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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.
- [2] Mr Osama EL-LISSY greeting the CPM Bureau and thanked them for their leadership and active participation, particularly for the engagement on the International Day of Plant Health. He shared that the IPPC Secretariat is also engaged in the preparation of the first International Plant Health Conference, hosted by the United Kingdom. Mr EL-LISSY also shared that other meetings are going to take place during the same week of the Conference, such as the Sea Containers Task Force and the thirty-fourth session of the Technical Cooperation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO).

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Document list

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

2.2. Participant list

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

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [5] The CPM Chairperson noted a request to discuss the presence of an observer to the CPM Focus Group on sustainable funding for ePhyto.
- [6] The Agenda was adopted and it is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

4. Summer Extended Bureau Meeting

- [7] The IPPC Secretary introduced the possibility to have a CPM Bureau meeting in presence, in Rome, to review some of the work that the IPPC Secretariat started and receive the CPM Bureau feedback on the operational strategy. He specified some of the aspects that will be presented by the IPPC Secretariat, such as the organizational structure, the core values to continue deliver the core activities as well as the sustainable staffing of the IPPC Secretariat.
- [8] The CPM Bureau welcomed the opportunity to meet in person and asked clarifications regarding travel and logistic arrangements as well as the possibility to keep having a virtual meeting. The IPPC Secretary clarified that the IPPC Secretariat is flexible either way and stands ready to accommodate and implement any decision the CPM Bureau takes.
- [9] The CPM Chairperson noted that several CPM Bureau members may not be available to travel with such a short notice and suggested that the summer extended CPM Bureau meeting takes place virtually and a physical meeting later in the year. Some CPM Bureau members suggested to extend to three hours the July meeting to discuss some of the topics raised by the IPPC Secretary to avoid holding back the operationalisation of plan to restructure the IPPC Secretariat.
- [10] The CPM Bureau:
- (1) *Agreed* to hold a virtual meeting of the CPM Bureau for three hours instead of two in July to address some of the items raised by the IPPC Secretary on the restructuring of the IPPC Secretariat.
 - (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to propose any items suggested by the IPPC Secretary suitable for virtual discussion in the Provisional Agenda of the extended July CPM Bureau meeting.

5. Legal Comments on the differences between ISPMs and CPM Recommendations and their relationship with SPS Agreement

- [11] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau about the progress to better define and clarify the difference between International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and CPM

Recommendations, particularly in relation with the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters (SPS Agreement) and asked Mr Sam BISHOP, CPM Bureau member for Europe, and Ms Carmen BULLON, FAO Legal Services, to further elaborate on the matter.

[12] Mr Sam BISHOP informed the CPM Bureau about the discussions with FAO Legal Services as well as with the SPS Secretariat, specifying that there may be an easily implementable solution addressing the concerns raised by some IPPC contact points.

[13] Ms Carmen BULLON further clarified the question revolved around the content difference resulting in a different value of ISPMs and CPM Recommendations respectively, particularly due the specific approval processes for each. She noted that the SPS Agreement text does not facilitate the identification of this difference but that the different natures of such documents can be derived from those two elements: different value and different approval process. Ms BULLON proposed the inclusion of a paragraph clarifying the scope and intentions of each CPM Recommendation as well as a well-worded disclaimer clarifying that recommendations do not represent guidance for the implementation of the IPPC and do not constitute a source of international law.

[14] The CPM Bureau noted the proposed solution with appreciation and suggested that the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) discuss the matter and then forward its conclusions to CPM for endorsement. The IPPC Secretariat also mentioned that there is an agreed text used in guides and other publications that may be adapted to reflect the suggested solution. The CPM Bureau also noted the need to appoint a focal point and welcomed Mr Sam BISHOP's nomination to take the lead on this matter.

[15] One CPM Bureau member suggested that the explanation of the issue at hand be put upfront in the paper for SPG discussion to facilitate the participants' understanding.

