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International Plant
Protection Convention
Convention internationale
pour la protection des végétaux

Международная конвенция по
карантину и защите растений
Convención Internacional
de Protección Fitosanitaria

Rome, 24 January 2023

Subject: Financial Assistance for Developing Country Attendance at the Seventeenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures to be held in Rome, FAO Headquarters from 27 to 31 March 2023.

Dear IPPC Contact Points,

I refer to the letter from the Director-General dated 24 January 2023 (ref C/X/NSP-729) inviting contracting parties to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to participate in the Seventeenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-17).

The European Union has generously once again made funds available to support developing countries participation in various IPPC-related activities. Some funds have been made available from this project to assist with Member's (Contracting Parties) participation in the CPM meeting. Consequently, some financial assistance can be provided for the attendance of a limited number of delegates from developing countries at the Seventeenth Session of the CPM. Due to limitation of funds and the increased demand of contracting parties from developing countries for funding, priority of funding will be provided mainly to secure the quorum and regional geographical representation balance through primarily assisting members from the least developed countries. Other lower-middle-income countries will be considered for funding based on the availability of funds and applied IPPC criteria on the World Bank country groupings. Financial assistance will be granted for only one delegate per country, as designated by the Government. Each contracting party is responsible for understanding the circumstances of their eligibility before traveling. Please see this web link for additional information: <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

Should you have any questions regarding the circumstances of your support, please contact the IPPC Secretariat before arriving to Rome for the CPM at IPPC@fao.org. Once in Rome, no exceptions or alterations will be made to your travel arrangements.

Financial assistance will consist of:

- A pre-paid economy class round-trip air ticket, if your country qualifies (no exceptions, please).
- In line with the current procedures, hotel accommodation will be booked and paid for by the Organization (IPPC Secretariat) through the travel agency CWT. Please note that the DSA paid to meeting participants will be correspondingly reduced by the lodging portion of the DSA, with the balance covering meals and incidental expenses. The hotel voucher will be issued by CWT and sent to each participant by email.
- Financial assistance will only be considered after formal nomination (Credentials) of the national delegate and at the specific request of the national authorities.
- Once nominated, the traveler will be sent a separate email notifying them of the circumstances of their support, along with information concerning responsibilities as a delegate and attendance requirements.

Requests for financial assistance must be sent to the IPPC Secretariat (email address: ippc@fao.org) **no later than 17 February 2023**. Please note that requests received after this date will not be considered.

Attention should be drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Italy, including the refusal of entry to persons not having the required visas. Participants requiring entry visas

must obtain these from the Italian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission in their country before leaving for Rome. It should be noted that, since Italy's adherence to the Schengen Agreement, the issuance of an Italian entry visa may require up to three weeks. It is highly recommended that all participants obtain the necessary information regarding their visa well in advance of their date of departure.

In the light of the above visa requirement, we would like to inform all participants that the travel authorisation will be prepared and approved only upon receipt of confirmation of the entry visa obtained.

We would like to draw your attention to the invitation letter [DG INVITATION](#) sent by the Director General to contracting parties regarding the submission of credentials (example of credentials at [LINK](#))

“The credentials of the representative(s) as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to:

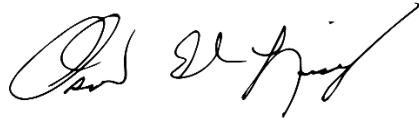
Secretariat of the IPPC
e-mail: IPPC@fao.org

The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs or Minister of Agriculture or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. An example of credentials, issued by a Minister of Foreign Affairs, is attached for your information.

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Online registration will be accessible through the password-protected area of the FAO Members Gateway at <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/home/en>. Instructions for online registration can be downloaded from the website. Please note that online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph. This registration is no longer controlled by the IPPC Secretariat and failure to register correctly or provide a passport sized photograph is likely to cause significant delays in access to the FAO premises.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osama El-Lissy', written in a cursive style.

Dr Osama El-Lissy
Secretary
International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)