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## REPORT IC VIRTUAL MEETING NO. 20

### 16-19 May 2022

## 1. Opening of the meeting

### 1.1 Opening remarks by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as the “secretariat”) welcomed all participants to the twentieth virtual meeting of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC), expressing hope that the November meeting would take place in person in Rome.
- [2] The secretariat added that this is the first time the agenda includes a session on projects which is open to the public, and that this open webinar format would foster better visibility on projects. Projects managed by the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) represent a fantastic opportunity to advance IC priorities, particularly the development of new guides and training materials and translations of existing products. She noted that some projects would conclude in May and as a result, the contracts for eight IFU team members would also end. She noted that the constant turnover within the team is a huge challenge that the IC chairperson raised during his speech at the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). The secretariat thanked the IC for their collaboration on all these initiatives, despite the heavy workload and the challenges of working virtually.

### 1.2 Welcoming remarks by the IC chairperson

- [3] The IC chairperson thanked the secretariat for the opening remarks, welcomed the IC, and reiterated the possibility of face-to-face meetings for the next meeting, in November 2022. He highlighted the importance of being able to plan well in advance, so IC members have enough time to secure their authorization to travel. He also noted the need for IC members to know as soon as possible whether the meeting may be held face-to-face in Rome so that they can plan accordingly.

## 2. Meeting arrangements

### 2.1 Election of the Rapporteur

- [4] Faith NDUNGE (Kenya) was elected as the Rapporteur to the meeting.

### 2.2 Adoption of the agenda

- [5] The secretariat proposed that agenda item 12.1 (update on e-learning courses and related activities) be discussed before agenda item 11.1 (proposed adjustments to the Framework for standards and implementation regarding Implementation and Capacity Development (ICD) topics). One IC member proposed the agenda item 7.1 for the title to be adjusted as “Establishing the Sterile Insect Technique Methodology for the Management of the False Codling Moth, *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*, and of the Peach Fruit Fly, *Bactrocera zonata*”.
- [6] The IC agreed to consider five items under agenda item 16 (any other business):
- the selection of an IC representative for the expert working group on the annex to ISPM 39 (use of systems approach in managing the pest risks associated with movement of wood),
  - the selection of the IC representative for the sea containers focus group;
  - update to the IC on the 2022 IPPC consultation;
  - update to the IC on the status of the purchase orders related to the IPPC Observatory;
  - and the possibility of meeting face-to-face for the November 2022 meeting.
- [7] The agenda, as modified, was adopted and is attached to this report (Appendix 1).

### 3. Administrative Matters

#### 3.1 Review of meeting documents

[8] The list of documents is in Appendix 2 of the report.

#### 3.2 Review of participants

[9] The list of participants is available in Appendix 3 of the report.

#### 3.3 Review of the IC Actions List

[10] The IC chairperson emphasized that the IC Actions List is a rolling list where actions are removed once completed. This ensures that the list does not become too long. The Secretariat asked the IC to ensure assigned actions are completed and to update progress on such actions accordingly.

[11] The IC:

- (1) *noted* the status of the IC Actions list which is attached to this report as Appendix 4.
- (2) *invited* the IC members to follow-up on the tasks assigned to them in the IC Actions list.

### 4. CPM-16 implementation issues

#### 4.1 Decisions from CPM-16 that affect the IC

[12] The secretariat presented the paper on decisions from CPM-16 that affect the IC<sup>1</sup> and provided the key discussion points and decisions on the following implementation issues.

- **Framework for Standards and Implementation**

[13] The secretariat presented an update on the new database for the Framework for Standards and Implementation and confirmed that it will be updated and maintained as needed.

[14] The IC:

- (3) *noted* the development of the new database for the Framework for Standards and Implementation, which includes the updates presented in Annex 1 of CPM 2022/09, decisions made during CPM-16.

- **Recommendations and report from the CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems**

[15] The Secretariat presented the outcomes of the Friend of the Chair decisions and CPM-16 discussions.

[16] The IC:

- (4) *noted* that the CPM Bureau will review and approve the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems Steering Group Terms of Reference.

- **IPPC dispute settlement procedures revision**

[17] The IC discussed the three options regarding the redefinition of the IC Subgroup on Dispute Avoidance:

- i. the current IC subgroup on Dispute Avoidance and Settlement is transformed as an IC Subgroup on Dispute Avoidance and this is to be approved by CPM-17 (2023),

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- ii. the current IC subgroup on Dispute Avoidance and Settlement is dissolved and this is to be approved by CPM-17 (2023),
- iii. an IC Team on Dispute Avoidance is created.

[18] The IC agreed that the current IC Subgroup on Dispute Avoidance and Settlement be dissolved, and this is to be approved by CPM-17 (2023). The proposal will be brought to the relevant Bureau meeting.

[19] The IC:

- (5) *noted* the transfer of the Dispute Settlement oversight from the IC to the CPM Bureau.
- (6) *agreed* to recommend to CPM-17 (2023) that the IC Subgroup on Dispute Avoidance and Settlement be dissolved.

- **Revision of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure**

[20] The IC chairperson acknowledged the positive outcome of the clarification of the composition of the IC, where there have been two new members added. He commented that as it is such a small community there is cause for celebration when membership grows.

[21] The IC said that it is important to highlight that the secretariat should work to promote the use of other languages than English in the IC to be more inclusive of other countries. The secretariat noted that the previous IC chairperson had raised the issue of having a budget for IC interpretation with the previous IPPC Secretary and there were no results and concluded there is a constant need for advocacy.

[22] The IC:

- (7) *noted* the changes made on the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures as well as their implications.
- (8) *noted* the new composition of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee with 14 members (seven representatives from each of the seven FAO regions, five experts without regional representation, one SC representative and one RPPOs representative).
- (9) *encouraged* the IPPC Secretariat to consider options to provide interpretations for future meetings of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee.

- **Recommendations and report from the Task Force on Topics from the IPPC 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation**

[23] The Secretariat presented the outcome of the IPPC 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation.

[24] The IC:

- (10) *agreed* to add the guide to Performing audits in the phytosanitary context (2021-009) to the List of implementation and capacity development topics.

- **CPM focus group on food and other humanitarian aid in a phytosanitary context**

[25] The Secretariat provided an update to the discussion held at CPM regarding the establishment of a CPM focus group on food and other humanitarian aid in a phytosanitary context, indicating that an IC member should be selected.

[26] One IC member encouraged the IC members to familiarize themselves with the work on food and other humanitarian aid in a phytosanitary context.

[27] The IC:

- (11) *selected* Chris DALE (Australia) to be the representative to the CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid and Lalith KUMARASINGHE (New Zealand) to be assistant representative.

- **Report from the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee**

[28] The Secretariat briefed the IC on the discussions held on the IC and emphasized the fact that all thanked experts were mentioned in the report directly to express gratitude for the collaboration of these experts. Additions and deletions to the list of topics were proposed.

[29] Two new topics were added to the ICD LOT and several were removed either because the products have been published or because the topics were not for guides and training materials. The new ICD LOT database would be updated to reflect the decisions made during CPM 16.

[30] In response to a comment by the IC chair, the secretariat clarified that the list of implementation and capacity development topics is no longer a word or PDF document. It has been transformed into a database on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP). The new list is comprehensive and is searchable and can be sorted by clicking on a column heading.

