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IPPC Observatory



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Introduction to the IPPC Observatory

In 2022, CPM 16 approved transitioning from the IRSS to the IPPC Observatory.

The IPPC Observatory is a system that monitors the implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs and CPM Recommendations.

An IC Subgroup was established to monitor and evaluate the work undertaken under the IPPC Observatory and guide the IPPC Secretariat on IPPC Observatory-related activities.





Purpose:

The IPPC Observatory collects data on implementing the IPPC, ISPMs, and CPM Recommendations to:

- **Identify challenges and best practices,**
- **Monitor progress over time,** identify areas where additional support is needed and assess the effectiveness of IPPC capacity-building programs.
- **Inform decision-making** on the best options for capacity-building, including resource allocation, program development, and technical assistance.

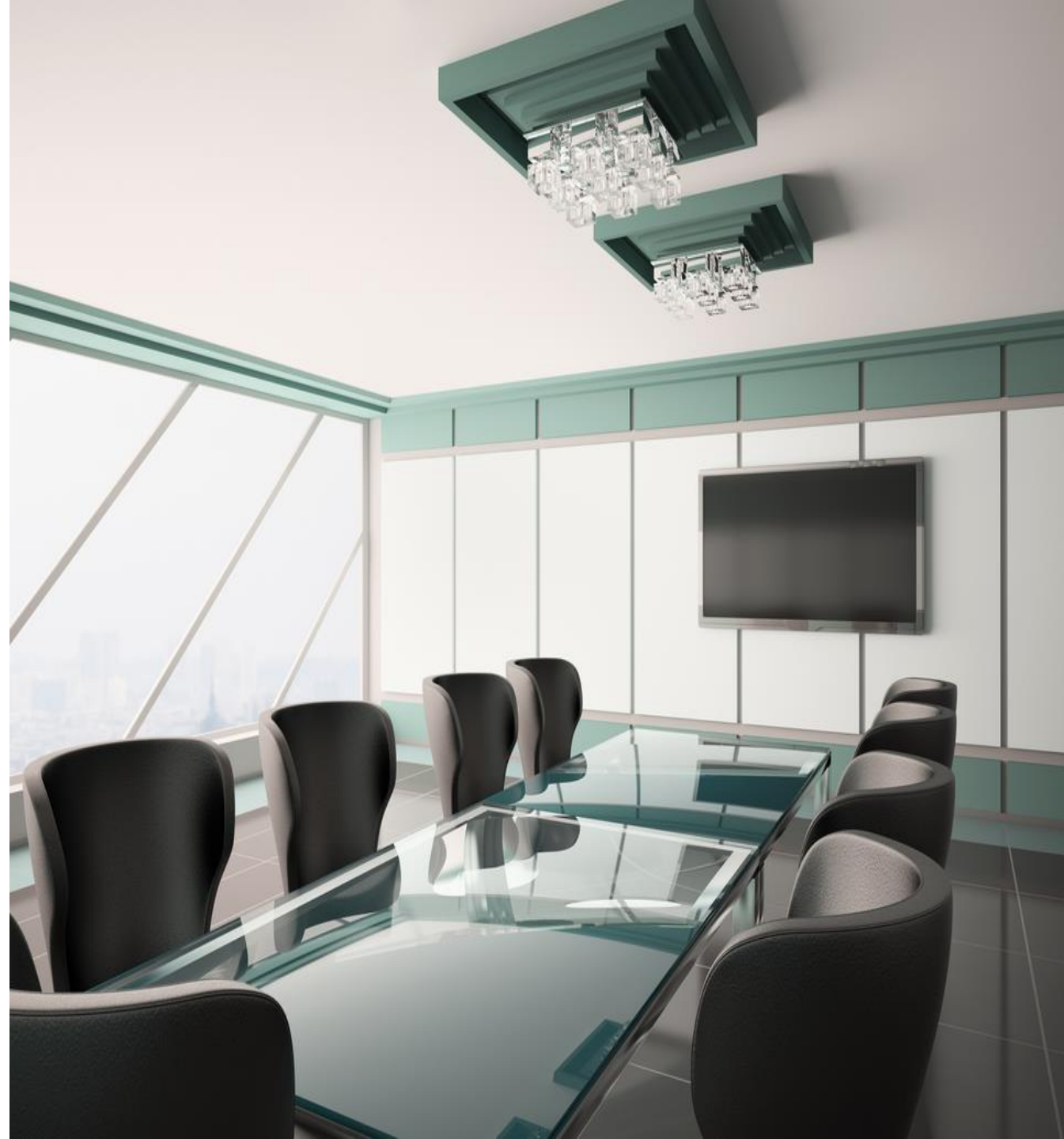
2023 Updates

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IC Sub-Group on the IPPC Observatory Meetings

