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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ, CPM Chairperson, welcomed all participants and opened the meeting, which was the first meeting of the CPM Bureau (hereafter referred to as the “bureau”) since June.¹
- [2] Osama EL-LISSY, IPPC Secretary, updated the bureau on preparations for the first International Plant Health Conference, commenting on the amazing speed with which the arrangements had been put in place. The conference will be held on 21–23 September in London. The secretary reported that although the conference is likely to cost one million USD, USD 816 000 of this is covered by donations from various countries.
- [3] The secretary also reported on the financial analysis conducted by the secretariat on the costs of hosting CPM sessions in person compared to virtual mode. This had revealed that an in-person CPM session costs around USD 247 000 more than one held in virtual mode (USD 523 000 for an in-person meeting and USD 276 000 for a virtual one). The secretary commented that the costs of virtual mode relate to the fixed costs that apply regardless of the mode, including costs for interpretation, translation and report writing. The bureau agreed to return to this issue under agenda item 7.

2. Meeting arrangements

- [4] The list of documents had been circulated and is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- [5] The IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”) introduced the secretariat personnel present and referred the bureau to the list of participants, which is attached to this report as Appendix 2. The bureau noted the absence of Peter THOMSON (bureau member for the Southwest Pacific region).

3. Adoption of the agenda

- [6] The documents list (Appendix 2) and the participants list (Appendix 3) had been made available to SC-7 members before the meeting.

4. Updates

4.1 Preparation of the Strategic Planning Group meeting

- [7] The secretariat gave an update on preparations for the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting, which will be held in person on 24–26 October 2022 in Rome. The secretariat commented on the very low number of registrations and the lack of papers submitted so far, and explained that the deadline for submission had consequently been extended to 9 September – the same date as the registration deadline.
- [8] One bureau member informed the bureau about two papers that the member’s region planned to submit and suggested that a reminder about the deadlines be sent to all IPPC contact points. The member also commented on the benefits of soliciting nominations for the role of rapporteur in advance of the meeting.
- [9] Another bureau member suggested that the deadline for registration and papers be extended further, to allow bureau members to encourage registration during the regional workshops that are still to be held.
- [10] The secretariat confirmed that they would send a reminder to all national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), and to the chairpersons of the Standards Committee (SC) and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC). The secretariat also advised the bureau to make sure that, if the deadline for submission of papers were to be further extended, there would still be sufficient time for the recipients to read the papers and organize their input.
- [11] The bureau:
- (1) *noted* the update on preparations for the 2022 Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting;

¹ The meeting originally scheduled for 4 August 2022 had been cancelled.

- (2) *agreed* to extend the deadline for registration and for submission of papers by one week; and
- (3) *asked* the secretariat to send a reminder to all NPPOs, all RPPOs, the SC Chairperson and the IC Chairperson, including the new deadlines for registration and submission of papers.

4.2 Sea Containers Workshop

[12] The secretariat gave an update on preparations for the Sea Containers Workshop, which will be held on 19–20 September in London. To date, 130 participants had registered, including participants from all FAO regions, most of the members of the new Focus Group on Sea Containers (see agenda item 4.3), and representatives from industry. The secretariat had been able to provide financial support to many participants thanks to donations from the United States of America and Canada. The workshop programme had been finalized. The workshop will be held in person but will be live-streamed so that NPPOs can hear and see the workshop, although they will not be able to make interventions.

[13] The bureau:

- (4) *noted* the update on the Sea Containers Workshop;
- (5) *thanked* the United States of America and Canada for their donations towards the workshop.

4.3 CPM Bureau e-decisions

[14] The secretariat presented the outcomes of the following e-decisions.

Selection of CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

[15] An e-forum had been held between 14 and 21 July 2022 to confirm the membership of this focus group based on the outcome of an earlier online poll. In the e-forum, the bureau had confirmed the selection of seven representatives from contracting parties and two from RPPOs, joining the representatives of IPPC subsidiary bodies and industry bodies. The focus group had met for the first time on 25 August in virtual mode, and after the Sea Containers Workshop the focus group will consider how best to proceed.

Selection of CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid

[16] An e-forum had been held between 22 July and 5 August 2022 to select the members of this focus group. Seven experts had been nominated and the bureau had agreed to select them all. The bureau had also noted the three representatives from IPPC subsidiary bodies. As not all FAO regions were represented in this membership, the bureau members had been invited by the secretariat to encourage additional nominations. The secretariat informed the bureau that the secretariat had solicited the participation of at least one expert from the World Food Programme as an invited expert, but were awaiting a reply, and that a face-to-face meeting of the focus group was tentatively planned for 5–9 December 2022 in Fiji.