[31] The IC:

- (12) *agreed* the update the List of implementation and capacity development topics to integrate the new topics (as per agenda items 8.7 and 11.2) and remove the deleted topics.

- (13) *agreed* that the draft Specification for the revision of the guide to National reporting obligations (2021-026) (agreed under agenda item 11.2) be sent for consultation in July 2022, since the topic was approved by CPM-16.

- **Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)**

[32] The secretariat updated the IC on the evolution of the IRSS to the IPPC Observatory which had been carefully considered through studies and the IC Subgroup.

[33] One IC member asked for clarification on financial implications for the IPPC Observatory, particularly on how to move forward and which projects will contribute to the implementation of the IPPC Observatory. The secretariat outlined that it is intended that the budget be taken from the regular budget. Funding had up to date been received by the European Commission (EC) for three cycles and this donor might be willing to continue to provide financial support. Purchase orders were also launched to deliver some of the last activities from the IRSS projects, which are discussed under any other business.

[34] The IC discussed the budget, noting that it is easier to work when in a situation of a regular budget instead of depending on project-related budgets, as this provides more stability.

[35] The IC chairperson agreed on the need to highlight financial aspects in this area and said that this will be part of his letter to the IPPC Secretary.

[36] Another IC member outlined how the observatory is currently very reactive and should become more proactive, for example by leading the way in monitoring and evaluation when it comes to programs. The secretariat lead agreed and stated that the current focus is on how to set indicators and do better surveys, therefore showing that the IC is heading in a more proactive direction.

[37] The IC:

- (14) *noted* the Change of the name of the “Implementation Review and Support System” (IRSS) by “IPPC Observatory”.

- (15) *agreed* that the necessary allocation of the secretariat’s regular programme as baseline funding to cover the fixed costs of the IPPC Observatory be discussed with the financial committee. This



should be connected to the monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Framework Development Agendas.

- (16) *recommended* that the IPPC Observatory should become more proactive, for example by leading the way in monitoring and evaluation when it comes to programs.

- **National reporting obligations**

[38] The secretariat provided a brief update on the state of the art of the discussions held during CPM-16 on national reporting obligations (NROs).

[39] The IC:

- (17) *agreed* that the NROs guide will be inserted into the List of implementation and capacity development topics with priority 1 as decided by the IC. The Specification of NROs guide will be sent for consultation in July 2022 through the Online Comment System.
- (18) *agreed* that for the NROs work plan of 2022, IPPC Secretariat will maintain NROs daily work until further financial support is made available (expected to be in July 2022 with the provision of an in-kind staff from France).
- (19) *agreed* that the IC Subgroup on NROs will be established in coordination with the POARS Steering Group, as advised by the Bureau.

- **Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF)**

[40] The secretariat briefed the IC on the various decisions taken by CPM-16 on Sea Containers.

[41] One IC member stated that the World Shipping Council communications department is currently working on producing a video showing the tremendous sea containers logistics to convey the complicated nature of such issues.

[42] The IC:

- (20) *agreed* to recommend to CPM-17 (2023) that the Sea Containers Task Force be dissolved.
- (21) *noted* the transfer of oversight of the sea containers from the IC to the CPM Bureau.
- (22) *selected* Dominique PELLETIER (Canada) to represent the IC on the CPM Focus group on sea containers, as he had been representing the IC for the past year within the Sea Containers Task Force.

- **Phytosanitary capacity evaluation (PCE)**

[43] The secretariat briefed the IC on the latest activities related to the PCE, including the latest considerations for the desk study on the PCE. The IC PCE Team agreed that hiring an external service provider would ensure independence and impartiality of the study, as requested by CPM-16 (2022). Contracting parties who have expressed concerns during the Strategic Planning Group and CPM will be interviewed, as well as countries where PCEs have been conducted, having concrete experience on challenges and benefits in implementing the PCE. While conducting this desk study, the IC Team on PCE will be involved. The study will include:

- Analysis of challenges and successes of the current PCE modules, tool and process;
- Analysis of the needs of contracting parties;
- Analysis of impartiality, flexibility, accessibility and confidentiality of the tool.
- Define what the PCE Lite could be, its benefits and challenges.

[44] Once the IC PCE Team would have agreed on this Purchase Order, it will be transmitted to the IC through e-Decision.

[45] One IC member questioned the necessity to involve the IC for the validation of the purchase order aimed at conducting a phytosanitary capacity evaluation (PCE) desk study. The secretariat responded that in normal situations, the PCE team's agreement would suffice, but as this desk study had been discussed at the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) and at CPM-16 this year, an agreement by the whole IC would ensure transparency. The members asked how to be involved in this. The secretariat responded that there will be an IC e-decision, and the purchase order will be opened for comments.

[46] The IC:

- (23) *agreed* that the IC PCE Team would agree on a Purchase Order for an external service provider to undertake the desk study to identify how to improve the PCE modules, tool and process. This purchase order would then be agreed upon by the IC through e-Decision.

## 5. IPPC Strategic Framework (2020-2030)

### 5.1 IC contribution to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020-2030)

[47] The IC representative of the Focus group (FG) on the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020-2030) provided an update on the advances of the work of this FG and led the discussion on how the IC could contribute to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030<sup>2</sup>.

[48] One IC member asked whether the FG included any representation from the Near East region. The IC representative responded that this question was raised at the CPM and at that time there was no nomination, although the chair of the FG indicated that a nomination from the NENA (Near East and North Africa) region would be most welcome. A nomination from the NENA region was received after CPM and would be presented to the CPM Bureau for consideration.

[49] Another IC member asked whether it would be possible to access the draft implementation plans for the development agenda items. The IC representative said that the implementation plans are still drafts and have not been shared widely. However, she agreed to share the draft version of the diagnostic network work plan, which she is responsible for drafting, with the IC to receive comments.

[50] The IC chairperson provided information on how the IPPC Observatory will contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Framework. He suggested that surveys should be used to establish a baseline of the current status of a Development Agenda and then carry out the same survey 5-10 years later to measure improvement for different key performance indicators and assessing whether the desired outcomes had been met. The secretariat noted that a similar approach is currently being taken with an e-commerce survey. The survey would be carried out in two phases, with the first phase in 2023 and then posing the same questions again in 2027.

[51] The IC chairperson informed the IC that a call for IRSS topics is launched every year; however, in fact proposals are accepted at any time. He encouraged the IC members who are interested in requesting similar studies to submit their proposals of topics for IPPC Observatory studies.

[52] The IC:

- (24) *noted* the update on the activities of the CPM Focus Group on the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 and the CPM decisions;
- (25) *recommended to* the IPPC Observatory to work in close collaboration with the CPM Focus Group on the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 to contribute to monitoring the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 and evaluating whether desired outcomes have been reached.

