necessary resources required for each core activity of the IPPC Secretariat in 2022 to be presented by each Unit lead. The CPM Bureau is invited to address any questions to the IPPC Secretariat leads and also to discuss the planned activities to support prioritisation for 2022.

[14] The CPM Bureau:

(3) *Noted* the update and *welcomed* the initiative to allocate time to hold an in-depth discussion on the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget at the next CPM Bureau meeting.

7. IPPC Secretariat Information

[15] The IPPC Secretariat presented this item to initiate a dialogue on the roles within the IPPC community and particularly in relation to the new working context and environment, suggesting the need to analyse the ways in which the IPPC governance and Secretariat interact at the moment, suggesting the possibility of an increased regional coordination amongst the CPM Bureau, Standards Committee (SC) and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC).

[16] The CPM Bureau:

(4) *Agreed* to initiate a dialogue on the roles within the IPPC community in light of the renewed working environment.

8. Any Other Business

- *Update on the IPPC Secretary selection process*

[17] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ updated the CPM Bureau on the status of the IPPC Secretary selection process, specifying that the final round of interviews took place on 21 October with the three remaining candidates. He reported that the interviewing panel presented its final remarks and the FAO Director-General (DG) will make his final decision. Mr KONAN KOUAMÉ ensured that the IPPC point of view and opinion were taken into great consideration, also noting that the three remaining candidates had excellent knowledge, understanding and view of the IPPC work as well as of phytosanitary matters.

- *Membership of CPM FG on CCPI and nomination from Tunisia*

The CPM Bureau asked the IPPC Secretariat to submit this nomination again to the next CPM Bureau meeting to allow more time to study the submitted documentation.

9. Next Meeting

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

10. Closing of the Meeting

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

Annex 1 –Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	03	Agenda	2021-11-16
02_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2021-11-16
03_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2021-11-16
04_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	04.2	CPM-16 Agenda	2021-11-16
05_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	08	Membership of CPM FG on CCPI	2021-11-16
05_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	08	Nomination from Tunisia	2021-11-16

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME <i>CPM Chairperson</i> Avetik NERSISYAN <i>IPPC Secretary O-i-C</i>
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Mr Arop DENG
3.	Document list	02_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	
4.	Participant list	03_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	
5.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	Lucien KONAN KOUAME
6.	CPM-16	--	Mr Arop DENG
7.	General update	--	
8.	Agenda finalisation	04_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	
9.	CPM Focus Group on SFDAI	-	Avetik NERSISYAN
10.	2022 IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget	-	John GREIFER Marko BENOVIC
11.	IPPC Secretariat Information	-	Craig FEDCHOCK IPPC Management Team
12.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the IPPC Secretary selection process • Membership of CPM FG on CCPI • Nomination from Tunisia 	05_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel 06_Bureau_2021_Nov_Tel	Lucien KONAN KOUAME Marica GATT Erika MANGILI ANDRE
13.	Next Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KOUAME
14.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien KONAN KOUAME

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Propose way to streamline the discussion of CPM Focus Groups in the CPM-16 Provisional Agenda	IPPC Secretariat	Avetik NERSISYAN Arop DENG	10/12/2021
2	Allocate time to hold an in-depth discussion on the IPPC Secretariat Work Plan and Budget	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG	26/11/2021

Annex 5 – Provisional Agenda of the Sixteenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

1. Opening of the Session

2. Keynote Addresses

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1. EU statement of competence

4. Election of the Rapporteur

5. Report from the CPM Bureau on Credentials

6. Report from the CPM Chairperson

7. Report from the IPPC Secretariat

8. Governance and Strategy

8.1. Report from Strategic Planning Group

8.2. CPM authorization for the CPM Bureau to operate on its behalf until CPM-17, 2023

8.3. Framework for Standards and Implementation

8.4. IPPC Dispute Settlement Procedures revision

8.5. The IPPC Secretariat and One Health

8.6. Adoption of the revision of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure

8.7. Recommendations from the Task Force on Topics from the IPPC 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation

8.8. CPM Focus Groups

8.8.1. Recommendations and report from the CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreaks Alert and Response Systems

8.8.2. Update from the CPM Focus Group: Implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

8.8.3. Update from the CPM Focus Group: Climate Change and Phytosanitary issues

8.8.4. Update from the CPM Focus Group: Communications

8.8.5. Update from the CPM Focus Group on Sustainable Funding for the IPPC ePhyto Solution

8.8.6. Proposed establishment and draft TOR of CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

9. Standard Setting

9.1. Report from Standards Committee (pre-recorded)

9.2. Adoption of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

9.3. Standards Committee recommendations to the CPM

9.3.1. Adoption of the List of topics for IPPC standards

18.3. Membership and Potential Replacements for Implementation and Capacity Development Committee

19. Any other business

20. Date and Venue of the Next Session

21. Adoption of the Report

22. Closing of the Session