[17] The bureau:

- (6) *noted* the outcome of the e-decision on the selection of members for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers (Appendix 4);
- (7) *confirmed* the selection of members for the CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (Appendix 5); and
- (8) *noted* the update from the secretariat on the CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid, including the invitation to encourage RPPOs and contracting parties within their regions to submit additional nominations to the secretariat by 15 September 2022.

5. Discussion on dispute settlement future oversight function

[18] Samuel BISHOP (CPM Bureau member for Europe) introduced this agenda item, the paper for which had been presented to the bureau in June and was shared once again with the bureau for this meeting.² He recalled that, at their previous meeting, the bureau had agreed to present the outcomes of their

² 04_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel.

discussion on the dispute settlement oversight to the SPG in October and had asked the secretariat to prepare a simplified paper for the SPG. He suggested that there was nothing further to discuss.

[19] The secretariat confirmed that they were preparing the SPG paper and a simplified (concise) version of the IPPC Dispute Settlement Procedure, incorporating all the input from the bureau, but were now awaiting input from the FAO Legal Office to ensure that the concise version was consistent with the full version. Once this input had been received, the secretariat would share the SPG paper and concise procedure with the bureau.

[20] The bureau:

- (9) *noted* the update on the concise version of the IPPC Dispute Settlement Procedures; and
- (10) *asked* the secretariat to include a summary of the CPM bureau's view on oversight of dispute settlement in the SPG paper on this issue.

6. Development of observer policy

[21] Samuel BISHOP (CPM Bureau member for Europe) and John GRIEFER (Vice-Chairperson) introduced this agenda item, the paper for which had been presented to the bureau in June and was shared once again with the bureau for this meeting.³ The paper set out a draft policy for the participation of observers at Friends of the Chair meetings at sessions of the CPM. They recalled from earlier discussions that the key points discussed by the bureau were already covered in the draft policy and so it only needed minor editorial adjustments to ensure clarity, rather than any conceptual changes. Mr BISHOP confirmed that he would make these adjustments within the next week.

[22] The bureau:

- (11) *noted* the update on the draft observer policy for CPM Friends of the Chair meetings; and
- (12) *agreed* that, once the editorial clarifications had been made to the draft policy, it would be shared with the SPG for endorsement and presented to CPM-17 (2023) for approval.

7. Advantages and disadvantages of holding CPM sessions in person or virtually

[23] Expanding on the update given during agenda item 1, the IPPC secretary recalled the bureau's previous discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of holding CPM sessions in person or in virtual mode.⁴ Although meeting virtually would result in cost savings, there were other, intangible benefits of meeting in person, including the opportunities for contracting parties to meet bilaterally during the period of the CPM session. He confirmed that the secretariat was prepared to deliver whichever mode of meeting the bureau and the CPM decided upon.

[24] The bureau noted the cost savings that would accrue from holding CPM sessions in person, but agreed that the benefits of meeting in person far outweighed the extra costs; if costs were a problem, it would be better to raise the extra funds rather than meeting virtually. The bureau noted that, as well as allowing contracting parties to meet bilaterally, face-to-face CPM sessions allowed issues to be discussed in great depth and the value of the bilateral meetings benefitted trade as well as the implementation of the IPPC.

[25] The CPM chairperson also recalled that the bureau had concluded previously, following CPM-12 (2017) in Korea, that although it is sometimes good to hold a CPM session elsewhere, the benefit is not as high as was anticipated and it had been decided to hold most of the CPM sessions in Rome.

[26] The bureau recognized that virtual meetings may be needed in exceptional circumstances but agreed that, as a general rule, CPM sessions should be held in person. They agreed that, as the move to virtual meetings in 2020–2022 was a result of the COVID-19 pandemic rather than a strategic decision to do this, there was no need for an SPG or CPM decision on holding face-to-face meetings again, as this

³ 05_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel.

⁴ CPM Bureau 2022-06, agenda item 8.

would simply be returning to the normal mode of operation. One bureau member suggested, however, that a short paper be prepared for the SPG, for information.

[27] The bureau:

(13) *agreed* to return to holding CPM sessions in person from 2023.

8. Any other business

[28] There was no other business.

9. Next meeting

[29] The next meeting is scheduled for 17–21 October 2022, to be held in person in Rome, Italy. The bureau saw no reason to have an additional, virtual meeting of the bureau before this. A further meeting of the bureau would be held in Rome on 27 October, after the SPG meeting.