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## 6. Review of IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Project

### 6.1 IC review of project GCP/GLO/949/EC Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance

- [53] The secretariat lead provided background information on the strategy on how the IC reviews and analyses ICD projects<sup>3</sup>, a strategy agreed upon by the IC in 2019, which has helped to greatly increase transparency since that time.
- [54] The secretariat lead referred to the project on strengthening plant health emergency capacities financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), mentioning that the concept note was shared in March and that the IC had said the project could go ahead as it complies with priorities. The secretariat noted that the project was paused, as funding did not yet arrive.
- [55] The secretariat gave an overview of the project on strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance<sup>4</sup>, emphasizing that the project is in collaboration with the EC. The project consists of conducting PCEs in nine COMESA countries.
- [56] The secretariat asked IC members to review the project. The IC chairperson said that as some IC members had problems accessing the document, it would be deferred to an e-decision, to ensure everyone has a full understanding. The IC agreed to open the e-decision for one week.
- [57] One IC member demonstrated support for this project, stating that such initiatives highlight that there are multiple emerging pest issues at global and regional level and demonstrate the importance of being coordinated when approaching such issues.
- [58] Another IC member highlighted for consideration of the secretariat that when African countries talk about SPS, this generally involves animal health and he asked whether animal health was involved. The secretariat clarified that animal health is not a component of the project, but that both plant health and food safety are.
- [59] One IC member noted that this is a big project to be implemented by FAO in Africa, which needs a lot of support, particularly now as the IRSS financing is being lost. He congratulated the secretariat for this huge resource mobilization approach.
- [60] The secretariat indicated ensuring consistency concerning the information made available on the projects in general but asked IC members whether improvements could be granted in this consistency and transparency for the target audience. The IC chairperson considered that the information shared about projects is sufficient and that the focus should be on promoting what is available.
- [61] The IC:
- (26) *noted* all the activities related to projects managed by the IPPC secretariat.
  - (27) *requested* the secretariat to open an e-Decision inviting the IC to review the project - Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance (GCP/GLO/949/EC).

## 7. Open session on IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Projects

### 7.1 Opening remarks from the IPPC Secretary

- [62] The IPPC Secretary, Osama EL-LISSY, welcomed distinguished guests and participants and expressed his wish for the open session on IPPC implementation and Capacity Development Projects to be engaging and inclusive. He emphasized his eagerness to hear from different partners and stakeholders around the world, to help develop a plan to realize the IPPC's collective mission. He recognized the

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meeting as an opportunity to share information on projects and lessons learned, and to share ideas on how others can contribute to the work of the IPPC. He said that the objective of the webinar was to create a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration between all involved stakeholders, promoting global best practices, and minimizing unnecessary duplications.

- [63] He acknowledged that opening the meeting to the public meant it was the first of its kind, predicting that it was the start of a new tradition for the coming years.
- [64] He referred to the April session of the CPM-16, which achieved outstanding results that are significant to the IPPC's goals.
- [65] He noted that the IPPC secretariat relies strongly on extra budgetary funds and was grateful to receive the generous support on various projects from China, the European Union (EU), Japan, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) secretariat, the Standard Trade and Development Facility, and the World Bank. On behalf of the IPPC community, he expressed his gratitude to partners and donor organizations for their generosity and contribution to plant health and a sustainable future.
- [66] He said that for this webinar session, the IPPC secretariat solicited information about ongoing phytosanitary projects at the national, regional, and global levels. He thanked all partner organizations, national stakeholders and donors for submitting these projects which are being implemented throughout the world and are funded and implemented by World Bank Group, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) and national plant protection organizations in Australia, Azerbaijan, and South Africa, as well as national institutions like the Bio-oriented Technology Research Advancement Institution (BRAIN) in Japan.

## 7.2 Welcoming remarks by the IC chairperson

- [67] The IC chairperson thanked the IPPC Secretary for his attendance and congratulated him on his recent nomination. He gave a brief overview of the IPPC's history and current makeup and encouraged attendees to visit the IPPC website for more information on the work of the IPPC Secretariat.

## 7.3 ICD Projects: Introduction on ICD projects, update on projects managed by the IPPC secretariat

- [68] The secretariat presented the paper on current ICD projects managed by the IPPC secretariat<sup>5</sup>. The secretariat said there is currently an emphasis on improving the ways projects are managed, enhancing transparency, compliance with existing frameworks and creating synergies between projects and among members of the IFU multidisciplinary team.
- [69] The secretariat presented the objectives and achievements of the projects they were working on which are:
- **Rolling out systems approach globally (MTF/INT/336/STF).** The project ended in June 2021, developed tools and videos have been published, 12 facilitators to support the use of the tools have been validated, and trade cases have been supported by the tools.
  - **Japan Support for ICD Activities of the IPPC secretariat (GCPT/GLO/102/JPN).** The national plant protection organization of Japan provides a staff to support the operational work of the IPPC Secretariat in relation to implementation and capacity development activities.
  - **Support the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) trade facilitation programme (GCP/INT/387/COM).** The e-learning courses on PRA, export certification, inspection and surveillance and reporting obligations are being finalized or launched. Contingency planning guide and videos to promote PRA and the role of National Plant Protection Organizations will be soon. A study on legal aspects of introducing ePhyto in

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five pilot COMESA countries has been conducted, and workshop series on *Fusarium* TR4 (Tropical Race 4) have been organized.

- **Strengthening the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the IPPC and its standards under FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) programme (GCP/INT/291/CPR).** Series of workshops on the development of national phytosanitary capacities were held in October 2021 and February 2022. Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations and training courses on targeted pests have been organized in Sri Lanka and Cambodia.
- **Third cycle of the European Commission's (EC) Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) project (GCP/GLO/877/EC).** The IPPC Observatory (former IRSS) is an evaluation system established to facilitate compliance with the IPPC, the ISPMs and CPM recommendations. Several new studies will be published in 2022 including studies on risk-based border management and IPPC diagnostic protocols.
- **EC supporting the implementation of the IPPC (GCP/GLO/025/EC).** This EC project supports the production of guidance/training material, which are prioritized by the IC through the List of Topics. This project also ensures participation in capacity development meetings (IC and working groups).
- **EC support to the IPPC Strategic Framework: commodity and pathways standards, Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems (POARS) and ePhyto (GCP/GLO/040/EC).** This EC project follows the above-mentioned Development Agendas. IFU specifically manages the 5<sup>th</sup> Development Agenda titled "Strengthening Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems". Recommendations are currently being developed by the related CPM Focus Group.
- **Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCE).** The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) is a fully comprehensive NPPO-led, facilitator-enabled, IPPC Secretariat supported process of multiple phases, with a wide range of benefits, to help countries evaluate their phytosanitary capacities. A PCE has been conducted in Nepal with the support of the World Bank Group.

#### 7.4 ICD Projects submitted by partners

- [70] The secretariat presented the call for projects which closed on 25 March 2022 and how submitted projects will contribute to the IPPC community. The call for projects resulted in 24 projects relevant to phytosanitary issues submitted by nine different partners. The IC Team on Projects met to consider the submissions and selected eight projects for presentation during the IC open session on projects. The secretariat highlighted that submitted projects will be posted on the ICD projects webpage<sup>6</sup> of the IPP, and the project supporting materials indicated in the project report form will be reviewed to be posted to the IPP as Contributed Resources<sup>7</sup> by the IC Team on Contributed Resources.

#### 7.5 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) insect control section (Israel) - demonstrating feasibility of the sterile insect technique (SIT) in the control of the codling moth, *Cydia pomonella*

- [71] The objective of this project is to develop capacity in Israel to adopt and implement an Integrated Pest Management-Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) based approach for sustainable control of the false codling moth and further advance from a previous FAO/IAEA project, on the development of IPM-SIT against the peach fruit fly.
- [72] The presenter outlined that SIT is a complex but cost-effective technology if applied properly, which effectiveness has been shown in many countries around the world. The project's relevance to the IPPC includes fostering pest prevention rather than establishment and pest management and protecting plant resources in Member Nations.

