



## International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

### Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the

### Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

## **July-August 2023**

(Updated 2023-09-13)

#### **Keep up to date on the latest IFU activities:**

- Visit the [IPP calendar](#)
- Read the latest [IPPC Newsletter](#)
- Consult the [IFU Organigramme and staff list](#)

#### IC meetings

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- [IC November meeting](#) will be held face-to-face from **06-10 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 Subgroups

##### IPPC Observatory Subgroup

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

The IPPC Observatory survey on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) was conducted to gather information from countries on the antimicrobial products used in plant production and protection, following CPM-17 (2023) decision. The survey has been extended until **15<sup>th</sup> September 2023** to receive more responses from contracting parties.

#### IC teams

##### IC Team on TR4

Contact: Camilo [BeltranMontoya](#)

Following the IC (May 2023 meeting) request to the IPPC Secretariat to reactivate the IC Team on Fusarium TR4 and reinforce its membership, the call for additional experts on the that Team opened on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and closed on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The IPPC Secretariat assessed the submissions received according to the criteria specified in the ToRs and recommended the experts to the IC.

The call for phytosanitary technical resources on *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Tropical Race 4 (TR4) which opened on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was also closed on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The submitted resources are currently being reviewed.

The Fusarium TR4 tabletop exercise was finalized by the IPPC Secretariat and is expected was successfully delivered at the Africa IPPC regional workshop in Addis Ababa in September as per the IC May 2023 action list.

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

Regarding the update of IPPC Official Contact Points (OCP) details undertaken since March 2023, the Secretariat posted a new announcement on the IPP on 9 August as a reminder for those contracting parties that had not done so yet. As of 7 September, 177 contracting parties out of 184 have responded to confirm or update (or will update for five of them) their OCP details including those of their IPP editors. As agreed during the "Preparatory meeting - implementation presentations for the 2023 Regional Workshops" held on 14 June, the IC members and the IFU staff took advantage of the IPPC regional workshops held in August/early September to contact those countries not having responded to update their OCP details.

As a follow-up of the decision made by the IC Team on NROs (Meeting held on 24 April) to remove the eLearning course on NROs (2019) from the IPP, the Secretariat contacted the FAO eLearning Academy to know whether a specific badge/certificate can be delivered for the learners taking the lesson 7 on NROs only of the Surveillance and Reporting Obligations eLearning course (May 2022). As a result, the most appropriate way to get a badge/certificate will be to have two separate courses: one on Surveillance (lessons 1 to 6) and one on NROs (lesson 7). To that end, exchanges between the FAO eLearning Academy and the Secretariat to adjust the course in two new ones are ongoing.

**Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Team**Contact: [Fitzroy White](#)

The implementation of nine (9) PCEs in African Union COMESA countries under the project "Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance - GCP/GLO/949/EU" is ongoing. One country has completed its validation mission. The validation missions for the other 8 are being organized for November to December.

The PCE in Cambodia (through the China project) will have its final mission in September.

**PCE desk study**

The Secretariat has finalized the selection of a service provider for the execution of a Desk Study of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool and process and will implement it as per the Terms of Reference agreed by the IC through e-Decision.

**Contributed Resources Team**Contact: [Natsumi Yamada](#)

The IC Team on Contributed Resources met on 27 July 2023 to discuss the review results of five submitted resources. The Team agreed on four resources to be posted on the [IPP](#). The revised criteria have been sent for IC e-Decision (2023\_eIC\_03), which closed on 7 August. The summary will be posted to [here](#). The next team meeting will be held early October.

## IPPC Guides and training materials

### Guides

Contact: [Barbara Peterson](#)

The third virtual meeting of the **Risk-based inspection of imported consignments** (2018-022) working group (WG) took place on 31 July. The WG had a general discussion about the first draft of guide, which was consolidated from the submissions of the WG members. The WG discussed the importance of focusing on the target audience and agreed on the dates for the next meetings (September 13, and October 2 and 23) and the next steps for developing the guide. The WG member from the NPPO of the United States offered to provide a demonstration of a RBI simulation program during the meeting on October 2. The call for case studies for possible inclusion in the guide will close on 30 September and the submissions will be reviewed during the October 23 WG meeting.

### IFU Communications

Contact: [Lisa Ferraro](#)

- [IPPC Webinar - New IPPC guides and e-learning courses – key implementation and capacity development resources for the phytosanitary community](#) will be held on 19 October 2023. Spanish interpretation will be provided by NAPPO, and the IPPC Secretariat is looking for other organizations to provide Arabic and French interpretation.

### IPPC Regional Workshops

Contact: [Descartes Koumba](#)

- IPPC Regional Workshops ended successfully. The IPP page is available [here](#).
  - Caribbean: 16-18 August (Antigua and Barbuda)
  - Southwest Pacific: 21-25 August (Cook Islands)
  - Latin America: 22-25 August (Costa Rica)
  - Europe and Central Asia: 4-6 September (Montenegro)
  - Africa: 4-8 September (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
  - Asia: 4-8 September (Republic of Korea)
  - Near East and North Africa: 4-8 September (Qaseem, Saudi Arabia)

## Latest e-Decisions

Reference	e-Decisions	Closed date
2023_eIC_03	<a href="#">Approval of revised criteria and procedures for reviewing and approving Contributed Phytosanitary Resources</a>	07 August
2023_eIC_04	<a href="#">Selection of the membership of the IC Team on Fusarium Wilt TR4 (<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> Tropical Race 4)</a>	28 August (scheduled to be extended)

*Upcoming events*

Date	Event
20 September	IC Team on E-commerce
26 September	IC Team on CPM participation (new Guide)
27 September	IC Team on Guides and training materials
30 September	<a href="#">Call for case studies on Risk-based inspection</a> closes
19 October	<a href="#">Webinar</a> on New IPPC guides and e-learning courses

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