



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the

Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

September-October 2022

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IFU staff update

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

Lisa Ferraro joined IFU in September as a communication and advocacy specialist.
Rokhila Madminova joined IFU in October as a programme support specialist.
Camilo Beltran Montoya was on contract break but is back in November and will now be based in Rome.

IC meetings

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- **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

NRO Team

Contact: [Dominique Menon](#)

The IC Team on NROs met virtually on 4 October:

- The Team reviewed the comments provided by the contracting parties on the draft specification to revise the Guide on National Reporting Obligations and prepared responses to those comments so that the IPPC Secretariat could update the draft specification accordingly. The proposed responses to comments and the revised specification were presented on 10 October to the IC for approval through an e-decision.
- The Team also reviewed the draft report on NROs activities in 2022 and work plan for 2023, to be presented to the IC in November.

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Team

Contact: [Fitzroy White](#)

The IC Team on PCE met on 29 September and reviewed the comments on the draft specification for the PCE facilitator training kit. The PCE Team prepared responses to the comments and the revised Specification was submitted to the IC for approval via e-decision in October 2022.

The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) stories for Nicaragua and Nepal have been posted on the IPP. In the framework of project GCP/GLO/949/EU ("Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance") to be implemented in COMESA countries, a PCE facilitators training will be organized in December.

The purchase order for the PCE desk study was finalized and will be submitted to the IC for approval via e-decision in November 2022.

Guides and training materials Team

Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

The IC Team on Guides and training materials met on the 14 September to review the status of the draft specifications that went for consultation in 2022 and the IPPC Guide and training materials that are under development. The Secretariat provided an update on activities related to promotion and translation of guides and training materials and discussed the general content of the papers to be prepared for the November IC meeting.

Contributed Resources Team

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

The IC Team on Contributed Resources met on 19 October to discuss the review results of five resources submitted through call for projects. The Team considered that the resource could help NPPOs and agreed to post it on the IPP. The Team agreed to meet on 13 December to discuss the work plan for 2023.

Strategic Framework Development Agenda Items

Pest outbreak alert and response system (POARS)

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

The call for experts for the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems Steering Group was closed on 19 September. During the October Bureau meeting, the Secretariat invited the Bureau to approve the selection of nominees' experts and select a Bureau representative for the Steering Group on POARS. The Secretariat will consider resources to be allocated to this activity.

IPPC Guides and training materials

e-Learning courses

Contact: [Juan Rull](#)

- **Phytosanitary export certification system (2020-003):** The course has been released by the FAO eLearning academy and uploaded into the IPP.
- **Inspection (2020-011):** The course was finalized and uploaded into the COLEACP and IPP on 21 October.

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 November.
- The peer review period for the two stand-alone **ISPM 15 heat and fumigation treatment manuals** closed in mid-September. The manuals are expected to be published in early 2023.
- **e-Commerce (2017-039):** The guide has been drafted and is expected to be open for review by the IC and peer reviewers in November.

- **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 before the end of 2022.

IPPC Regional Workshop

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- IPPC Regional Workshops successfully concluded:
 - 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): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Latin America: 29 August-1 September (Lima, Peru, hybrid): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Asia: 29 August - 2 September (Republic of Korea): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Europe and Central Asia: 5-7 September (Paris, France/Baku, Azerbaijan): IPP News is [here](#).
 - Africa: 6-8 September (Nairobi, Kenya): IPP News is [here](#).
- Presentations of each agenda item have been posted to the [IPP](#).

International Plant Health Conference (IPHC)

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

- The IPHC was successfully held in London (UK) from 21-23 September.
- More than 500 participants from more than 74 countries attended.
- Presentations, agenda and speaker information are available [here](#).

Latest e-Decisions

Reference	e-Decisions	Forum summary (if available)
2022_eIC_10	Approval of Specification: National Reporting Obligations (NROs) Guide, revision (2021-026)	
2022_eIC_11	Approval of Specification: Implementation of risk-based inspection for imported consignments, Guide (2018-022)	

IC review of Guides and training materials

Closing date	Title	Location
(to be confirmed)	e-Commerce guide (review period is expected to open in November)	OCS

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