[16] The CPM Bureau:

(3) *Agreed* with the proposed solution to prepare a draft paper for the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group in October suggesting the inclusion of a clarifying text in CPM Recommendations, noting also the possibility to use agreed text from existing disclaimers from IPPC publications.

(4) *Endorsed* the nomination of Mr Sam BISHOP as the CPM Bureau focal point on this matter and asked the IPPC Secretariat to draft a paper for the upcoming SPG in coordination with the appointed focal point.

6. Discussion on CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreaks Alert and Response Systems (POARS)

[17] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the discussion, highlight the main points that emerged as a decision from CPM-16, such as the establishment of a Steering Group on POARS and that the CPM Bureau would review its Terms of Reference as well as the timeline and the selection method for the IC sub-group on the

[18] The CPM Bureau suggested that the IPPC Secretary and Secretariat may focus the discussion on establishing the Steering Group primarily on the resource allocations, particularly in relation to the ongoing review of the IPPC Secretariat. The CPM Bureau considered the CPM-16 decision and endorsed the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group.

[19] The CPM Bureau:

(5) *Adopted* the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems.

(6) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to open the call for nominations for the Steering Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems.

- (7) *Agreed* that the first order of business of the Steering Group should focus on resource allocations on how to operationalise its work.

7. Update on Sea Containers' CPM Focus Group and Industry Advisory Body

[20] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that there is an ongoing call for nominations, which is closing on 10 June 2022.

[21] The CPM Bureau:

- (8) *Noted* the update and *encouraged* CPM Bureau members to disseminate the details of the call.

8. Any Other Business

- *Selection of Bureau rep for the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid*

[22] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the topic recalling the Terms of Reference for the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid, and clarified that the Standards Committee and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee already appointed their representatives. The proposed tentative dates for its first virtual meeting are 20 and 21 July 2022.

[23] The CPM Bureau appointed Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ as focal point to the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid.

[24] The CPM Bureau:

- (9) *Appointed* Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ as focal point to the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid

- *Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function*

[25] Mr John GREIFER, CPM Bureau member for North America, recalled the CPM-16 decision to transfer the oversight of the dispute settlement function to the CPM Bureau and volunteered to develop a paper for a discussion at the next SPG on this matter.

[26] One CPM Bureau member suggested that a paper should focus on the role and functions in relation to the dispute settlement oversight. The IPPC Secretary suggested that this discussion may also take place at the extended CPM Bureau meeting, noting that it is a matter that is often discussed in other fora in relation to the implementation and application of standards.

[27] The CPM Bureau:

- (10) *Noted* the update and thanked Mr John GREIFER for volunteering to develop a draft paper on the oversight of the dispute settlement function to the CPM Bureau, inviting all CPM Bureau members to support Mr GREIFER in this endeavour.

- *Development of observer policy to Friends of the Chair meetings at CPM sessions*

[28] Mr John GREIFER, CPM Bureau member for North America, opened the discussion, recalling the role and purpose of Friends of the Chair meetings at CPM sessions, being informal and focused on overcoming any impasse that may arise in plenary. He suggested to develop a common policy statement to be more transparent and consistent, understanding the flexible and informal nature of such meetings.

[29] The CPM Bureau:

- (11) *Agreed* to draft a common policy statement on Friends of the Chair meetings at CPM sessions.

- (12) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to draft an initial paper on a common policy statement on Friends of the Chair meetings at CPM sessions in coordination with Mr John GREIFER, Ms Sam BISHOP and Peter THOMSON, to be shared for revision by the next CPM Bureau meeting.

- *Dates for face-to-face Bureau and SPG meeting*

[30] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that several options have been explored together with FAO Meeting Services, and the following dates have been identified for face-to-face CPM Bureau and SPG meetings:

- CPM Bureau: 21 and 27 October, with the possibility to extend to 28 October, if needed.
- Strategic Planning Group: 24 – 26 October.

[31] The CPM Bureau suggested to look for alternative places as well as for alternative locations for the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group, as well as extend the timing to include the discussions proposed by the IPPC Secretary under agenda item 4.

