Meeting notes of the 1st coordination meeting for implementing IPPC-China project in Sri Lanka in 2022

*10:00-12:00 AM (Rome time) on 9 February 2022*

Participants:

1. Dr W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi (the Additional Director/NPQS ) and other representatives from Sri Lanka
2. Representative from the FAO Office in Sri Lanka
3. Sarah Brunel (Implementation Facilitation Unit Officer in charge for daily matters, IPPC Secretariat)
4. Qingpo Yang (Implementation Associate, IPPC Secretariat)

Major decisions and actions following this meeting:

1. The representative from Sri Lanka made a presentation summarizing the status of implementation of the IPPC-China project in Sri Lanka. The IPPC Secretariat had the same record on the advancement of the project.
2. The IPPC Secretariat noted that Sri Lanka reported a lot of benefits from the project. While the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) was completed, the IPPC Secretariat recommended the representatives from Sri Lanka continue working on the National Phytosanitary Capacity Development Strategy by publishing it, presenting it to donors, implementing it and updating it. The IPPC Secretariat recommended the representatives from Sri Lanka to apply for a project grant (up to 1 million dollar, <https://www.standardsfacility.org/project-grants)> or a project preparation grant (up to 50.000 USD to develop a project proposal, <https://www.standardsfacility.org/project-preparation-grants>) offered by the Standard Development Trade Facility (STDF).
3. The MoU between FAO and the NPPO of Sri Lanka expired on 31 December 2021. The IPPC Secretariat will explore whether a new MoU is necessary, and if so, will take action to draft a new one. The LoA with the FAO Office in Sri Lanka should be extended until the end of the project in December 2023.
4. The representative from Sri Lanka emphasized their will to have assistance to revise the phytosanitary regulation. The IPPC Secretariat will explore this option.
5. The IPPC Secretariat and Sri Lanka agreed that the 2nd technology-focused training course on mass rearing and treatments of fruit flies would be organized virtually. The IPPC Secretariat presented the agenda which will be further sent to the representatives of Sri Lanka for comments.

* The representative from Sri Lanka suggested organizing the virtual training course in a lively way with practical or experiments and demonstrations in the Lab to facilitate the learning of the technology. Participants should also have the possibility to ask questions.
* Representatives from Sri Lanka will propose several options on the date of the 2nd virtual meeting when IPPC Secretariat, Chinese experts, Sri Lanka and FAO NSP will join in to discuss and finalize the plan for 2nd technology-focused training on mass rearing and treatments of fruit flies in a virtual way. The IPPC Secretariat will liaise with the Chinese trainers to organize the event.

1. IPPC Secretariat and Sri Lanka will explore how to organize the farmer field school after experience would have been gained with the 2nd technology-focused training course.
2. Representatives from Sri Lanka will join in the TR4 training course organized by IC Team on TR4, if the donor of the project allows it.