



IPPC and One Health: CPM Engagement Strategy

INF Document for CPM Consideration

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Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States support the proposal made by the Strategic Planning Group drafting group (presented in document CPM/2024/31) regarding the merits of CPM becoming more actively engaged in the One Health program at FAO. We agree that a small group is needed to further analyze the opportunities, potential objectives, and specific actions, and to advise the Bureau on how best the IPPC Community can engage in the One Health space.

However, rather than forming a Focus Group on this subject (as proposed in terms of reference document CPM/2024/31_01) we suggest that CPM direct the Bureau to form a small group of experts to carry out the needed analysis. This will avoid the establishment of another Focus Group and reduce the burden on the Secretariat. The proliferation of CPM Focus Groups in recent years is stretching the capacities of the Secretariat as these groups require extensive support and facilitation from the Secretariat staff. A smaller expert group formed by the Bureau will help ease this burden.

Secondly, we suggest that the tasks assigned to this expert group (as proposed in document CPM/2024/31_01) be simplified and narrowed. This will streamline, expedite, and better focus the work and analysis of this small expert group.

Attached are the revised terms of reference.

Attachment 01: REVISED Draft Terms of Reference for AN EXPERT Focus Group on One Health

Title: CPM EXPERT Focus Group on One Health

Background and purpose:

The CPM and Strategic Planning Group (SPG) have had ongoing discussions about the One Health concept over the last few years. These have largely been exploratory discussions aimed at improving our collective understanding of what One Health is about and what role, if any, the IPPC community and plant health can or should play in the One Health paradigm.

Most recently, the SPG considered the matter again and agreed that there were compelling reasons for the IPPC community to be engaged in the ongoing One Health dialogue and programme planning at FAO. A paper was presented to the CPM (CPM 2024/31) outlining the importance of “Plant Health” being recognized as one of the pillars of One Health. The paper emphasized the need for communication and advocacy and the CPM decided to **DIRECT THE BUREAU TO** establish a **SMALL EXPERT focus** group to draw up an action plan for communication and advocacy, including steps for ensuring and enhancing the IPPC community’s participation and voice in the FAO One Health Committee structure and activity.

Process:

The IPPC Secretariat will release a call for experts on the IPPC website to allow contracting parties and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) to nominate **EXPERTS** ~~their representatives~~ to be **SELECTED BY THE BUREAU TO BE** part of the **ONE HEALTH EXPERT focus** group. All nominations will be presented to the CPM Bureau for their review and endorsement.

Meetings of the **EXPERT focus** group will be held virtually. , **However, if an in-person meeting is required, the organization that employs an EXPERT group meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend.**

Membership:

The CPM Bureau will select **eleven** members **FOR** the **EXPERT focus** group. The membership should be both skills- and knowledge based. ~~with broad geographical and gender representation.~~

The focus group will be composed of a maximum of 11 members, with knowledge of the following: a broad knowledge of plant health and some knowledge of the other pillars of One Health. Members should be able to look and engage beyond their own field.

The **EXPERT focus** group should include:

1. **SEVEN** ~~seven~~ **EXPERTS NOMINATED BY** ~~representing~~ national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), one from each of the seven FAO regions.. ;
2. one representative of the RPPOs;
3. one representative of the CPM Bureau;
4. ~~one representative of the Standards Committee;~~
5. ~~one representative of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee; and~~
6. **ONE MEMBER FROM THE SECRETARIAT**
7. **ONE MEMBER FROM** FAO ~~leads~~ involved in the FAO One Health Committee structure.

The CHAIR OF THE **EXPERT** ~~focus~~ group may invite experts for selected subjects or information sharing (e.g. from the World Organisation for Animal Health) but these invited experts will not be formal expert group members.

Functions (tasks)

The key tasks of the **EXPERT** group will be as follows:

1. Collect national and regional experiences from NPPOs and RPPOs relating to One Health.
2. Liaise with the steering group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues, and other relevant focus groups and CPM, United Nations or FAO bodies **TO ANALYZE IMPORTANT LINKAGES BETWEEN IPPC'S PLANT HEALTH GOALS AND THE BROADER ONE HEALTH PROGRAM.**
3. Consider the added value of an International Day of Plant Health dedicated to One Health and advise whether to request this from FAO, accompanied by suggestions for specific themes and activities as appropriate.
4. ~~Consider the addition of One Health components to the Strategic Framework and provide recommendations on how to proceed with these components.~~
5. Draw up an action plan to communicate and advocate "Plant Health" as one of the pillars of One Health as an additional component of the IPPC Communications Strategy.
6. Develop a plan for enhancing IPPC participation, advocacy, **AND EFFECTIVENESS** in the FAO One Health Committee structure and activity.
~~Consider how the IPPC community can best contribute to the FAO One Health strategy and dialogue, for the benefit of plant health.~~
7. Provide ~~information and~~ advice **ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A** as appropriate for CPM Bureau members or the IPPC secretary if they are participating in key One Health meetings to support the secretary in preparing a CPM side session on One Health.
8. Consider whether a formal CPM Recommendation would be of use and value and, if so, provide an outline of what it may address.
9. Present any **OTHER** observations or recommendations as deemed appropriate in relation to **DEFINING AND RECOMMENDING A CPM ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY ON ONE HEALTH.** ~~the purpose of the group.~~

Expected Start Date and Duration:

The **EXPERT** ~~focus~~ group will initiate work by mid-2024 and **SEEK TO COMPLETE ITS ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO THE BUREAU FOR CPM CONSIDERATION IN 2025.** ~~remain active until early 2026 or upon completion of its outputs and the presentation of its final report and recommendations to the CPM.~~

Expected outputs:

1. One or more reports to the BUREAU detailing:
 - national and regional experiences from NPPOs and RPPOs relating to One Health;

- advice to the BUREAU on whether to request FAO to dedicate an International Day of Plant Health to One Health;
 - support to the IPPC secretary in preparing a CPM side session on One Health; and
 - a report containing any observations and recommendations to the BUREAU.
2. A draft action plan to communicate and advocate “Plant Health” as one of the pillars of One Health as an additional component of the IPPC Communications Strategy (first to be presented to the SPG and CPM Bureau before BEING PRESENTED to the CPM).

Reports to: CPM Bureau

Funding:

It is expected that the initial meetings for this **EXPERT** ~~focus~~ group will be virtual. However, where in-person meetings are required, the organization that employs an ~~focus~~ **EXPERT** group meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend.

If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat. Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds.

The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) ([Criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive travel assistance to attend meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat - International Plant Protection Convention](#)).