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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr John GRIFER, CPM Vice-Chairperson, opened the meeting and informed the CPM Bureau that Mr Lucien KONAN KUOAMÉ sent his apologies, wishing all participants a fruitful meeting. Mr Avetik NERSISYAN, IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge, introduced the newly appointed IPPC Secretary, Mr Osama EL-LISSY. Mr NERSISYAN updated the CPM Bureau regarding the FAO plan to return to the office and the advancements in renewing the contract for the Oline Comment System.
- [2] Mr EL-LISSY thanked the CPM Bureau for its warm welcome and expressed his positive expectations regarding continuing delivering the IPPC work and collective priorities. He also shared his positive impression of a committed and innovative IPPC Secretariat and thanked Mr NERSYSIAN for his outstanding work over the previous eighteen months. Mr EL-LISSY confirmed that the IPPC Secretariat will continue to operate delivering the IPPC work plan successfully and effectively.
- [3] Several CPM Bureau members echoed Mr GREIFER's words on in expressing satisfaction on Mr EL-LISSY's appointment and all wished him success in his new capacity, ensuring the CPM Bureau collaboration.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Documents list

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

2.2. Participant list

- [5] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ sent his apologies and about the presence of an observer from South-West Pacific Region, Mr Surend PRATAP (FIJI) for capacity development purposes, as previously agreed by the CPM Bureau.
- [6] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 2](#).

2.3. Review of actions from the previous meeting

- [7] The IPPC Secretariat reported that all actions have been carried out within the suggested deadlines.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

4. CPM-16 update

- [9] The IPPC Secretariat updated the CPM Bureau regarding the ongoing arrangements for CPM-16, informing that almost all the papers are posted and that there are fifty-two IPPC contracting parties registered as of date.
- [10] The CPM Bureau asked the IPPC Secretariat about arrangements on Friends of the Chair (FoC) session. The IPPC Secretariat responded that FoCs can take place upon request, during the break between the two sessions. Friends of the Chair sessions will take place without interpretations.

[11] The CPM Bureau

- (1) *Agreed* to arrange tentative meetings of the CPM Bureau on 31 March, 7 April after CPM-16 meeting and 28 April.

5. IPPC Annual Themes (2022- 2026)

[12] The IPPC Secretariat highlighted the usefulness and common practice of establishing annual themes, and the potential benefits in terms of visibility, outreach and resource mobilisation.

[13] The CPM Bureau agreed with the proposed approach, particularly with the purpose of engaging National Plant Protection Organizations in communication activities, and suggested to include climate change as a recurring thematic component. Some CPM Bureau members noted that the current proposal for themes is until 2026 and suggested to consider aligning it with the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030.

[14] The CPM Bureau agreed that the IPPC annual themes should always maintain the focus on the Convention and the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030. Some CPM Bureau members suggested to improve the coordination and oversight of the IPPC Annual Themes by involving the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), if appropriate, and the CPM Focus Group on Communications, while active.

[15] The CPM Bureau also agreed that the next IPPC Annual Themes should follow the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 objectives and development agenda

[16] The CPM Bureau:

- (2) *Agreed* that the IPPC community should adopt annual themes to promote the IPPC work and Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030.
- (3) *Encouraged* the IPPC Secretariat to seek an active engagement with National Plant Protection Organizations in communication activities.
- (4) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to improve the coordination and oversight of the IPPC Annual Themes by involving the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), if appropriate, and the CPM Focus Group on Communications, while active.

6. CPM Recommendations: history and legal aspect

[17] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the paper on CPM Recommendations, detailing the current procedure to adopt a CPM Recommendation for CPM Bureau consideration and discussion.

[18] Some CPM Bureau raised a concern regarding the hierarchy of International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and CPM Recommendations, seeking confirmation from the IPPC Secretariat on its consultation with FAO Legal Services. The IPPC Secretariat clarified that the IPPC community already perceived and regarded CPM Recommendations as lower in hierarchy to ISPMs but FAO Legal Services has not yet provided an answer on this matter.

[19] The CPM Bureau:

- (5) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to seek the legal analysis of FAO Legal Services and WTO legal offices, if necessary, regarding the status of CPM Recommendations according to the IPPC and Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters (SPS Agreement), with a focus on obtaining a clear definition, potential vulnerabilities and any relevant concerns.

7. Any Other Business

[20] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau of a request from three stakeholders to participate to CPM-16 as observers. The CPM Bureau noted the request and asked the IPPC Secretariat to coordinate the participation of observers as per the CPM Rules of Procedures, particularly regarding the importance of sharing in advance any potential statement that any observer may wish to deliver during a CPM session.

[21] The CPM Bureau:

- (6) *Noted* the request by three stakeholders to participate as observers at CPM-16.
- (7) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to inform the three stakeholders regarding the need to share any draft statement that any observer wishes to deliver during a CPM session.
- *International Day of Plant Health*

The IPPC Secretariat updated the CPM Bureau regarding the process to establish the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH), which is ongoing and the General Assembly of the United Nations is expected to proclaim the IDPH observance by the end of March.

The CPM Bureau:

- (8) *Noted and welcomed* the update.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Closing of the Meeting

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

Annex 1 –Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	03	Agenda	2022-03-02
02_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2022-03-02
03_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2022-03-02
04_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	05	IPPC Annual Themes (2022- 2026)	2022-03-02
05_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	06	CPM Recommendations: history and legal aspect	2022-03-02

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ <i>CPM Chairperson</i> Avetik NERSISYAN <i>IPPC Secretariat O-i-C</i>
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1.	Document list	02_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	Arop DENG <i>IPPC Secretariat</i>
2.2.	Participant list	03_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	
2.3.	Review of actions from the previous meeting	--	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
4.	CPM-16 update	--	Arop DENG
5.	IPPC Annual Themes (2022- 2026)	04_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel	Arop DENG
6.	CPM Recommendations: history and legal aspect	05_Bureau_2022_Mar_Tel --	Adriana MOREIRA <i>IPPC Secretariat</i>
7.	Any Other Business	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
8.	Next Meeting	--	Arop DENG
9.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1.	Arrange tentative meetings of the CPM Bureau on 31 March, 7 April after CPM-16 meeting and 28 April	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Aoife CASSINS	24/03/2022
2.	Seek the legal analysis of FAO Legal Services and WTO legal offices, if necessary, regarding the status of CPM Recommendations according to the IPPC and Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters (SPS Agreement), with a focus on obtaining a clear definition, potential vulnerabilities and any relevant concerns	IPPC Secretariat	Adriana MOREIRA	27/05/2022
3.	Inform the three stakeholders regarding the need to share any draft statement that any observer wishes to deliver during a CPM session	IPPC Secretariat	Aoife CASSINS Artur SHAMILOV	24/03/2022
4.	Improve the coordination and oversight of the IPPC Annual Themes by involving the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), if appropriate, and the CPM Focus Group on Communications, while active.	IPPC Secretariat CPM Focus Group on Comm	Riccardo MAZZUCHELLI Lihong ZHU	16/12/2022
5.	Seek an active engagement with National Plant Protection Organizations in communication activities	IPPC Secretariat	Riccardo MAZZUCHELLI	On going