



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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UPDATE ON PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE IPPC SECRETARIAT

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

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Gratitude to donors

- [1] In 2023, the Implementation Facilitation Unit (IFU) of the IPPC Secretariat managed eight projects with a total value of over eight and a half million USD. Implementation of three of these projects will be active in 2024. Details about the five projects completed in 2023, and information on the three ongoing projects, are outlined in Appendix 1.
- [2] The IPPC Secretariat heavily relies on extrabudgetary funds and expresses deep gratitude for the generous support on various projects from China, the European Union, Japan, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Secretariat (COMESA) Secretariat, USAID and GIZ.
- [3] The IFU is composed of experienced and dedicated professionals from all over world who diligently implement these projects, delivering agreed outputs with high quality products while meeting FAO procedure requirements. Other implementation and capacity development activities are conducted through in-kind contributions of personnel and through direct financial contributions from contracting parties to the IPPC Secretariat, as elaborated in the financial and annual report. The IPPC Secretariat expresses gratitude for the support and resources provided by Canada, France and the Republic of Korea.

Projects managed in full compliance with existing frameworks and strategies

- [4] The IPPC Secretariat primarily focuses on implementing projects with regional and global impact, with the exception of Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCEs), which are predominantly carried out at the national level. The implementation of these projects is embedded within and fully compliant with the IPPC frameworks and strategies and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) procedures, namely:
 - The text of the IPPC,
 - The IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030, in particular for the implementation of the Development Agenda Items (DAIs) and the PCEs,
 - The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Strategy 2020-2030, agreed upon by the IC and noted by CPM-16 (2022),
 - The IPPC List of Topics, for the development of guides and training materials.
 - The FAO South-South and Triangular Cooperation in action, for one of the projects embedded in this framework.
- [5] While the IPPC Secretariat manages these projects, it seeks endorsement from the IC for any new projects and updates the IC on project progress. Technical input is sought from the IC, when necessary,

as requested by the Bureau in 2018,¹ and in accordance with the *Strategy and process on how the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) reviews and analyses Implementation and Capacity Development (ICD) projects*, agreed by the IC in May 2019.²

- [6] Additionally, the IPPC Secretariat administers and coordinates the delivery of PCEs by offering support to FAO and other donors' projects. The paper CPM 2024/29 provides a detailed update on activities related to PCEs.

A strong project management team built within the IPPC Secretariat

- [7] Project management represents a large activity for IFU, encompassing project planning, monitoring, reporting, staffing, the issuance of purchase orders, staff management and the development of resources in coordination with the IC, IC sub-groups and IC teams. The list of IFU staff is frequently updated and is available on the IPP.³ The IFU annual workplan is also available on the IPP⁴ and reflects the important synergies between projects and the IPPC List of Topics under the IC guidance.

Projects implemented in transparency

- [8] Transparency with the wider IPPC Community has been enhanced through dedicated webpages⁵ for individual ICD projects managed by the IFU. These webpages include the identification code, title, start and end date of the project, budget details, a description of the project, and clear deliverables. A separate webpage was set for all projects over USD 500,000.
- [9] Furthermore, an annual call is issued on the IPP by the IPPC Secretariat to collect worldwide phytosanitary projects from contracting parties, RPPOs, FAO offices, donors, and implementing organizations. The IC analyses and discusses the relevance of the submitted projects, to be presented during the May meeting of the committee. Following the practice initiated in the IC May 2022 meeting, in 2023, the dedicated session of the IC meeting where projects were presented, was opened to the wider public in a webinar format.⁶
- [10] The CPM is invited to:
- (1) *note* the deliverables of projects managed by the IPPC Secretariat;
 - (2) *note* the projects are compliant with IPPC Secretariat and IC procedures and the increased transparency as presented in Appendix 1.