[32] The CPM Bureau:

(13) *Noted* the proposed dates for SPG 2022 session from 24 to 26 October and CPM Bureau meeting from 17 to 21 October.

(14) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to verify the availability of rooms in FAO and also for alternatives outside the FAO premises.

- *Approval of an observer to the CPM Focus Group on sustainable funding for ePhyto*

[33] Mr Peter THOMSON, Chairperson of the CPM Focus Group on sustainable funding for ePhyto, informed the CPM Bureau that the STDF asked to attend the next meeting as an observer, recalling the CPM FG ToRs assigning the CPM Bureau the final decision on endorsing such requests. Mr THOMSON shared the outcome of the CPM FG discussion on the opportunity to allow STDF to participate as observer and suggested that the STDF may be invited for a specific agenda item at the next meeting, notwithstanding coming back to the CPM Bureau should there be a request for broader participation.

[34] The CPM Bureau considered the standing and positive collaboration with the STDF and supported the proposal to allow an observer from the STDF to the next meeting of the CPM Focus Group on sustainable funding for ePhyto

9. Next Meeting

[35] The next CPM Bureau meeting will take place on 30 June 2022, 12:00 to 14:00 (CEST).

10. Closing of the Meeting

[36] The IPPC Secretary thanked the CPM Bureau for the time and commitment.

[37] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Annex 1 –Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	3	Agenda	20-05-2022 24-05-2022
02_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	2.1	Documents List	20-05-2022 24-05-2022
03_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	2.2	Participants List	20-05-2022
04_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	5	Legal Comments on the differences between ISPMs and CPM Recommendations and their relationship with SPS Agreement	20-05-2022
05_Bureau_2022_May_Tel_REV	6	Discussion on CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreaks Alert and Response Systems (POARS)	20-05-2022 24-05-2022
06_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	7	Update on Sea Containers' CPM Focus Group and Industry Advisory Body	20-05-2022

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KUAMÉ <i>CPM Chairperson</i> Osama EL LISSY <i>IPPC Secretary</i>
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG <i>IPPC Secretariat</i>
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3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
4.	Summer Extended Bureau Meeting	--	Osama El LISSY
5.	Legal Comments on the differences between ISPMs and CPM Recommendations and their relationship with SPS Agreement	04_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	Adriana MOREIRA/ Sam BISHOP / Carmen BULLON (FAO legal)
6.	Discussion on CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreaks Alert and Response Systems (POARS)	05_Bureau_2022_May_Tel_REV	Sarah BRUNEL
7.	Update on Sea Containers' CPM Focus Group and Industry Advisory Body	06_Bureau_2022_May_Tel	Artur SHAMILOV
8.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection of Bureau rep for the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid - Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function - Development of observer policy - Dates for face-to-face Bureau and SPG meeting 	--	Adriana MOREIRA / Lucien K. KOUAMÉ / All
9.	Next Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
10.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1.	Propose any items suggested by the IPPC Secretary suitable for virtual discussion in the Provisional Agenda of the extended July CPM Bureau meeting	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Aoife CASSIN	23/06/2022
2.	Prepare a draft paper for the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group in October suggesting the inclusion of a clarifying text in CPM Recommendations, possibly including agreed text from existing disclaimers from IPPC publications	IPPC Secretariat CPM Bureau	Avetik NERSISYAN Adriana MOREIRA Sam BISHOP	15/09/2022
3.	Open the call for nominations for the Steering Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems	IPPC Secretariat	Sarah BRUNEL Descartes KOUMBA	03/06/2022
4.	Draft an initial paper on a common policy statement on Friends of the Chair meetings at CPM sessions	IPPC Secretariat CPM Bureau	Arop DENG Aoife CASSIN Sam BISHOP John GREIFER Peter THOMSON	15/09/2022
5.	Verify the availability of rooms to hold CPM Bureau meeting and SPG 2022 in October in FAO and also for alternatives outside the FAO premises	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Aoife CASSIN	01/07/2022