<sup>6</sup> Implementation and Capacity Development Projects: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/projects-on-implementation-and-capacity-development/>

<sup>7</sup> Contributed Resources: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/guides-and-training-materials/contributed-resource-list/>



#### **7.4.1. IAEA plant breeding section (Central African Republic) - improving productivity of maize and developing resistance to fall armyworm using radiation-induced novel genetic diversity - phase II**

- [73] The scope is to develop improved, climate-change adapted, crop varieties for food and nutrition security, and reduce poverty through the following nuclear and related biotechnologies: induced genetic variation, genomics, precision phenotyping (selection), speed-breeding technologies, and seed systems for farmers' access to new varieties.

#### **7.4.2. Azerbaijan - lifecycle management of pesticides and disposal of POPs pesticides in Central Asian countries and Turkey**

- [74] The project's objective is to reduce persistent organic pollutants (POPs) releases from obsolete pesticide stockpiles and contaminated sites and strengthen the capacity for the sound management of pesticides.

#### **7.4.3. Australia - ASEAN Regional Diagnostics Network (ARDN) promoting IT solutions for pest surveillance and reporting in Asia-Pacific**

- [75] The scope of the STDF Pest Surveillance and Reporting Project is to promote a harmonized approach to performing surveillance in seven ASEAN countries, Papua New Guinea and Australia. The ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (ARDN) Project focuses on strengthening diagnostic capacity in Southeast Asian countries.

#### **7.4.4. Japan - realization of zero pest damage agriculture by making full use of advanced physical methods and unused biological functions (IPM research to develop non-chemical pest controls)**

- [76] The purpose of the project is to build a new pest management system with substantially less chemical pesticide use. The system includes three steps: a sterile insect technique, which reduces the pest density over a wide area with symbiotic microorganisms, a laser beam shooting technique, which targets flying pests, and a mixed technique (surface irradiation of lasers and function enhancement of biological control agents (BCAs)), which targets minute pests as well as those pests that escaped from laser shooting.

#### **7.4.5. South Africa & STDF - establishment and maintenance of fruit production areas free and under low prevalence of fruit fly pests in Southern Africa**

- [77] The project aims specifically at developing a regionally harmonized framework for development, implementation, and recognition of Pest Free Areas (PFAs) and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence (ALPPs) for regulated fruit fly pests of commercial fruit in South Africa and Mozambique following the directives of the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).
- [78] The project saw success in both South Africa and Mozambique. For example, in South Africa there were satisfactory results emanating from the surveys of the oriental fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly.

#### **7.4.6. World Bank Group (North Macedonia) - Europe and Central Asia Trade and Transport Facilitation Support Program**

- [79] A small group of dedicated State Agricultural Inspectorate (SAI) staff with support from the World Bank Group developed a more risk-based approach for the management of plant commodities moving into North Macedonia. The approach is based upon a prioritized ranking across the suite of commodities regulated by SAI. The group also proposed improvements to SAI's data collection system, so that further enhancements in aligning procedures with risk could be undertaken as improved information gathering is achieved. The key output was a documented manual that is available to all border inspectors which provides consistent service delivery and focuses on border and inland procedures with the highest risks.

#### **7.5. General discussions on projects**

- [80] Throughout the virtual session, attendees were encouraged by the secretariat to make the session as interactive as possible and to pose questions to panelists.

- [81] A summary of all questions and answers is available on the dedicated page<sup>8</sup> of this open session, along with all presentations.

## 8. Implementation and Facilitation Unit Communication

### 8.1 IFU communications plan

- [82] The secretariat presented the update on the IPPC secretariat activities related to the development and implementation of the 2022 IFU Communications Plan<sup>9</sup>. As demonstrated by multiple reports and analyses conducted over the past years, there is a clear need to improve communications and outreach, aimed at improving awareness and understanding of the work being carried out by the IFU to support the implementation of the IPPC and international standards. Interviews that were carried out with IPPC community stakeholders highlighted the need to improve the layout and navigability of the IPP. The IST is responsible for overall improvements to the IPP; however, IFU is responsible for maintaining the content on the ICD web pages and is making improvements to those, where possible. One of the main objectives is to improve the phytosanitary system component pages; however, many of these changes may only be incorporated when the IPP is restructured.
- [83] The IC chairperson reiterated the need to raise awareness about the phytosanitary system web pages and opened the floor for suggestions on strategic communications activities.
- [84] One IC member said that it is important to take the opportunity at IPPC Regional workshops to promote the IPPC's work and the available technical resources. The recent efforts to promote IPPC guides and e-learning courses were excellent and should continue. More effort should be made to engage with RPPOs to seek their assistance in promoting the work of the IC. The IC agreed that social media is also a good tool for promoting ICD resources.
- [85] One IC member stated that the paper demonstrates that the work done by communications professionals complements the work of scientific and technical staff and highlights the importance of considering communications during the development of the products, rather than just at the end when the product has been published.
- [86] Another IC member commented on the effective use of the chat during webinars and encouraged the secretariat to continue providing web links in the chat during webinars.
- [87] One IC member commented that steering individuals toward the e-learning courses was also a good idea. The chair suggested that an effective way to direct participants to particular webpages was to provide QR codes in the PPT slides. One IC member said that they had received positive feedback about this approach.
- [88] Another IC member said the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) later in the year could be an opportunity to highlight IPPC guides and training materials and further implement the IFU communication strategy.
- [89] The IC chairperson suggested that the IC propose a side session to the organizers of the IPHC to promote IPPC guides and training materials. IC members agreed with the suggestion.
- [90] The IC chairperson stated that the IRSS project gave the opportunity to involve communications professionals within the team and resulted in a much more dynamic way of working. He said it was noticed and highly appreciated by all involved.
- [91] The secretariat said that if there is an interest in providing funds to develop additional e-learning courses based on the technical information generated during the development of IPPC guides, then this could also be explored.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/workshops-events/webinars/ic-meeting-open-session-on-icd-projects/>

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[92] The IC:

- (28) *noted* the activities related to communications, and acknowledged the benefits when involving communication professionals to develop ICD materials for their better conception and promotion;
- (29) *agreed* to promote the existing tools and ICD materials within their networks, particularly the phytosanitary component pages.

## 9.IC-SC collaboration

### 9.1 IC-SC collaboration and updates to the IC from the SC representative (implementation challenges identified by the SC)

- [93] The SC Representative presented the paper on collaboration with the SC<sup>10</sup>, detailing the CPM-16 adoption of ISPM 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures); ISPM 47 (Audit in the phytosanitary context); and the focused revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates) in relation to re-export. The paper also included extracts from the SC November 2021 meeting report related to potential implementation issues associated with each of these ISPMs.
- [94] One IC member expressed appreciation of the close working relationship that has developed between the IC and the SC. The SC is welcoming of the contribution from IC members within expert working groups. It is important to continue to enhance this collaboration.
- [95] One IC member asked whether there should be a table to track potential implementation issues to ensure that these would be addressed.
- [96] The secretariat explained that when specifications are drafted, the implementation issues identified by the SC and by the relevant expert working groups are considered. The implementation issues are tracked internally by the secretariat and this information is consulted when a guide is revised, or a draft specification is reviewed. Published guides are also reviewed when an ISPM is adopted or revised, or when there are other changes that may impact the accuracy of a guide or training material (e.g., National Reporting Obligations Guide).
- [97] In addition, the secretariat explained that they review each guide at least once every five years to ensure that the information is still relevant and current. The secretariat acknowledged that this does become more challenging as more guides and e-learning courses are published. She added that the ICD LOT web page has a place where the secretariat tracks this type of information, but that it is not accessible to the IC. She suggested that the question was really whether the IC wished to review this information. The IC chairperson thought there was no need to create a table and was satisfied knowing that the secretariat is tracking this information.
- [98] One IC member raised the potential change to ISPM 5 regarding the definitions of surveillance, general surveillance, and specific surveillance. Such changes would impact existing technical resources developed under the oversight of the IC, including the surveillance guide and e-learning course and other related materials. The member recognized that IPPC guides and training materials need to be reviewed periodically and updated but that changes that impact the great work and investment must be avoided unless they are really necessary. The IC chairperson acknowledged the need for certain updates and recognized the challenges this poses. He suggested that this information should be shared with the SC.
- [99] Another IC member commented that as a former member of the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) for many years, one of the things that the panel did whenever they updated or changed a definition was to look at consequential changes of that update to all ISPMs. At that time, there was no implementation committee, so nobody was reviewing implementation materials. She suggested that something similar

