



# **REPORT**

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## 1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr John GREIFER, CPM Vice-Chairperson, opened the meeting informing all participants that Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ sent his apologies. He gave the floor to Mr Avetik NERSISYAN, IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge, who updated the CPM Bureau regarding the COVID-19 situation in Italy, the IPPC Annual Meeting and the IPPC Secretariat staff situation. Mr NERSISYAN recalled the proposal following the latest FAO evaluation of the IPPC Secretariat to upgrade the current P4 position for the IFU Lead to a P5. Mr GREIFER noted the update and suggested to share this information with the NSP Director, Mr Jingyuan XIA, for further consideration.

## 2. Meeting Arrangements

### 2.1. Documents list

- [2] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#).

### 2.2. Participant list

- [3] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau about the absence of Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ and Mr Francisco Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA, who sent apologies for today's meeting. He also reported on the presence of Mr Christian DALE, Chairperson of the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (FG on CCPI) and Ms Erika MANGILI ANDRE, IPPC Secretariat focal point for the CPM FG on CCPI.

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

### 2.3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

## 3. CPM-16 update

- [6] The IPPC Secretariat reported on the ongoing preparations for the sixteenth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16), confirming that the FAO Director-General signed the invitations and the Office of the Director-General (ODG) dispatched them promptly. He mentioned that the platform to register for CPM-16 is available to IPPC contracting parties (CPs) and the deadline is set on 25 February 2022 and FAO does not allow any travels to Rome due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CPM Bureau noted the update and asked the IPPC Secretariat to remind IPPC CPs about the CPM-16 registration deadline.

- [7] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Noted* the update on the CPM-16 ongoing arrangements.
- (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to remind IPPC CPs about the extension of the CPM-16 registration deadline.

## 4. Reports from CPM Focus Groups

### 4.1. Implementation of the Development Agenda Items (SFDAIs)

[8] Mr Peter THOMSON, Chairperson the CPM FG on SFDAIs implementation, reported that the work on developing an overarching implementation framework is proceeding while suggesting the IPPC Secretariat consider hiring an additional staff supporting the next phase of this work. He noted that the IPPC community should develop a solid monitoring and evaluation mechanism while highlighting the lack of allocated resources for the implementation of most of the SFDAIs to date. Mr THOMSON suggested a harmonised resource mobilisation approach for the SFDAI implementation and thanked the IPPC Secretariat for its support and collaboration in filling in each SFDAI templates, which should be available by mid-February. He hoped to complete compiling the templates by May to prepare a draft for a discussion at the next session of the Strategic Planning Group in October 2022.

[9] The IPPC Secretariat suggested to explore the potential synergies between the implementation plan and the current proposals regarding the revision of the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) that may support this process.

### 4.2. Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (CCPI)

[10] Mr Christian DALE, Chairperson of the CPM FG on CCPI, updated the CPM Bureau on the ongoing work, clarifying that one of the CPM FG's priorities is to increase CPM understanding of Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues over a period of four years through five identified action areas. He mentioned that said areas are part of a detailed proposal for a set of initiatives and activities until 2025 on this topic. Mr DALE clarified that the list of activities will be presented at CPM-17 (2023) but there are certain items that may be implemented without any budgetary implications, involving National and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs and RPPOs) as well as other initiatives within FAO, such as other divisions' work on climate change or the International Pest Risk Research Group as a reference.

[11] The IPPC Secretariat suggested to indicate potential leads and resources for each activity and the CPM Bureau suggested revising the suggested decision by CPM-16 to include budgetary assessment for proposed activities.

[12] The CPM Bureau:

- (3) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to include a CPM-16 decision point regarding the budget and resources necessary for the proposed activities by the CPM FG on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues.

### 4.3. Communications

[13] Mr Fuxiang WANG, CPM Bureau Champion in the CPM FG on Communications, updated the CPM Bureau on the ongoing work to draft the new IPPC Communication Strategy. He underlined that the CPM FG on Communications has met seven times since September 2021 and is still missing a

representative from the North America region. He reported the CPM FG decision to postpone the submission of the IPPC Communication Strategy for potential CPM adoption in 2023 to deliver a more comprehensive work, allowing for a more in-depth mapping of audiences and draft more focused key messages until 2030. Mr WANG also mentioned that the postponement will allow the SPG to provide its contribution to the drafting of the IPPC Communication Strategy, while the CPM FG is also liaising with other groups to provide support in including communication activities such as the SFDAI implementation. The IPPC Secretariat suggested that the CPM FG on Communication includes and discuss the IPPC Annual Theme in the IPPC Communication Strategy.

[14] The CPM Bureau:

- (4) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to prepare a paper on the CPM FG on Communications involvement in defining the IPPC annual themes through their inclusion in the IPPC Communication Strategy.

## **5. Membership to the Focus Group on ePhyto Sustainable Funding Solution**

[15] The IPPC Secretariat reported to the CPM Bureau that the call for nominations in this CPM FG ended and some regions are not yet represented, suggesting delaying scheduling its first meeting.

[16] The CPM Bureau noted the current lack of geographical representation but agreed that the work of the CPM FG on ePhyto sustainable funding solution may start while other members may join at a later stage, also suggesting that the IPPC Secretariat should consider hiring a consultant to serve as focal point for this CPM FG.

[17] The CPM Bureau:

- (5) *Agreed* to initiate the work of the CPM Focus Group on ePhyto sustainable funding solution despite the current lack of geographical representation.
- (6) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to schedule a meeting of the CPM FG on ePhyto sustainable funding solution with the current confirmed members.
- (7) *Encouraged* CPM Bureau members from the regions lacking a nomination to ask for candidates.

