



**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES  
SEVENTEENTH SESSION  
REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION AMONG REGIONAL  
PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS (TC-RPPOs)  
AGENDA ITEM 18.1**

*(Prepared by the TC-RPPO Chairperson)*

- [1] The 34th technical consultation (TC) among regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) had three meeting sessions during 2022 with one session scheduled in the first quarter of 2023. Virtual sessions scheduled were (September 12, November 7, and March 2023) and one face to face meeting on the margins of the International Plant Health Conference in London, United Kingdom (September 21 and 22).
- [2] The TC-RPPOs have been updated on the following items:
- Climate change: roadmap for the regional implementation of the agenda, presented by Christopher Dale, the chairperson of the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues.
  - Pest Alert and Response Systems: COSAVE Locust Alerts System presented by Héctor Medina from the COSAVE Region.
  - The IPPC Secretariat informed the TC RPPO on its approaches to find opportunities of change in order to reach greater effectiveness, adaptability and innovations, and made updates in activities related to: Standard Setting, Implementation of standards, Governance and Communication and ePhyto solution.
- [3] The TC-RPPOs prepared a paper with suggestions for actions to be undertaken by RPPOs to the Draft Recommendations for an Effective Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System (POARS) made by the Focus Group. It was submitted to the IPPC Secretariat to be presented by Stephanie BLOEM at the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting during October 2022. The paper was well received. It would be beneficial for the groups implementing the Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda items to better understand the functions and core capacities of an RPPO, to identify if RPPOs could contribute.
- [4] During CPM-16 (2022) it has been agreed to set up a steering group to work on establishing a pest outbreak alert and response systems (POARS) capability. TC-RPPOs selected Stephanie BLOEM from NAPPO to join the steering group as the RPPO representative.
- [5] The TC-RPPOs selected a new representative for the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC), Melisa NEDILSKYJ from COSAVE.
- [6] On April 1, 2022, Argentina assumed the presidency of COSAVE until March 2024, Diego QUIROGA is the president. During the 34th session of the TC-RPPOs, Jean Gérard MEZUI M'ELLA, announced Sandrine BAYENDI LOUDIT and Luiza MUNYUA, would take up his duties on IAPSC.
- [7] The TC-RPPOs found instances of collaboration regarding pests of common interest, and sharing information about regional events where other RPPOs could contribute.
- [8] NAPPO will assume the chair of the TC-RPPO after CPM-17 (2023).
- [9] The TC-RPPO would like CPM-17 to note the final version of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the TC-RPPOs that are available on the IPPC website<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> TC-RPPO Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/91820/>

- [10] The TC-RPPO was updated on the situation of ECOWAS regarding its application to be recognized as an RPPO.
- [11] The representatives of the technical consultation among RPPOs expressed their gratitude to the Outgoing President, Diego QUIROGA, of COSAVE, for having chaired the 34th meeting of the technical consultation and cordially welcomed the new President, Stephanie BLOEM, of the NAPPO, who will lead the 35th meeting of the technical consultation in 2023.
- [12] CPM -17 (2023) is invited to:
- (1) *Note* the report.
  - (2) *Note* the final version of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the TC-RPPOs.