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could be developed for updated definitions in order to identify the impact that these changes would have on guides and training materials.

[100] However, the chair stated that that cooperation between the two committees was good and that no additional cooperation area was needed at this time.

[101] The IC:

(30) *noted* the update on collaboration between the Standards Committee and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee;

## 10. Development of e-learning courses

### 10.1 Update on e-learning courses and related activities

[102] A representative from the FAO eLearning Academy gave a general overview of the e-learning courses they have developed, how they contribute to the SDGs, the thematic areas covered, methodologies and tools used<sup>11</sup>.

[103] The representative emphasized the key role of subject matter experts in creating e-learning courses, and outlined the role of a varied set of contributors: instructional designers, courseware developers, members of external reviewing committees, language editors, staff doing internal quality assurance, and IT and Moodle experts. The representative gave an overview of the activities involved in the creation of such courses which are: content development, scripting and storyboarding, technical reviews, course interactivity and language editing, and internal quality reviews and clearance. The representative outlined the e-learning development process which involves ten steps starting with content development and ending with upload to the FAO eLearning Academy platform. The representative informed the IC that all courses include a digital badge or certification. In response to a question from the IC chairperson, the representative said that the courses fall somewhere between formal and informal and are therefore not considered to be in the same category as university certifications.

[104] The IC members commented on the effective collaboration they had had with the FAO learning academy to develop the Surveillance and reporting obligations e-learning course.

[105] The IC lead said that the FAO e-Learning Academy had also approached some universities to consider the inclusion of these IPPC e-Learning courses were in degrees.

[106] One IC member also suggested that the e-learning courses relevant to plant health should be grouped together and clearly labeled on the dedicated FAO webpage so they would be easy to find among all the other FAO e-learning courses. The IC chairperson agreed with this suggestion.

[107] The secretariat presented the paper<sup>12</sup> on the project: FAO support to the Common Market for Southern and Eastern Africa (COMESA) trade facilitation project (GCP /INT/387/COM)<sup>13</sup> which had been endorsed by the IC in November 2019. The overview provided an update on the status of one guide and four e-learning courses developed under this project:

- Pest Risk Analysis e-learning course (2020-002)
- Phytosanitary export certification systems e-learning course (2020-003)
- Surveillance and reporting obligations e-learning course (2020-012)
- Inspection e-learning course (2020-011)
- Contingency planning guide (2019-012)

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<sup>12</sup> VM20\_17\_IC\_2022

<sup>13</sup> COMESA trade facilitation project: <https://eustradesupport.comesa.int/trade-facilitation/>

[108] The secretariat recalled that these courses and the way they are developed was fully in line with the recommendations made by the design thinking study on how to undertake virtual implementation and capacity development activities more efficiently. The secretariat highlighted that a number of guides and training materials were also being translated in French and Arabic under the umbrella of the COMESA project. COLEACP and OIRSA (Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria) had also agreed to translate some e-Learning courses in French and Spanish respectively. She explained that after a product has been translated it needs to be reviewed by a phytosanitary expert who is a native speaker of the language of translation. The purpose of this review is to verify that the translation is accurate and that appropriate phytosanitary terms have been used. Generally, the secretariat has relied on other secretariat colleagues for proofreading these materials although some IC members have also assisted with this recently, particularly for Arabic translations. The secretariat suggested a call for experts might be issued to create a pool of phytosanitary experts for each FAO language that could be called on for assistance with proofreading translations of ICD resources.

[109] The IC:

- (31) *noted* the activities related to the development of four e-learning courses and an IPPC guide under the COMESA trade facilitation project;
- (32) *noted* the implementation of several key recommendations from the Design Thinking study within the context of the COMESA project;
- (33) *noted* that the COMESA trade facilitation project funded the translation of five IPPC Guides to Arabic and two to French and that COLEACP and OIRSA have committed to translating three of the new e-learning courses to French and one to Spanish;
- (34) *requested* that the secretariat issue a call and establish a pool of experts for each FAO language that may be called upon to proofread guides and training materials prior to publication;
- (35) *agreed* to take an active role in finding partners to translate IPPC guides and training materials;

## 11. Standards Setting Unit

### 7.6. Update from the Standards Setting Unit (SSU)

[110] The secretariat presented the paper on the SSU's planned activities for 2022<sup>14</sup>. There was an advance on the work program the previous week and a new SC chairperson was elected. He informed that the new chairperson is Sophie PETERSON (Australia). All three of the draft specifications in the paper were approved for the country consultations. Two of the three draft ISPMs were approved for the first consultation. Due to the complexity of the third (Draft Annex *Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds* (2018-009) to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*, Priority 1) and lack of time, it was not approved. A small working group has been established to focus on this issue. He informed that two new stewards had been assigned to technical panels. Samuel BISHOP was assigned to the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and Alvaro SEPULVEDA was assigned to the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG).

[111] The IC:

- (36) *noted* the Standards Setting Unit update;
- (37) *selected* Stephanie BLOEM (RPPO representative) as IC lead to the EWG on Reorganization and revision of pest risk analysis standards (2020-001).

## 12. Framework for standards and implementation

### 7.7. Proposed adjustments to the Framework for Standards and Implementation regarding ICD topics

[112] The secretariat presented the paper on the Framework for Standards and Implementation<sup>15</sup>. The framework is intended to serve as a database of existing standards, topics, and other reference material

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<sup>15</sup> VM20\_16\_IC\_2022

in the context of the core provisions of the IPPC and to enable the identification of gaps as guidance for the development of standards and other material to support implementation. This online database is intended to help identify areas where standards and implementation resources still need to be developed and guide NPPOs and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) in submitting topic proposals during the biennial Call for Topics.

[113] The IC lead on this topic commented that the new database was an improvement over the previous format and a very welcome tool. She added that it is well developed, and now it is important to maintain the framework and obtain input according to CPM decisions.

[114] One IC member stated that efforts need to be made to increase the visibility of the framework and that this could be done through the phytosanitary component page. The IC chairperson agreed that efforts needed to be made but disagreed that the phytosanitary component page was the best place to do so.

[115] The IC:

(38) *noted* the database on Framework for Standards and Implementation developed on the IPP;

(39) *noted* that the Framework for Standards and Implementation had already been modified to include the standards and implementation topics that were adopted by CPM-16 (2022).