## **6. CPM Recommendation on Reduction of the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated and unregulated articles to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade (2019-002)**

[18] The IPPC Secretariat recalled that the draft CPM Recommendation on *Reduction of the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated and unregulated articles to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade (2019-002)* was endorsed by the CPM Bureau via eDecision, as per agreement from the CPM Bureau previous meeting and invited the CPM Bureau to validate the process. The CPM

Bureau validated the process and agreed to recommend the draft CPM Recommendation to CPM-16 for adoption.

[19] Mr Sam BISHOP, CPM Bureau member for Europe, asked the IPPC Secretariat about the status of CPM Recommendations in the IPPC text as well as in relation to the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), particularly in relation to International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).

[20] The IPPC Secretariat clarified there is a significant difference in procedures to establish CPM Recommendations and ISPMs, although both undergo consultation period and are adopted by the CPM. The IPPC Secretariat specified that the IPPC community perceives ISPMs as having a higher hierarchy over the CPM Recommendations, as the latter are not about requirements.

[21] The CPM Bureau noted question regarding the hierarchy of CPM Recommendations within the IPPC and SPS Agreement and asked the IPPC Secretariat to consult with FAO Legal Services (FAOLEG) for better assessing the matter.

[22] The CPM Bureau:

- (8) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to verify the IPPC and the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), in consultation with FAO Legal Services (FAOLEG), to better assess the matter of hierarchy of CPM Recommendations.

## **7. Any Other Business**

[23] No other business was discussed.

## **8. Next Meeting**

[24] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled on 3 March 2022, 12:00 – 14:00 (CEST)

## **9. Closing of the Meeting**

[25] The CPM Vice-Chairperson thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting.

**Annex 1 –Document List**

<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)</b>	<b>DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED</b>
01_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	03	Agenda <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90646/">https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90646/</a>	2022-01-25
02_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	02.1	Documents List <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90648/">https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90648/</a>	2022-01-25
03_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	02.2	Participants List <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90649/">https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90649/</a>	2022-01-25
04_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	05.2	Update from the CPM Focus Group: Climate Change and Phytosanitary issues <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90650/">https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/90650/</a>	2022-01-25
05_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	05.2	Update from the CPM Focus Group: Communications Link:	
CPM 2022/06 CPM 2022/06_01	07	CPM Recommendation: Approval by the Bureau to Present to CPM for Adoption Reduction of the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated and unregulated articles to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade (2019-002) <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90615/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90615/</a> <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90614/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90614/</a>	2022-01-25



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**Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda**

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
1.	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	--	Lucien KONAN KUAME <i>CPM Chairperson</i> Avetik NERSISYAN <i>IPPC Secretary O-i-C</i>
2.	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		Mr Arop DENG
2.1.	Document list	02_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	
2.2.	Participant list	03_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	
3.	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>	01_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	Lucien KONAN KOUAME
4.	<b>CPM-16 update</b>	--	Mr Arop DENG
5.	<b>Reports from CPM Focus Groups</b>	--	
5.1.	SFDAs	ORAL	Peter THOMSON
5.2.	CCPI	Link: <a href="https://unfao.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/IPPC/ERXP9VVVWlpMhSf3KuShFjEBm9OXNb6YRQ175hv6F1n5QQ?e=yW9Twc">https://unfao.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/IPPC/ERXP9VVVWlpMhSf3KuShFjEBm9OXNb6YRQ175hv6F1n5QQ?e=yW9Twc</a>	Sam BISHOP
5.3.	Communications	XX_Bureau_2022_Jan_Tel	Fuxiang WANG
6.	<b>Membership to the Focus Group on ePhyto Sustainable Funding Solution</b>	--	Craig FEDCHOCK/ Marko BENOVIC
7.	<b>CPM Recommendation: Approval by the Bureau to Present to CPM for Adoption</b> Reduction of the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated and unregulated articles to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade (2019-002)	<a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90615/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90615/</a> <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90614/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90614/</a>	Adriana MOREIRA
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b>		Lucien KONAN KOUAME
10.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	--	Lucien KONAN KOUAME
11.	<b>Closing of the Meeting</b>	--	Lucien KONAN KOUAME

**Annex 4 – Action List**

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1.	Remind IPPC CPs about the CPM-16 registration deadline	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Tanja LAHTI	21/02/2022
2.	Review the suggested decision by CPM-16 to include budgetary assessment for the proposed activities by the CPM FG on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues.	IPPC Secretariat	Erika MANGILI Riccardo MAZZUCHELLI	24/02/2022
3.	Prepare a paper on the CPM FG on Communications involvement in defining the IPPC annual themes	IPPC Secretariat	Riccardo MAZZUCHELLI Mouhab ALAWAR Sara GIULIANI	24/02/2022
4.	Schedule a meeting of the CPM FG on ePhyto sustainable funding solution with the current confirmed members	IPPC Secretariat	Craig FEDCHOCK	03/03/2022
5.	Encourage IPPC contracting parties to nominate candidates for the CPM FG on ePhyto sustainable funding solution from lacking regions	CPM Bureau	CPM Chairperson All Members	On going
6.	Consult tentatively with FAO Legal Services (FAOLEG) and verify the IPPC text as well as the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) to assess the matter of hierarchy of CPM Recommendations	IPPC Secretariat	Adriana MOREIRA	24/02/2022