



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the

Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

January-February 2023

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Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

During CPM-17, four papers will be focussed on Implementation and Capacity Development topics:

- [Report from the IC](#) (Agenda item 9.2)
- [IPPC guides and training materials](#) (Agenda item 14.1)
- [Update on IPPC projects](#) (Agenda item 14.2)
- [IPPC Observatory](#) (Agenda item 14.3)

IC meetings

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- **IC Focus meeting** will be held virtually on **1 March at 15:00 - 16:30 (Rome time)**.
- **IC Orientation session** for onboarding new members will be held virtually on **12 April at 15:00 - 16:30 (Rome time)**.
- **IC May meeting** will be held face-to-face from **15-19 May 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 Subgroups

IPPC Observatory Subgroup

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The following publications developed under the IPPC Observatory have been published:

- [Guidelines for conducting IPPC surveys](#)
- [Report – A critical assessment and analysis of the 2012 and 2016 IPPC general surveys](#)

*IC teams***NROs Team**Contact: [Dominique Menon](#)

Following the IC meeting in November 2022, the IPPC Secretariat has prepared an email to be sent to all official IPPC contact points, asking them to confirm their contact details within a certain timeframe to understand which regions and countries have a functioning contact point. This email will be sent in late February, early March after approval of the IC Team on NROs.

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation TeamContact: [Fitzroy White](#)

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 was conducted from 28 November to 7 December 2022. In January 2023 a vacancy announcement was posted for qualified individuals to apply to be PCE facilitators in 9 COMESA countries.

The purchase order for the PCE desk study was finalized during the IC November meeting. In January, Service Order for the "Development of and execution of a Desk Study of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool and process" was shared with prospective service providers.

*IPPC Guides and training materials***Guides**Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

- **Prevention, preparedness, and response guidelines for Fusarium Tropical Race 4 (TR4) of banana** have been finalized and submitted for publication process. The publication of the guidelines will be fast-tracked, so the guide will be available to NPPOs as soon as possible. The FAO Office for Mesoamerica will translate the guidelines in Spanish.
- The guide, **Regulation of Wood Packaging Material (2017-043)** has been finalized and will be submitted for publication process in February. It is expected to be published at the end of the first semester of 2023.
- The guide **Contingency plan for outbreaks of quarantine pests (2019-012)** has been edited and submitted for graphic design. Once the layout is finalized it will be submitted for publication process.
- The peer review period for the **e-Commerce Guide for plants, plant products and other regulated articles in international trade (2017-039)** was extended to 10 February 2023 at the request of an Official Contact Point. The guide will be submitted for editing after the comments from the peer review have been addressed.
- The peer review period for the two stand-alone **ISPM 15 heat and fumigation treatment manuals** closed in mid-September. There are several substantive comments that need to be addressed before the content can be finalized. The manuals are expected to be published later this year.
- The call for experts to develop the guide **Risk-based inspection of imported consignments (2018-022)** closed 17 February. An e-decision will be opened to select the working group (WG) members. A face-to-face WG meeting is planned for 22-26 May in Rome, the week following the IC meeting.

*Strategic Framework Development Agenda Items***Pest outbreak alert and response system (POARS)**Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

During the October CPM Bureau meeting, the bureau agreed to the selection of a total of eleven experts (including an SC representative and an IC representative) for the Steering Group on POARS and selected Lucien KOUAMÉ KONAN (Africa) as the Bureau representative. The Secretariat is identifying human resources to implement these activities.

IC E-decisions

Closing date	Reference	Title
TBD (coming soon)	2023_eIC_01	Selection of experts for the Working Group for the Guide on <i>Risk-based inspection of imported consignments</i> (2018-022)

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