### 13. ePhyto Team

#### 13.1 Update from the ePhyto Team

[116] The secretariat presented an update on electronic phytosanitary certificate (ePhyto) activities<sup>16</sup> and presented the ePhyto exchange web page. A map of the world displays the ePhyto status of different countries. The secretariat said it is a good resource for countries interested in putting ePhyto into their trading system. An infographic was recently added to the site's Hub page, which shows which countries are registered, testing, live, and new to the Hub.

[117] The secretariat said that the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) recently provided sufficient funding to translate the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) system into Arabic. The project is almost finished, and it is hoped that some test running will be carried out in June. The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation is also paying for additional enhancements to the GeNS system, which includes an e-signature which is valuable for export. The production site shows how many certificates were exchanged per month this year. The collaboration tool shows what countries are doing.

[118] The secretariat emphasized the importance of finding sustainable funding for the system in the future. The secretariat added that previously, the system relied on donor funds, and it is now important to avoid a situation in which developing and least developed countries are being asked to pay for access while unable to afford it.

[119] One IC member asked about the long-term financial models being considered. The secretariat responded that four are being discussed, but other options can still be considered. The four options are:

- FAO paying for it;
- A donor contribution type of situation, involving asking for funds from countries based on income levels;
- maintaining a more detailed commitment based on what was done in the past;
- a hybrid system, similar to how the ‘‘Transports Internationaux Routiers<sup>17</sup>’’ (TIR) system is managed in Europe (involving more industry cooperation).

<sup>16</sup> VM20\_18\_IC\_2022

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.iru.org/what-we-do/facilitating-trade-and-transit/tir>

[120] An IC member appreciated the fact the system is being translated into Arabic and questioned whether the translation would be extended to the training platform. The secretariat said this option is being considered but that no timeline is currently known. He added that every effort is currently being made to provide the training courses to Arabic speakers through the French or English system.

[121] Another IC member asked about the role of the private sector in funding sustainable innovation and China's position in regard to ePhyto solutions for knowledge transfer. The secretariat responded that the private sector is benefitting from ePhyto. He gave the example of a saving of approximately USD 55 per container in Morocco. The secretariat said that some organizations are willing to contribute funds, which must be explored further. The secretariat added that China is testing the system and that the private sector has expressed high interest.

[122] One IC member asked whether there was a platform or a working group where there is discussion on the standardization of the content of ePhyto, such as the standardization of botanic names. The response was that the EPPO library was used for this purpose.

[123] The IC:

(40) *noted the update on ePhyto activities.*

## **14. Integration and Support Team**

### **14.1 Update from the Integration and Support Team (IST), including the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC)**

[124] The secretariat presented the paper on the 2022 update from the IST<sup>18</sup>, focusing on governance and strategy; IYPH 2020 legacies; technical activities; IPPC communications and advocacy; information management; IPPC network activities; liaison and partnership activities.

[125] An IC Member asked a question regarding the announcement at a recent CPM discussion where new in-kind personnel from Japan was announced. The member asked, in which IPPC Unit will that in-kind contribution be housed. The secretariat responded that based on the terms of reference and the individual's experience, the IPPC Management Team decided that this person would work under the IST. The period of engagement with IPPC Secretariat will be for less than twelve months, starting soon.

[126] The secretariat indicated that the IPHC would be held from 21 to 23 September 2022. Each day of the three-day sessions will have a theme: the first being food security, the second, environmental protection, and the third, safe trade. The secretariat asked the IC to provide suggestions for speakers and side sessions.

[127] An IC member stated there was a potential side session meeting of the focus group on climate change impacts on plant health and noted that the newly established sea container focus group will have an independent meeting. Another IC member asked whether presenting the IPPC guides and training materials could be done in a side session of the IPHC. The secretariat responded that introducing the IPPC guides and training materials could indeed be done in a side session. The secretariat also clarified that the issue of the frequency of the IPHC had been left to the IYPH International Steering Committee, but no conclusion was reached.

[128] One IC member informed the IC that the technical consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations is also planning to meet during the IPHC. Timing has not been confirmed but it is likely that two two-hour sessions will take place over two evenings.

[129] The IC:

(41) *noted the update by the IPPC Integration and Support Team.*

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## 15. IPPC Regional workshops

### 15.1 Update on the preparation of the IPPC Regional workshops

- [130] The secretariat gave an overview of the preparation for 2022 IPPC regional workshops<sup>19</sup>. The secretariat shared the agenda for the workshops which will focus on: discussing substantive comments on draft standards and recommendations, implementing and raising awareness in the framework of FAO/RPPOs, and moving together from ideas to action (facilitated session).
- [131] The Regional workshop agenda will vary by region based on time allocated and the topics of interest in each region. The secretariat requested that the IC representative for each region as well as the SC involved in the organizing committee support the organization of the workshop by presenting topics. The secretariat thanked everyone for their contribution to the previous workshop.
- [132] One IC member commented that during the previous day's meeting the secretariat had stated that the annex on IPM 38 would not be ready for consultation in 2022. The Regional Workshop agenda should be updated to reflect this change.
- [133] An IC member highlighted that the RW (Regional Workshops) is a good opportunity to promote new guides and e-learning courses. The secretariat agreed and said they planned to do the same as last year, which was to prepare a series of slides or advertisements for new guides and training materials, webinars, etc. to be shown during breaks between sessions at the Regional Workshops. There were also plans to show the new videos that had been developed, such as the IPPC Observatory video and the one on beyond compliance. The plan was also to include QR codes on the slides as it was done in 2021 so that participants could open the pages using their mobile phones.
- [134] The IC:
- (42) *noted* the update on the 2022 IPPC Regional Workshops;
  - (43) *encouraged* the IC and SC Regional representatives to be fully involved in the organizing committee for the 2022 IPPC Regional workshop in their respective region.

## 16. Any other business

### 16.1 Selection of IC lead for Expert Working Group on the Annex: Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (2015-004) to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood)

- [135] The IC:
- (44) *Selected* Dominique PELLETIER (Canada) as the IC lead for the Expert Working Group on the Annex: Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (2015-004) to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood).

### 16.2 Update on the 2022 consultation

- [136] The secretariat informed the IC that four draft specifications were being translated to French and Spanish and would be ready for the consultation taking place from July 1 to August 31. She added that arrangements to renew the license for the Online comment system (OCS) were underway.

### 16.3 Update on IPPC Observatory purchases orders

- [137] The secretariat provided an overview of the IPPC Observatory purchase orders on survey design and on resource mobilization. In March 2022, after having issued a call for service providers, IFU contracted

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a private company, Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC) to provide expertise on how the IPPC Observatory could improve data management, survey design and resource mobilization.

[138] The service providers conducted interviews with stakeholders within the IPPC community and workshops with IPPC Secretariat members to provide the following recommendations:

[139] For survey design:

- structure a survey library that gathers all data collected through previous surveys;
- schedule a survey season during which surveys are sent out (in cooperation with other IPPC secretariat units);
- design a survey with subsections that official contact points can send to relevant experts to fill in;
- translate surveys into six official UN languages.

[140] For resource mobilization:

- list topics most valued for donors;
- identify needs for funding based on CPM priorities with CPM Bureau & Finance Committee;
- set up a Resource Mobilization advisory board;
- define the best timing to communicate on calls for donation;
- create an online space where projects stakeholders can exchange information;
- organize regular consultations with key donors.

[141] The detailed recommendations will be presented to the IC Subgroup on IRSS during the meeting scheduled on 15 June 2022.