Three meetings for 2023

- **April 26, 2023**
- **July 12, 2023**
- **October 18, 2023**



CPM17 Outcomes

Financial resource commitments from

- Canada
- Republic of Korea
- European Commission

Agreement to launch a new study on e-commerce

An agreement to launch a survey on antimicrobials in the phytosanitary context



Communication Resources

Several resources are available: factsheet, video, visual identity tools, as well as a redesigned webpage that outlines the objectives and missions of the Observatory.

IPPC Observatory Factsheet: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc1022en>

IPPC Observatory Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tsuqqTpdAQ>

IPPC Observatory webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/ippc-observatory/>

IPPC Observatory list of topics: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/list-topics-ipcc-irss/list>



Publications

Two studies were sent for publication

- **Developing Guidance on Risk-based Border Management (2019-13, Priority 1)"**
- **"The use of IPPC Diagnostic Protocols (2019-14, Priority 1)"**



Priority Activities for 2023

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Four Priority Activities

1. **Approval of the Terms of Reference** of the IC Sub-Group
2. **Monitoring the implementation** of the objectives of the development agenda items of the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020–2030),
3. Conducting the **Third General Survey**
4. Launching the studies for the priority 1 topics in the work plan and **launching a call of topics** for surveys and studies



Approval of the Terms of Reference of the IC Sub-Group on the IPPC Observatory

- The IC had agreed to update the terms of reference of the Sub-group based on the new scope and mission.
- The modified ToR was adopted by CPM 17 (2023)

Monitoring the implementation of the objectives of the development agenda items of the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020–2030)

Subgroup agreed to:

Conducting the monitoring and implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2023 through a **mid-term evaluation in 2025** and a **global evaluation in 2023**.

Recommend that the IPPC Strategic Framework **project coordinator be hired first**, and then the IPPC Observatory will support monitoring the achievements of the Development agenda.

Conducting the Third General Survey (monitoring the implementation of the IPPC as well as the adopted ISPMs to provide an overview),

- The third cycle general survey was initially planned for 2020.
- However, a critical assessment and comparative analysis of the first two revealed that a straightforward repetition of the first two general surveys would not yield helpful results. As a result, the sub-group agreed to review the survey tool and methodology before launching the third general survey.
- In April, the group agreed on **criteria to improve the survey, including the involvement of the RPPOs.**
- A draft questionnaire was prepared and reviewed by the IPPC Secretariat and the subgroup.
- The IPPC Secretariat will identify a survey specialist to review the questionnaire and coordinate the operational phase of the survey.



Launching the studies for the priority 1 topics in the work plan and launching a call of topics for surveys and studies

- A draft questionnaire for the survey on e-commerce has been prepared and is awaiting the engagement of the survey specialist.
- The subgroup agreed to allow contracting parties to **submit proposals for IPPC observatory topics for studies during the IPPC Call for topics** for standards and implementation.
- Since this decision came too late for the 2023 call for topics, the Subgroup agreed to a separate call for studies and surveys at the end of November 2023

Survey on Antimicrobial Resistance

- The first phase -May-July 2023 aimed to collect information on antibiotic products used in plant protection.
- The response rate was low with only 35.8% or 66 CP responding.
- The results revealed that a low number of countries use antimicrobials in plant protection, with 70% indicating that they do not. Of those that do use it, 35% reported using one or two antibiotics.

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Invitation

The TC-RPPO *is invited* to:

- (1) *Note* the update on the IPCC Observatory.
- (2) *Discuss* the options to support the work of the IPCC Observatory and the opportunity to use the outputs in their RPPOs.
- (3) *Discuss* the possibility of submitting topics for the IPCC Observatory work programme.

IPPC Observatory Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tsuqqTpdAQ>