



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the

Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

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Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

CPM-17 was held from 28 to 31 March 2023, in addition to Implementation and Capacity Development topics which papers were presented in advance, CPM-17 requested that the secretariat coordinate global action on TR4, using the proposals presented in [CPM 2023/CRP/08](#) as an initial framework.

Draft reports are available here: [CPM 17 - International Plant Protection Convention](#)

News articles:

- [IPPC makes steady progress in building the capacity of contracting parties - International Plant Protection Convention](#)
- [Let's talk about IPPC Guides and training materials - International Plant Protection Convention](#)
- [IPPC Observatory to support the implementation of the Convention - International Plant Protection Convention](#)

IC meetings

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- **IC Focus meeting** has been held virtually on **1 March at 15:00 - 16:30 (Rome time)**.
- **IC Orientation session** has been 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

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

The study on the use of International Plant Protection Convention diagnostic protocols developed under the IPPC Observatory was published.

The IPPC Observatory survey on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) will be launched soon to gather information from countries on the antimicrobial products used in plant production and protection, following CPM-17 (2023) decision.

The next meeting of the IC Subgroup on the IPPC Observatory is scheduled on Wednesday 26 April 2023 to discuss the outcomes of CPM-17 (2023), the call for IPPC Observatory topics for studies and surveys, the monitoring of the IPPC strategic framework and the development of the third IPPC general survey.

IC teams

NROs Team

Contact: [Dominique Menon](#)

Regarding the update of IPPC contact point details, the Secretariat sent them a mass email on 2 March 2023 and two reminders on 13 and 22 March. An announcement was also posted on the IPP on 9 March and the IC Chair made an announcement during the CPM-17 (2023) meeting. Since 12 April, the Secretariat has been engaging individually with the countries that have not responded. As of 24 April, 141 contracting parties have responded to confirm or update their contact point details including those of their IPP editors.

At its meeting held on 24 April 2023, the IC team on NROs decided to remove the e-learning course on NROs (2019) from the IPP as there are some mistakes including the fact it is not in line with the last version of ISPM 8 (Determination of pest status in an area – May 2021). Considering that the e-learning course on Surveillance and Reporting Obligations (May 2022) covers also the NROs topic and can be entered at different places especially for learners willing to focus on NROs, the IC decided to add a note on the IPP (on the e-learning platform) pointing to the module on NROs (lesson 7). The two actions will be taken at the same time so that there is no interruption in the possibility to take a course on NROs.

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Team

Contact: [Fitzroy White](#)

PCEs are being implemented in nine (9) COMESA countries under the project “Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance - GCP/GLO/949/EU”. The IPPC Secretariat trained phytosanitary experts in PCE facilitation in 2022. These trained experts now act as PCE facilitators in the nine COMESA countries under the supervision of certified facilitators. Once the trained experts complete one PCE, they can become certified PCE facilitators, subject to the PCE board assessments, as per the IC-approved procedure.

In February and March 2023, The IPPC Secretariat conducted virtual kick-off meetings with each COMESA country participating in the project agreeing and coordinating the implementation of the PCEs. As a result, in March and April 2023, the second mission consisting of “situation analysis” was conducted in three countries (Eswatini, Mauritius, and Zambia). All countries participating in the project are on track to reach a strategic and costed plan to improve their phytosanitary capacity.

Additionally, PCEs are going on in Cambodia (through the China project), Mauritania (revision of the law through an FAO project), Senegal (through GIZ), and Uzbekistan (through a USAID project).

PCE desk study

The purchase order for the PCE desk study was finalized during the IC November meeting. In March a second set of service providers were contacted to provide quotations for the “Development of and execution of a Desk Study of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool and process”. The received quotations were evaluated and forwarded to the relevant office for further processing.

Projects Team

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

The IC Team on Projects met on 11 April to identify the Implementation and Capacity Development projects that will be presented at the IC meeting open session in May. The Team selected eight projects from the 33 projects that were submitted and drafted the programme for the projects webinar.

Contributed Resources Team

Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

The IC Team on Contributed Resources reviewed seven resources from February to March and agreed to post six resources on the [IPP](#). The next Team meeting will be held on 24 May 2023.

IPPC Guides and training materials

Guides

Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

- [Prevention, preparedness, and response guidelines for Fusarium Tropical Race 4 \(TR4\) of banana](#) was published prior to CPM-17.
- The guide [Emergency preparedness: contingency planning for outbreaks of quarantine pests](#) was published prior to CPM-17.
- The [Guide to regulation of wood packaging material](#) has been published.
- The WG that has been tasked with developing the guide **Risk-based inspection of imported consignments** (2018-022) had their first virtual meeting 12 April. A second virtual meeting will be held 28 April and a face-to-face WG meeting is planned for 22-26 May in Rome, the week following the IC meeting.

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