¹ Report Bureau meeting 2018-06:

https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2018/07/Bureau_Report_June_2018-07-23.pdf

² Report IC meeting 2019-05:

https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2019/06/IC_4th_May_2019_meeting_report_2019-06-21.pdf

³ IFU Organigramme: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/91133/>

⁴ IFU 2024 workplan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/92976/>

⁵ ICD Projects: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/projects-on-implementation-and-capacity-development/>

⁶ IC Meeting Open Session on ICD Projects (May 2023): <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/workshops-events/webinars/ic-meeting-open-session-on-icd-projects-2023/>

Appendix 1: Project name, with start and end date, budget, compliance with existing frameworks and strategies and main concrete deliverables for projects managed by the IPPC Secretariat through the Implementation and Facilitation Unit in 2023.

Project name	Donor	Start and end dates	Budget	Project compliant with	Main concrete deliverables
Support for Implementation and Capacity Development Activities of the IPPC Secretariat (GCPT/GLO/102/JPN)	Japan	Start: October 2020 End: September 2023	USD 1,006,180	IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030	Operational support of the IPPC Secretariat in relation to implementation and capacity development activities.
Strengthening Food Control and Phytosanitary Capacities and Governance (GCP/GLO/949/EC)	European Commission	Start: January 2022 End: December 2024	USD 7,075,947 (total), USD 2,400,000 approximately (phytosanitary matters)	Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Strategy 2020-2030	PCEs in 11 countries. PCE Facilitators training course organized.
FAO support to COMESA trade facilitation programme (GCP/INT/387/COM)	European Commission through the COMESA Secretariat	Start: December 2018 End: May 2024	USD 2,803,069 (total), USD 800,000 (phytosanitary matters)	List of topics	Four e-Learning courses. One guide on contingency planning and one guideline on prevention, preparedness and response to Fusarium wilt (TR4). Five capacity development webinars. Translations of six guides. Surveillance, diagnostic training courses on TR4. Tabletop and simulation exercises on TR4.
Support to the IPPC Strategic Framework: Commodity and pathways standards, Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems and e-Phyto (GCP/GLO/040/EC)	European Commission	Start: June 2020 End: June 2023 (Completed)	USD 1,029,989	IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030	Activities of the POARS Focus Group concluding in recommendations.

Supporting the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (GCP/GLO/025/EC)	European Commission	Start: January 2020 End: December 2023 (Completed)	USD 1,055,556	Text of the International Plant Protection Convention	Participation to IPPC Governing bodies by developing countries. Publications of guides.
Strengthening the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the International Plant Protection Convention and its standards under FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) programme (GCP/INT/291/CPR)	Republic of China	Start: September 2017 End: December 2023 (Completed)	USD 2,007,541	FAO South South and Triangular cooperation in action FAO South-South and Triangular Cooperation Guidelines for action (2022-2025) Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Strategy 2020-2030	Organization of virtual courses on Phytosanitary issues. PCE completed in Sri Lanka. Courses on fruit flies' technologies in Sri Lanka. PCE completed in Cambodia. Course on Fusarium wilt (R1 and TR4) in Cambodia. Regional workshops on prevention of fruit flies and Fusarium wilt in Asia.
Strengthening Plant Health Emergency Management Capacities project (OSRO/GLO/208/USA)	USAID	Start: June 2022 End: June 2023 (Completed)	USD 600.000 (total) (100.000 for the Phytosanitary component)	IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030, 5 th Development Agenda on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems	Call for contributed resources on pest outbreak alert and response systems tools and guidelines. Study on existing resources and plant health tools.
IPPC ePhyto and Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (GCP /GLO/1034/GER-F)	GIZ	Start: January 2022 End: extended until May 2023 (Completed)	USD 224,000	IPPC Development agenda 2020-2030: Harmonization of Electronic Data Exchange Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Strategy 2020-2030	The Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) has new capabilities: eSignature, ePayments/eBilling, interchanges of ePhytos with other platforms and translation in Arabic. PCE completed in Senegal.