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1. Opening of the meeting

[1] The IPPC Secretariat (Secretariat) opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Election of the Rapporteur

[2] FG-CCPI participants elected Mr Dominic EYRE as Rapporteur of the meeting.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

[3] FG-CCPI members adopted the agenda as presented in Appendix 1 to the present report.

3. Administrative matters

3.1 Document list

[4] FG-CCPI members took note of the documents on the document list as presented in Appendix 2.

3.2 Participant list

[5] The Secretariat introduced the participant list (Appendix 3). The Secretariat noted that Mr Adel JAMAZI, Ms Hannah SERWAA AKOTO NUAMAH, Mr Godfrey Pasurai CHIKWENHERE, Mr Josef SETTELE and Ms Marica GATT were not available to attend the meeting.

[6] The Secretariat invited the participants to notify the Secretariat if any changes were needed to the information on the participant list.

[7] The Chairperson acknowledged the commitment of FG-CCPI members who were participating in meetings outside of normal working hours in their time zone and appreciated their dedication.

[8] The Secretariat said that it had received a nomination from the Near East and North Africa Region for a new member to FG-CCPI, which would be put forward for consideration to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Bureau at its forthcoming meeting.

[9] The Secretariat said that it would put out another call for experts in order to have climate change expertise represented in FG-CCPI.

4. Follow-ups from previous meetings

4.1 Draft action plan for the “Assessment and management of climate change impacts on plant health”

[10] The Chairperson presented the draft action plan for the “Assessment and management of climate change impacts on plant health” for the group’s consideration and said that the present meeting represented the opportunity to review and finalize the plan before it was submitted to the CPM Bureau for its consideration.

[11] The Secretariat said that it would not be possible to present the draft action plan to the CPM Bureau at its December meeting because of the meeting’s very full agenda. Consideration of the draft action plan would be deferred to the CPM Bureau meeting in January 2022. The draft would then be submitted for consideration at CPM-16 in April 2022. The deadline to submit documents for CPM consideration was 24 January 2022 in order to allow sufficient time for documents to be translated and distributed. Should there be substantive feedback from the CPM Bureau, the Chairperson asked that sufficient time be allowed to make necessary revisions before the document were submitted for the 24 January 2022 deadline.

[12] The Chairperson said that a main area of concern from the CPM Bureau might be the number of activities contained in the draft action plan; it would thus be important to be mindful of the resourcing required

for activities. If no resourcing was indicated for planned activities, the CPM Bureau might be disinclined to endorse the plan. It would be important for FG-CCPI to underscore the fact that the draft action plan was designed to tap into existing resources, such as the Fall Armyworm Technical Working Group and various regional initiatives.

