



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the

Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

July-August 2022

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IFU staff update

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

Dominique Menon joined IFU in July as an in-kind contribution from French NPPO started working with IFU in July and is specifically in charge of ePhyto and National Reporting Obligations.

Juan Rull is back from contract break and will be involved in the development of the Plant Health Officers Curriculum funded through contributions from the Republic of Korea.

Fitzroy White is also back in IFU to support activities on Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations.

Qingpo Yang is now on contract break.

A Vacancy Announcement to build a roster of phytosanitary specialist was open until the 25 August and widely shared.

IC meetings

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- **IC VM20** report has been posted to the [IPP](#).
- **IC November meeting** will be held face-to-face from **21- 25 November in Rome**.
- Dates of upcoming IC meetings, IC subgroups and teams may be found on the [IPP calendar](#) and IFU outlook calendar.

Note: For recent and upcoming meetings please check the [IPP](#).

IC teams

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Team

Contact: [Fitzroy White](#)

The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) story in St. Lucia has been posted on the IPP. The call for trainees for PCE facilitators training was issued on 22 August. This training is one component of the project GCP/GLO/949/EU ("Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance") to be implemented in COMESA countries. The deadline of the call is 12 September.

Guides and training materials Team

Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

The IC Team on Guides and training materials met informally on 06 July. The Secretariat provided a brief update on the status of the guides and training materials that are currently under development and a demonstration of several new and recently updated webpages on the International Phytosanitary Portal:

- [IPPC Guides and Training Materials - International Plant Protection Convention](#)
- [IPPC e-Learning courses](#)
- [How guides and training materials are developed - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](#)
- [Topics: Implementation & Capacity Development - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](#)

The IC Team on Guides and training materials will meet again on 14 September to review the ICD List of Topics and prepare for the November IC meeting.

Contributed Resources Team

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

The IC Team on Contributed Resources met on 30 June and 21 July to discuss the comments on e-Decision. Based on the comments, the IC Team considered that the resource could be used as a reference to implement surveillance in other countries although the information is specific to New Zealand and agreed to post it on the IPP.

TR4 Team

Contact: [Camilo BeltranMontoya](#)

The IC Team on Fusarium TR4 met on 26 July, and, as a result, the following three topics are in progress. i) the team agreed to review prioritized comments from the peer review of the prevention, preparedness, and response guidelines for Fusarium TR4. As a result, the IPPC Secretariat achieved a final version of the guidelines, and the IC Team on TR4 will be asked to have a final revision before publishing the guidelines. ii) The IPPC secretariat prepared a report on the survey "Assessment of countries' capacities in response to the threat of Fusarium TR4", which is being reviewed by the team. iii) The IPPC secretariat reported on the progress of the activities, and the team noted that the review of contributed resources, the webinar series, and the survey to assess countries' capacities are completed activities and only pending finalizing the guidelines.

Strategic Framework Development Agenda Items

Pest outbreak alert and response system (POARS)

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

A call for experts for the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems Steering Group was issued on 22 August. The deadline for the call is 19 September. The IPPC Secretariat is addressing the comments on the desk study on POARS that the POARS FG prepared, and it is expected to achieve a revised version in early September.

IPPC Guides and training materials

e-Learning courses

Contact: [Juan Rull](#)

- **Phytosanitary export certification system (2020-003):** The technical content has been finalized and the lessons are undergoing language review. The final assessment for the course has been completed. and the course is expected to be launched in August-September.
- **Inspection (2020-011):** The final eight modules of the inspection e-Learning course have been storyboarded by COLEACP and sent to the members of the Working Group (WG) for final review. The questions for the final assessments are also finalized. The course is expected to be launched in the next few months.

Guides

Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

- **Implementation of ISPM 15 (2017-043):** The guide has been copy-edited and will be submitted for graphic design and publication in September.
- The peer review period for the two stand-alone **ISPM 15 heat and fumigation treatment manuals** will close 09 September. The manuals are expected to be published soon after the guide and before the end of 2022.
- **e-Commerce (2017-039):** The guide has been drafted and is expected to be open for review by the IC and peer reviewers in September.
- **Contingency plan for outbreaks of quarantine pests (2019-012):** The draft guide is being revised in consideration of the comments from peer reviewers and the IC. The final version of the guide will likely be submitted for editing in October.

IPPC Regional Workshop

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- IPPC Regional Workshop are being held from August to September in seven regions; presentations of each agenda item have been posted to the [IPP](#). A preparatory session was held on 15 July with IC members attending these workshops to highlight the key information of each implementation presentation and ensure consistency in the information provided to all regions.
- Schedule of IPPC Regional Workshops:
 - Near East and North Africa: 1- 4 August (Tunis, Tunisia): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Caribbean: 16-18 August (virtual): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Southwest Pacific: 22-24 August (Suva, Fiji, hybrid)
 - Latin America: 29 August-1 September (Lima, Peru, hybrid)
 - Asia: 29 August - 2 September (Republic of Korea): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Europe and Central Asia: 5-7 September (Paris, France/Baku, Azerbaijan)
 - Africa: 6-8 September (Nairobi, Kenya)

International Plant Health Conference (IPHC)

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

- The IPHC will be held in London (UK) from 21-23 September.
- Programme and speaker information is available [here](#).

Latest e-Decisions

Reference	e-Decisions
2022_eIC_07	International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) programme and speakers
2022_eIC_09	Adoption of the IC VM20 - May meeting (CPM outcomes/ Projects / Updates) Report

IC review of Guides and training materials

Closing date	Title	Location
2022-09-09	ISPM 15 treatment manuals (heat treatments and fumigation treatments) (review period opened 22 June)	OCS
2022-10-30 (to be confirmed)	e-Commerce guide (review period is expected to open in late September or early October)	OCS

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