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Update on the 2021 IPPC Regional Workshops

Agenda item 17.2

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1. The IPPC 2021 regional workshops (RWs) were held virtually for the second consecutive year between August and September still under the banner of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) due to the ongoing restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The seven RWs (Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe and Centrale Asia, Near East and North Africa, Latin America, Southwest Pacific) were rolled out successfully and as usual the IPPC Secretariat supported the regional organizing committees for the preparation and delivery of these workshops. Five hundred and one (501) participants from 140 contracting parties (CPs) attended the workshops compared to 370 participants from 151 CPs in 2020. A summary of 2021 RW dates and leads for 2021 is provided in Annex 1.

2. The regional organizing committees, the IPPC Secretariat, FAO regional and sub-regional offices and partners worked closely together to achieve the intended goals of convening smooth meetings. Compared to previous face-to-face workshops and the first virtual regional workshops in 2020, this year's workshops attracted a higher number of participants

3. For the year 2021, eight draft standards and one CPM recommendation on contaminating pests were presented for review by the participants during the workshops. Other topics such as the National Reporting Obligations¹, the preparation for the 2021 Call for Topics, the IPPC ePhyto Solution², IYPH legacies as well as topics of interest to the regions were discussed.

4. Challenges that emerged during the workshops included;

¹ National Reporting Obligations webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>

² ePhyto webpage: www.ephytoexchange.org

- 1) Financial support for the interpretation of presentations in some regions,
 - 2) low levels of comments received during the consultation period and the number of countries / CPs commenting and
 - 3) more training on the use of the Online Commenting System (OCS). Following each workshop, news and reports³ were posted on the IPP.
5. CPM-16 (2022) is invited to:
- 1) *Note* the update on the 2021 IPCC Regional Workshops.

³ 2021 IPCC Regional Workshops reports available at: <https://www.ipcc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ipcc-workshops/>

ANNEX 01

AFRICA	ASIA	CARIBBEAN	EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA	LATIN AMERICA	NEAR EAST & NORTH AFRICA	PACIFIC
21 –24 September 2021	6-9 September ,2021	24-26 August 2021	6- 8 September. 2021	1,2,3,6 and 7 September 2021	3, 4 and 10 August 2021	31 August – 3 September 2021
Virtual 4 sessions: 21-24 September 2021 Daily 10 am to 2pm. (Yaounde time)	Virtual 4 sessions: 7-9. Sep. 2021 Daily 9.00 to 15:00. (Bangkok time)	Virtual 06 sessions (2/day): 24-26. Sep. 2021 Daily 15.30 to 20.00 Rome time (9.30-14.00 Barbados time)	Virtual 3 sessions: 6,7 and 8 Sept (Central European Summer Time,GMT +1)	Virtual 5 Sessions: dd-dd. mm. 2021 Daily 8\00-11:00 (México Time)	Virtual Eight sessions: 3-4 August 10 August Two sessions per day: 10:00-12:00 and 13:00- 1500 (Cairo time)	Virtual 4 sessions: 31 Aug. - 03. Sep. 2021 Daily 11.00 to 14.00 (Fiji time)
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