- [13] The Chairperson said that countries were often keen to approve actions they felt were beneficial, but did not always follow through with funding or resources to support the plan. That led to situations where action items could not be delivered, and thus spurred CPM to be more strategic in its endorsements. As a consequence, FG-CCPI could expect that the CPM Bureau may ask that the draft action plan be more streamlined with fewer activities. The Chairperson nevertheless said that they were confident FG-CCPI could deliver on the draft action plan, as many of its planned activities and initiatives were already in progress.
- [14] The Chairperson encouraged members to advocate for the draft action plan within their national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs).
- [15] The Secretariat noted that work on climate change was one of the Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda items and that it would be beneficial for FG-CCPI to work in coordination with the Focus Group on Strategic Framework 2020–2030 Development Agenda Items (FG-SFDAI) to consider issues of budgeting, actions to undertake, etc. The Chairperson said that there were many opportunities for collaboration and coordination with other groups as well, including the Focus Group on Strengthening pest outbreak alert and response systems and the Fall Armyworm Technical Working Group. It would be beneficial to demonstrate in the draft action plan that proposed actions complemented and coordinated with the work of other groups and did not compete for funds or resources.
- [16] One member asked if there would be an assessment at the end of the FG-CCPI mandate to determine how effective the group had been in delivering on its stated aims. The Secretariat said that there was not at present a mandatory review process. FG-SFDAI was currently in the process of devising a monitoring and evaluation system for the development agenda items. In cooperation with FG-SFDAI, key performance indicators could be developed to measure the impact of FG-CCPI activities. It is possible that the CPM Bureau might look more favourably on the draft action plan if it contained monitoring and evaluation processes.
- [17] As the group reviewed and revised the draft action plan items, the Chairperson said that it would be important to be specific about what FG-CCPI wanted to deliver and what its role would be in delivering on those actions. The Chairperson also encouraged participants to identify complementary actions that could be shared among the activities in the draft action plan.
- [18] An Implementation and Review Support System (IRSS) study could be very beneficial to informing the work of FG-CCPI, although an IRSS was resource-intensive and needed to be carefully designed in order to elicit useful responses.
- [19] In discussions on activities for predictive modelling, the Chairperson said that it would be important to use language that indicated transparency and objectivity, and recommended out of a suite of systems and models those that could be appropriate for various countries and regions with different levels of technical expertise.
- [20] The Chairperson noted that if CPM endorsed the action plan, the next step would be to delegate responsibilities in the plan to FG-CCPI members, and encouraged participants to consider what actions they might like to lead and where their expertise would be of most benefit.
- [21] The Secretariat said that the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO) had invited FG-CCPI to present its draft action plan at its forthcoming meeting on 3 February 2022. The Chairperson said that would represent a good advocacy opportunity to get support for the plan ahead of CPM-16 (2022).

[22] *It was agreed that the Chairperson would present the draft action plan at the forthcoming meeting of TC-RPPO on 3 February 2022.*

5. Any other business

[23] One member said that they were working on communication and advocacy materials for farmers on climate change and phytosanitary issues, which could be contributed as a resource to the FG-CCPI web page. One member said that their organization was currently developing a system for capacity-building in climate change issues and allowed for future modelling of climate-change impacts. One member noted that a bark beetle had been found in their country, and it was believed that extreme weather events facilitated its spread into new areas. The Chairperson noted that a topic on the safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid was not progressed by the Task Force on Topics (TFT), and that a new group was being established to work on the topic, which had links to the work of FG-CCPI, as noted in the action plan. One member said that FG-CCPI might wish to explore the benefits of seasonal forecasts and the advocacy role FG-CCPI could play in disseminating that data.

6. Date and arrangements of the next meeting

[24] FG-CCPI member agreed to hold the forthcoming virtual meeting on 9 February 2021 at 11:30 to 13:30 CET.

7. Close of the meeting

[25] The Chairperson thanked the participants for their contributions and wished everyone a happy year-end holiday. The Secretariat closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda

**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
FOCUS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES
VIRTUAL MEETING**

	Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
1.	Opening of the meeting	–	IPPC Secretariat Christopher DALE (FG Chairperson)
2.	Meeting arrangements		
2.1	Election of the Rapporteur	–	Chairperson
2.2	Adoption of the agenda	01_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	Chairperson
3.	Administrative matters		
3.1	Document list	02_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	Erika MANGILI
3.2	Participant list	03_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	Erika MANGILI
4.	Follow-ups from previous meetings		
4.1	Draft action plan for the “Assessment and management of climate change impacts on plant health”	04_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	FG members
5.	Any other business	–	Chairperson
6.	Date and arrangement of the next meeting		Secretariat / Chairperson
7.	Close of the meeting	–	Chairperson

Appendix 2: Document list

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
Administrative Documents			
01_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	2.2	Provisional agenda	2021-11-29
02_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	3.1	Document list	2021-11-29
03_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	3.2	Participant list	2021-11-29
04_FG_CCPI_2021_Dec	4.1	Draft action plan for the "Assessment and management of climate change impacts on plant health"	2021-11-29

Background documents	Agenda item
2021–2023 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors	–
The FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2016-2020	–

Appendix 3: Participant list

A check (✓) in column 1 indicates confirmed attendance at the meeting.

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