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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

## Sixteenth Session

**Virtual Meeting, 5, 7 and 21 April 2022**

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

**Agenda item 8.8.2**

**Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat and the Focus Group on SFDAs**

1. In 2019, CPM-14 endorsed the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030, with its eight key development agenda items, identifies priority work areas that are aligned to the IPPC's vision, mission, and strategic objectives.
2. In 2020, the Strategic Planning Group recommended a Terms of Reference be developed for a focus group, to be established by the CPM, to develop a clear plan for sequencing the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda items.
3. In 2021, CPM-15 adopted the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030. The need to have sufficient funding in place was emphasized, as was the importance of having an implementation plan for the Framework. CPM-15 agreed to establish a CPM Focus Group on Implementation Plans for the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030.
4. The eight development agenda items are complex topics, which require clear implementation plans and secure funding. The Focus Group on SFDAs (CPM Focus Group on Strategic Framework 2020-2030 Development Agenda Items), is responsible for ensuring the development of an overarching implementation plan for all IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 development agenda items. The implementation plan needs to have clear start dates, milestones, a feasible timeline, a monitoring and evaluation framework, and adequate estimation of required budget and staff, which may be used for resource mobilization purposes.

5. The CPM Bureau nominated and reviewed candidate applications for members of the focus group composed of up to eleven members with knowledge of the IPPC's mandate and activities, taking account of geographical representation and gender balance as follows:

- Seven members representing national plant protection organizations in each of seven FAO regions are:
  - Africa - Regan Makarius, NYONI
  - Asia - Teppei SHIGEMI
  - Europe - Matthew EVERATT
  - North America - Katherine HOUGH
  - Latin America and Caribbean - Diego QUIROGA
  - South-West Pacific - Glenn DULLA
- One representative of the 10 regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) - Nico HORN (EPPO)
- One representative of the CPM Bureau - Peter THOMSON
- One representative of the Standards Committee (SC) - André Felipe C. P. da SILVA
- One rep. of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) - Kyu-ock YIM
- Mr Peter Thomson (CPM Bureau) was elected chairperson with Ms Katherine Hough (North America) elected vice-chairperson.

6. The focus group has held eight virtual meeting since September 2021.

7. The focus group will:

- Draft the overarching implementation plan for the IPPC SF development agenda items with milestones to be reached within a ten-year period.
- Provide advice on the implementation of the IPPC SF 2020-2030 development agenda items and report progress to CPM.

8. The focus group quickly found that each of the SFDAIs are each at very different stages of implementation. Each are using the suggestions for activities contained in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 as a guide. Some have clear plans for the next 12 – 24 months and others do not. Rightly, some are in the very early stages of scoping and not yet able to produce a detailed plan. Some have resources secured to fund the anticipated work and others do not. The focus group is not aware of any SFDAIs that have clear goals, deliverables and budgets for the next 5 or 6 years. As a result, developing an overarching implementation plan with meaningful information is not yet possible.

9. The focus group is now working with Secretariat staff and, where applicable, with subsidiary bodies and other focus groups or steering committees to develop more detailed and longer-term plans for each of the SFDAIs. These will then be compiled into an overarching, integrated, and sequenced implementation plan with clear milestones and timelines. A critical component of this planning is deciding when to start SFDAIs that have not yet commenced.

10. Some issues and opportunities have arisen that CPM should be aware of:

- There appears to have been an expectation within the Secretariat and with some contracting parties, that implementation of all SFDAIs should have commenced immediately after the Framework was endorsed. This has resulted in undue pressure on Secretariat staff to progress the SFDAIs and unrealistic expectations among contracting parties on what should be being done with each of the SFDAIs.
- There may be a need for the Secretariat to establish a staff position with specialist programme planning, monitoring, reporting and management skills. Some Secretariat staff have good project management skills for discrete projects, but the Framework proposes an ambitious and complex programme of work which needs integrated planning and management to ensure effective delivery over the next 8 years.

- There are insufficient resources within the Secretariat to support implementation of individual SFDAIs for example, for ePhyto there is less than 1 FTE dedicated to progressing this work. An assessment is needed of what Secretariat resources are needed to properly deliver each of the SFDAIs. Similar consideration is needed to estimate the contracting party resources required to support implementation of the SFDAIs.
- Producing longer term plans for each of the SFDAIs provides an opportunity to create an investment prospectus to support resource mobilization. Such an investment prospectus would outline each of the SFDAIs with timelines, deliverables, impacts and resource needs. This publication would be used with donor organizations to attract resources for individual projects and the overall programme of work.

11. As noted above, there has been very little planning done for most of the SFDAIs. As a result, the task of establishing an integrated overarching implementation plan is taking more time than expected. The focus group is working with the Secretariat and other groups to develop more detailed draft plans for the SFDAIs, so that an overarching plan can then be developed. The focus group will need to continue to operate until the overarching and integrated implementation plan has been developed and approved by CPM. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be presented to the Bureau and SPG in late 2022 to seek feedback, and then proposed to CPM-17 in 2023.

12. The focus group on SFDAIs requests CPM to:

- 1) *Note* this report.
- 2) *Note* the issues for CPM and the Secretariat to consider.
- 3) *Agree* the focus group should continue to operate until the overarching and integrated implementation plan has been developed and approved by CPM, and that this is anticipated to be at CPM-17 in 2023.