10. Close of the meeting

[30] The CPM chairperson thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: 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>
2.1.	Document list	02_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel •	
2.2.	Participant list	03_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel •	
3.	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
4.	Updates		
4.1	Preparation of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting	Link to SPG agenda	Arop DENG/ Aoife CASSIN
4.2	Sea Containers Workshop	--	Artur SHAMILOV
4.3	CPM Bureau eDecisions - Selection of CPM Focus Groups membership	2022_eBureau_July_02: Selection of experts for the CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid Confirmation of selection of members for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers	Artur SHAMILOV / Adriana MOREIRA
5.	Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function	04_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	Sam BISHOP
6.	Development of observer policy	05_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	John GREIFER/ Sam BISHOP
7.	Advantages and disadvantages of holding CPM Sessions in Person or Virtually	--	IPPC Secretariat
8.	Any Other Business	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
9.	Next Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
10.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ

Appendix 2: Documents list

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	03	Agenda	2022-08-25
02_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2022-08-25
03_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2022-08-25
04_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	05	Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function	2022-08-26
05_Bureau_2022_Sep_Tel	06	Development of observer policy	2022-08-26

Appendix 3: Participants list

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Attending	Participant role / Region	Name, mailing address, telephone	Email address
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Appendix 4: Selection of members for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

The final composition of CPM FG on Sea Containers as selected by the CPM Bureau is presented in the table below:

Name	NPPO/RPPP/Industry/ International Organization
Mr Matias Gonzalez Buttera	Argentina
Ms Wendy Asbil	Canada
Ms Guanghao Gu	China
Mr Martijn Schenk	Netherlands
Ms Sina Waghorn	New Zealand
Mr Fredrick Koome Makathima	Kenya
Ms Shaimaa Ibraheem Badr	Egypt
Mr Rama Karri	PPPO (Australia)
Ms Wendolyn Beltz	NAPPO (United States of America)
Mr Greg Wolff	CPM Bureau representative
Mr Dominique Pelletier	IC representative
Mr Hernando Morera González	SC representative
Mr Lars Kjaer	CCIAG
Mr Uffe Vendelin Ernst-Frederiksen	CCIAG
Ms Taeyeon Kim	WCO
Mr Shane Sela	WBG
Mr Bingbing Song	IMO

Appendix 5: Selection of members for the CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid

1. Background

- [31] The CPM in its sixteenth session (CPM-16, 2022) agreed to establish a CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid to discuss the issues and determine a way forward for this topic to be developed as a standard or another option that meets the needs of contracting parties. Moreover, the CPM-16 also approved the Terms of Reference for the CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid as modified in this meeting (also attached to this e-decision) and requested that the secretariat open a call for focus group members.
- [32] To form the CPM focus group for the topic, the IPPC secretariat launched the [call for experts](#) from 10 May to 08 July 2022, extended twice to get sufficient nominations from recipient and donor countries. The secretariat also contacted some individual RPPOs seeking for nominations.
- [33] Following the Terms of Reference, the secretariat obtained the following as representatives from the IPPC subsidiary bodies:
- CPM Bureau: Lucien Konan
 - Standards Committee: Sophie Peterson
 - Implementation Committee: Christopher Dale
- [34] The IPPC secretariat contacted the World Food Program (WPF/UN), and it is awaiting a reply.
- [35] The purpose, functions and process of the CPM Focus Group are described in the approved Terms of Reference (attached to the Bureau e-decision and available on [IPP here on the Focus Group webpage](#)).

2. Outcomes of the call

2.1. Nominations received

- [36] Seven nominations were submitted by the IPPC contracting parties and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs).
- [37] Table 1 lists the nominee's names, countries, current job positions, and notes.

Name	Country /RPPO*	R/D**	Current position	Email address
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*Nominated by the RPPO; **Recipient = R; Donor = D

3. Bureau e-decision results

[38] The IPPC Secretariat opened the Bureau e-decision 2022_eBureau_July_02 from 22 July 2022 until 05 August 2022. A total of 5 Bureau members commented in the e-forum and they all agreed with all the nominations received to be part of the focus group. It was also noted the representatives of the subsidiary bodies.

[39] Furthermore, the CPM Bureau also:

- (1) *noted* that the Secretariat will solicit the participation of at least one expert from the World Food Program (WFP/UN) as an invited expert;
- (2) *noted* that the first meeting originally planned for July will not be possible due to the extension of the call for experts;
- (3) *noted* that the tentative face-to-face meeting is planned for 05-09 December 2022 in Fiji (TBC);
- (4) *encouraged* RPPOs and contracting parties within your regions to submit additional nominations to the IPPC Secretariat by 15 September 2022