[142] One IC member questioned whether the company could help the IC understand how to increase participation in the surveys.

[143] The IC chairperson said it is crucial to have the surveys available in as many languages as possible.

## 16.4 Options for a face-to-face November IC meeting

[144] The secretariat informed the IC that some small in-person meetings were planned for June in FAO headquarters and that they were following up with FAO to see whether an IC in-person meeting could be planned for November 2022. The secretariat acknowledged that IC members stressed the importance of meeting physically. IC members stressed they would require sufficient time to allow them to secure their authorization to travel.

[145] The chairperson suggested that some IC members might be authorized by their NPPO (National Plant Protection Organization) to travel, but some may not. He therefore suggested that it would be important to consider different scenarios, such as a hybrid meeting.

[146] However, contacting parties stressed having the in person meeting especially those countries who contributed the most.

[147] The secretariat suggested that it would be a good idea to have a date, such as the end of June 2022, and if the FAO had not provided clearance for a face-to-face meeting in November that the meeting would need to be virtual.

[148] The IC:

- (45) *noted* the options under consideration for a face-to-face November IC meeting;
- (46) *requested* the Secretariat to request clearance from FAO for an in-person November meeting and provide an update on this issue to the IC by end of June 2022.



### **16.5 Introduction to IPPC implementation your questions answered webinar**

[149] The secretariat reminded the IC about the “Introduction to IPPC implementation - your questions answered” webinar on 26 May 2022 and encouraged sharing the link with others.

### **16.6 Ongoing and future e-Decisions**

[150] The secretariat informed the IC that the e-Decision on “Review of project - Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance” was opened until 27 May.

[151] The next e-Decisions that will be opened will be for the “Review results of IC Team on Contributed Resources” and for the “Adoption of the IC May meeting report”.

### **17. Evaluation of the meeting progress**

[152] The secretariat asked IC members to fill in the evaluation for the meeting and reminded those who had not sent in pictures for the IC chart to do so.

### **18. Date and arrangement of the next meeting**

[153] The next IC meeting will be held from 21 to 25 November 2022.

### **19. Close of the Meeting**

[154] The IC chairperson and the IFU lead thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

## Appendix 1

### VIRTUAL MEETING N° 20 (MAY 2022) - AGENDA (Updated 2022-04-26)

#### COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (IC)

Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter
<b>Day 1: Monday 16 May 2022, 21:00 – 23:30</b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting (10 min)</b>		
1.1	Opening remarks by the IFU Team lead		BRUNEL
1.2	Welcoming remarks by the IC Chairperson		PELLETIER
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements (5 min)</b>		
2.1	Election of the Rapporteur		PELLETIER
2.2	Adoption of the Agenda	VM20_01_IC_2022_May	PELLETIER
<b>3.</b>	<b>Administrative Matters (10 min)</b>		
3.1	Review of meeting documents		KOUMBA
3.2	Review of participants		KOUMBA
3.3	Review of the IC Actions List	VM20_02_IC_2022_May	KOUMBA
<b>4.</b>	<b>CPM-16 implementation issues (60 min)</b>		
4.1	Decisions from CPM-16 that affect the IC	VM20_03_IC_2022_May	BRUNEL / PELLETIER
	<b>Break (10 min)</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>IPPC Strategic Framework (30 min)</b>		
5.1	IC contribution to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030	VM20_04_IC_2022_May	YIM
<b>6.</b>	<b>IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Projects (25 min)</b>		
6.1	IC review of project GCP/GLO/949/EC Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance	VM20_05_IC_2022_May VM20_21_IC_2022_May	BRUNEL
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 17 May 2022, 12:00 –14:30 / WEBINAR</b> Session opened to all the invited observers Link to Register: <a href="https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fthw2iJQSp6IBy_EKM2mKw">https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fthw2iJQSp6IBy_EKM2mKw</a>			
<b>6.</b>	<b>IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Projects (30 min)</b>		
6.2	Opening remarks by the IPPC Secretary		EL LISSY
6.3	Welcoming remarks by the IC Chairperson		PELLETIER
6.4	ICD projects managed by the IPPC Secretariat	VM20_05_IC_2022_May	YAMADA/ KUMARASINGHE
<b>7.</b>	<b>Implementation and Capacity Development projects submitted by contracting parties and international organizations</b>		



Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter
7.1	<b>IAEA</b> Insect control section (Israel) - Demonstrating Feasibility of the Sterile Insect Technique in the Control of the Codling Moth, <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (10 min)	VM20_06_IC_2022_May	CARDOSO PEREIRA
7.2	<b>IAEA</b> Plant breeding section (Central African Republic) Improving Productivity of Maize and Developing Resistance to Fall Armyworm Using Radiation-Induced Novel Genetic Diversity — Phase II (10 min)	VM20_07_IC_2022_May	SIVASANKAR
7.3	<b>Azerbaijan</b> -Lifecycle Management of Pesticides and Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Central Asian Countries and Turkey (10 min)	VM20_08_IC_2022_May	SHAMIYEV
7.4	<b>Australia</b> - ASEAN Regional Diagnostics Network (ARDN) Promoting IT solutions for pest surveillance and reporting in the Asia-Pacific (10 min)	VM20_09_IC_2022_May	NAUMANN/ QUASHIE- WILLIAMS
	<b>Break</b> (10 min)		
7.5	<b>Japan</b> - Realization of zero pest damage agriculture by making full use of advanced physical methods and unused biological functions (IPM research to develop non-chemical pest controls) (10 min)	VM20_10_IC_2022_May	YOKOI
7.6	<b>South Africa &amp; STDF</b> - Establishment and maintenance of fruit production areas free and under low prevalence of fruit fly pests in Southern Africa (10 min)	VM20_11_IC_2022_May	GROVE
7.7	<b>World Bank Group</b> (North Macedonia)- Europe and Central Asia Trade and Transport Facilitation Support Program (10 min)	VM20_12_IC_2022_May	SELA/TALESKA
7.8	General discussions on projects (35 min)		
<b>Day 3: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 08:00 – 10:30</b>			
<b>8.</b>	<b>Implementation and Facilitation Unit Communication</b> (30 min)		
8.1	IFU communication plan	VM20_13_IC_2022_May	FERRARO
<b>9.</b>	<b>IC-SC collaboration</b> (25 min)		
9.1	IC-SC collaboration and updates to the IC from the SC representative (implementation challenges identified by the Standards Committee)	VM20_14_IC_2022_May	SEPULVEDA/ ABDELMOTTALEB
<b>10.</b>	<b>Standards Setting Unit</b> (20 min)		
10.1	Update from the Standards Setting Unit (SSU)	VM20_15_IC_2022_May	NERSISYAN /MOREIRA
	<b>Break</b> (10 min)		
<b>11.</b>	<b>Framework for standards and implementation</b> (30 min)		
11.1	Proposed adjustments to the Framework for standards and implementation regarding ICD topics	VM20_16_IC_2022_May	YIM/ YAMADA
<b>12.</b>	<b>Development of e-learning courses</b> (25 min)		
12.1	Update on e-learning courses and related activities	VM20_17_IC_2022_May	RULL
<b>Day 4: Thursday 19 May 2022, 21:00- 23:30</b>			
<b>13.</b>	<b>ePhyto Team</b> (20 min)		

	Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
13.1	Update from the ePhyto Team	VM20_18_IC_2022_May	FEDCHOCK
<b>14.</b>	<b>Integration and Support Team (30 min)</b>		
14.1	Update from the Integration and Support Team (IST), including the International Plant Health Conference	VM20_19_IC_2022_May	DENG / MAZZUCCHELLI
<b>15.</b>	<b>IPPC Regional workshops (20 min)</b>		
15.1	Update on the preparation of the IPPC Regional workshops	VM20_20_IC_2022_May	GILMORE / DENG
	Break (10 min)		
<b>16.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>		PELLETIER
<b>17.</b>	<b>Evaluation of the meeting process</b>		CZERWIEN
<b>18.</b>	<b>Date and arrangement of the Next Meeting</b>		KOUMBA
<b>19.</b>	<b>Close of the Meeting</b>		PELLETIER / BRUNEL

**\*Day 5: Optional, Friday 20 May 2022, 12:00 - 14:30**

## Appendix 2

### Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)
VM20_01_IC_2022_May	2.2	Agenda
VM20_02_IC_2022_May	3.3	Review of the IC Actions List
VM20_03_IC_2022_May	4.1	Decisions from CPM-16 that affect the IC
VM20_04_IC_2022_May	5.1	IC contribution to the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030
VM20_05_IC_2022_May	6.4	ICD projects managed by the IPPC Secretariat
VM20_06_IC_2022_May	7.1	<b>IAEA</b> Insect control section (Israel) - Demonstrating Feasibility of the Sterile Insect Technique in the Control of the Codling Moth, <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (10 min)
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VM20_08_IC_2022_May	7.3	<b>Azerbaijan</b> -Lifecycle Management of Pesticides and Disposal of POPs Pesticides in Central Asian Countries and Turkey (10 min)
VM20_09_IC_2022_May	7.4	<b>Australia</b> - ASEAN Regional Diagnostics Network (ARDN) Promoting IT solutions for pest surveillance and reporting in the Asia-Pacific (10 min)
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VM20_18_IC_2022_May	13.1	Update from the ePhyto Team
VM20_19_IC_2022_May	14.1	Update from the Integration and Support Team (IST), including the International Plant Health Conference
VM20_20_IC_2022_May	15.1	Update on the preparation of the IPPC Regional workshops

## Appendix 3

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## Appendix 4

### IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPEMENT COMMITTEE- ACTIONS LIST

(Updated 2022-05-11)

During the IC VM17, the IC agreed to add to the agenda of each meeting a summarized version of the IC Actions list.

The following table presents the IC Actions list updated after the IC VM19 (March 2022).

The IC *is invited to*

- 1) *note* the status of the IC Actions list

N°	VM	Topics	Description of tasks /Decisions	Status	IC Lead	Secretariat Lead
12	17	<b>Surveillance Guide (2021)</b>	Agreed to seek funding for the translation of the revised guide on surveillance into additional FAO languages, for instance by approaching their respective NPPOs and RPPOs, and requested that the Secretariat provide an official letter to be used for this purpose	Ongoing	Chris DALE	Natsumi YAMADA
20	17	<b>Phytosanitary capacity evaluation (PCE)</b>	Agreed that no PCE Facilitator Trainees should be appointed until the governance system for PCE Facilitator Trainees (including the PCE Board) is in place	Ongoing	Ringolds ARNITIS	Sarah BRUNEL
22	17	<b>Phytosanitary capacity evaluation (PCE)</b>	Agreed to review the draft updated Phytosanitary capacity evaluation strategy for 2020–2030 once the desk study has been completed and the results considered	Ongoing	Ringolds ARNITIS	Sarah BRUNEL
30	17	<b>IPP publications</b>	Requested that guidance to inform potential collaborators and donors about the process for working with the Secretariat and FAO to translate IPPC Guides and training materials be made available by the Secretariat on the IPP	Ongoing	Francisco GUTIERREZ	Barbara PETERSON
35	17	<b>Replacement of the IFU team lead</b>	Agreed that the IC Chairperson would write to the IPPC Secretary, copied to the Acting IPPC Officer-in-Charge for daily matters, to ask about the time frame for recruiting a replacement lead for the IFU following the retirement of the current lead	On hold	Dominique PELLETIER	Sarah BRUNEL
36	17	<b>Promotion of the Phytosanitary Component Pages</b>	Invited the SC to engage in a joint effort to promote the phytosanitary system component pages to a more prominent position on the IPP, and requested that the IC representative on the SC and the SC representative on the IC relay this message to the SC	To be completed	Alvaro SEPULVEDA	Sarah BRUNEL

Nº	VM	Topics	Description of tasks /Decisions	Status	IC Lead	Secretariat Lead
52	18	<b>Role IC lead</b>	Noted the responsibilities, role and obligations of IC members, and asked the secretariat to clarify the role of IC lead in working groups	Ongoing	N/A	Sarah BRUNEL
57	18	<b>IC regional representatives</b>	Asked the secretariat to support the empowering of IC regional representatives	Ongoing	N/A	Sarah BRUNEL
59	18	<b>Development e-Learning</b>	Asked the secretariat to explore the best way to make the FAO presentation on developing e-learning courses available to all IC members	Ongoing	Francisco GUTIERREZ	Barbara PETERSON
61	19	<b>Phytosanitary capacity evaluation training (2014-008)</b>	Approved the draft specification on <i>PCE facilitator training materials</i> (2014-008) as modified in this meeting (Appendix 4) for consultation from 1 July to 30 August 2022.	Completed	Ringolds ARNITIS	Fitzroy WHITE
62	19	<b>Risk based inspection of imported consignments (2018-022), Guide</b>	Approved the draft specification on <i>Implementation of risk-based inspection for imported consignments</i> , Guide (2018-022) as modified in this meeting (Appendix 5) for consultation from 1 July to 30 August 2022.	Completed	Kyu-Ock YIM	Descartes KOUMBA
63	19	<b>National Reporting Obligations guide (revision) (2021-026)</b>	Approved the draft specification on <i>National reporting obligations (NROs) guide</i> , revision (2021-026) as modified in ICVM19 (Appendix 6) for consultation from 1 July to 30 August 2022, pending CPM decision to add the topic to the <i>List of implementation and capacity development topics</i> .	Completed	Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO	Qingpo YANG
64	19	<b>Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, Guide (2018-040)</b>	Approved the draft specification on <i>Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions</i> , Guide (2018-040) as modified in this meeting (Appendix 7) for consultation from 1 July to 30 August 2022.	Completed	Dominique PELLETIER	Descartes KOUMBA
65	19	<b>Process for the development of IPPC guides and training materials</b>	Requested that the secretariat revise the Process for the development of IPPC guides and training materials to allow IC leads to approve implementation plans for guides and training materials, rather than requiring the entire IC to review and approve each implementation plan.	Completed	Francisco GUTIERREZ	Barbara PETERSON
66	19	<b>Concept note on “International Plant Health Conference”</b>	Requested that the secretariat seek approval for IC members to participate in a joint SC–IC discussion on the concept note for the International Plant Health Conference at the focused meeting of the Standards Committee in April 2022, and if this was not possible, to arrange a separate focused meeting for IC members.	Completed	Alvaro SEPULVEDA	Sarah BRUNEL
67	19	<b>Development agenda item on e-commerce</b>	Requested that the secretariat open an e-decision on the draft planning template for the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda item on e-commerce.	Completed	Thorwald GEUZE	Barbara PETERSON