



MINUTES OF THE NINTH VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON PEST OUTBREAK ALERT AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS

21 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (Central European Time, GMT +1)

1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] Sarah BRUNEL, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) Deputy Lead, welcomed the participants to the ninth and last virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group (FG) on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems (POARS).
- [2] Mireille MARCOTTE was elected Chair of the meeting. She thanked the FG members for attending the meeting. Roger DAY volunteered to be the rapporteur.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

- [3] The agenda was adopted by all participants and is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- [4] The participants list is attached as Appnedix 2.

2.2. Adoption of the FG VM07 and VM08 minutes

- [5] The minutes of VM07 and VM08 were adopted.

3. Work activities

3.1. Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions and update on deliverables

- [6] The secretariat showed the road map, indicating that the completed tasks are highlighted in green. Tasks 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 are yet to be finalized.

3.2. Task 6, 7 and 10: Discussion to identify efficient methods and tools and ways to present them

- [7] The Lead for Task 10 (to determine tools needed) presented the recommendations, noting that a number of comments after the last meeting led to changes in the last draft. The FG members noted that under section 3 on Phytosanitary Regulations, the document was recommending the development of a model phytosanitary regulation. However, after discussions it was decided to remove this recommendation, as FAO lawyer informed that model regulations had not yielded good results.
- [8] The Chair noted that the term “contingency planning” was used in some sections of the document and suggested that it be replaced with “preparedness and prevention” for alignment with the new title.
- [9] Under section 6 on surveillance, the Task Lead indicated that the establishment of a global pest map is recommended. The FG members discussed whether it would be more appropriate to establish links with existing maps taking advantage of what is already done. This is to be decided later, and consideration needs to be given regarding what information the maps display.
- [10] The Task 10 Lead will incorporate the latest recommendations and finalize the document.
- [11] The Task 6 (to identify methods for early identification of outbreaks and communication of alerts) Lead indicated that things have not changed much since the last meeting in the first part of the document.

The Lead mentioned that while PRA is outside the scope of the task, the topic should be acknowledged. That is because it is the primary mechanism for driving most surveillance activities. It was explained what first detectors are and that there are examples of strong linkages between first detectors and NPPOs. This kind of association should be encouraged because NPPOs can get a lot of information from this source.

- [12] The Lead indicated that the section on sampling is new and briefly went through the purposes of sampling.
- [13] This final version will be posted on MS team after the meeting for comments by the 25th of September, so that the Lead can finalize the document.
- [14] Task 7 (to establish a toolbox) Lead indicated that there are some additions to the document, paragraphs 12-16 about database of pest and global pest matrix, that need to be clarified regarding their placement in the document. Task 5 (to establish criteria for pests to be in the system) Lead noted that some of the contents may be duplicating information in task 5. The FG members agreed that task 5 and 7 Leads would look at what can be integrated in those tasks and the paragraphs would be removed from task 7.

3.3.Task 9: Discussion on processes to engage expertise

- [15] The task 9 Lead shared the changes that were made in the document. The Lead asked for access to the information provided by OIRSA. The OIRSA representative attending the meeting agreed to meet with the task lead for further discussions on Friday 24th of September to further include information they had provided.

3.4.Task 11 and 12: Discussion on work plan and budget

- [16] Task 12 (to establish resources required) Lead led the FG members through the recommendation. The Lead indicated that the group is recommending the definition of an emerging pest be approved. The Secretariat outlined briefly that this is normally done through the Standards Committee and suggested the appropriate wording. The Secretariat also suggested that more background information be added to the document and volunteered to do so.
- [17] Under this task, a proposed framework for the Global Pest Outbreak and Alert System was designed. The Secretariat noted that CPM is not represented in any of the sections on the chart displaying the components of the system. Discussions took place regarding where the most appropriate section would be to add the CPM, noting that the IPPC Secretariat is directed by the CPM. The Secretariat also suggested that the FG consider revising the name “Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System” at a later stage.
- [18] The FG group discussed which body under CPM should be responsible for the POARS. The members noted that the POARS should be seen as a long-term activity. In the initial stages the POARS could be managed by some of the members of this group, with the aim of phasing in the operations while a subsidiary body is put in place. The FG members agreed that POARS is aligned to the core purpose of the IPPC.
- [19] The FG also decided to propose that pest reporting section of NROs which is currently under the IC be moved to the POARS. The rest of the NROs which are administrative remain with the IC.
- [20] A new section was added under the budget, outlining the human resource needs. The meeting looked at the table outlining the human resource needs and agreed that the number of persons could be reduced. The FG agreed that the startup and maintenance cost could be detailed under this section and noted that outlining the cost is difficult without a final decision on the structure. The group agreed that 800k per year is not enough in the startup phase. If more details are added under this section, it may prove useful to justify the need for more startup funds.
- [21] The Secretariat volunteered to edit the tasks 11 and 12 document based on the comments and have a clean version available for comments prior to preparing the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) paper.

- [22] The FG group members agreed that the terms of reference created for the recommended subsidiary body for the POARS should not be presented to the SPG upcoming meeting.

3.5. Discussion on attendance to the Strategic Planning Group and the way forward

- [23] The Secretariat informed the FG that the next milestone is the SPG meeting on October 21st. The document to be presented including mainly information from Task 11 and 12 and needs to be posted two weeks before the SPG. The Secretariat encouraged the FG members to attend and asked members to indicate if they would like to join the SPG to listen to the discussions. The Secretariat suggested that a short meeting be organized to discuss the participation in the SPG.
- [24] The Secretariat noted that in going forward the FG members will be engaged to finalize each document prior to sending it to the editor. As this is officially the end of the work, members of the FG who can commit the time are asked to volunteer. The larger document needs to be finalized to go to the editor by the end of 2021.

4. Any other business

- [25] No other business was discussed.

5. Close

- [26] The Secretariat thanked the FG members for their contribution to the development of the POARS documents and noted that the output exceeded expectation. She noted that she would be in contact with Leads to finalize all documents for SPG and CPM-16 (2022).

Annex 1

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VM09 AGENDA
(Updated 2021-09-15)

Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter
1.	Opening of the Meeting		
1.1	Opening by the IPPC Secretariat and Chair of the meeting (5 min)		IPPC Secretariat/CHAIR
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)	VM09_01_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Agenda	CHAIR
2.2	Adoption of the FG VM08 (5 min)	Minutes VM07 and on the IPP. Minutes VM08 and on the IPP.	CHAIR
3.	Work activities		
3.1	Road map of the CPM Focus Group and review of tasks descriptions and update on deliverables (5 min)	VM09_02_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Road_map	CHAIR
3.2	Task 6, 7 and 10: Discussion to identify efficient methods and tools and ways to present them (30 min)	VM09_03_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task6 VM09_04_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task7 VM09_05_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task7_Table VM09_06_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task10	CARDWELL, ABADIE, DAY, MEDINA, PANAGIOTA, VENTER, DATT
3.3	Task 9: Discussion on processes to engage expertise (20 min)	VM09_07_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Task9	ABADIE, PANAGIOTA, ENKERLIN
BREAK 10 MIN			
3.4	Task 11 and 12: Discussion on work plan and budget (60 min)	VM09_08_FGPOARS_2021_Sept_Tasks11and12	PANAGIOTA, MARCOTE, CIAMPITI, ARNITIS, ALL LEADS
3.5	Discussion on attendance to the Strategic Planning Group and the way forward (30 min)		IPPC Secretariat/All
4.	Any other business (5 min)		ALL PARTICIPANTS
5.	Close of the Meeting (5 min)		CHAIR

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