



Attachment 01: Revised Draft Terms of Reference for Focus Group on One Health

Title: CPM 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 establish a focus group to conduct a preliminary study aiming at understanding and listing the One Health topics where either plant health could contribute to One Health or in the other way around where One Health could impact plant health. The Focus Group will then 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 their representatives to be part of the focus group. All nominations will be presented to the CPM Bureau for their review and endorsement.

Meetings of the focus group will be convened virtually but may have one in person meeting if necessary.

Membership:

The CPM Bureau will select members of the Focus group. The membership should be both skills- and knowledge based with broad geographical and gender representation.

The focus group will be composed of up to 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 Focus group should include:

1. seven members 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 member representing the IPPC Secretariat
5. if possible, one member from FAO involved in the FAO One Health Committee structure.

The 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 focus group members.

Functions (tasks)

The focus group may propose to add tasks or amend the tasks listed below according to the information they gather during the active period, for approval of CPM Bureau.

The key tasks of the Focus group will be as follows:

1. As part of the preliminary study, understand how plant health could contribute to the One Health approach by determining the interrelations and interdependencies between plant health and the other pillars of this approach.
2. As part of the preliminary study, collect national and regional experiences from NPPOs and RPPOs relating to One Health.
3. As part of the preliminary study, 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
4. As conclusion of the preliminary study, enumerate the One Health topics where plant health is contributing to.
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. Provide advice on the possibility of a CPM side session on One Health.
7. Consider whether a formal CPM Recommendation would be of use and value and, if so, provide an outline of what it may address.
8. Consider how participation by plant-health representatives in the FAO One Health Committee structure can be most effective;
9. Develop a plan for enhancing IPPC participation, advocacy, and effectiveness in the FAO One Health Committee structure and activity.
10. Present any other observations or recommendations to the CPM as deemed appropriate in relation to defining and recommending a CPM engagement strategy on One Health.

Expected Start Date and Duration:

The Focus group will initiate work by mid-2024 by first performing the preliminary study, and remain active until CPM-20 (2026).

Expected outputs:

1. Provide yearly updates to CPM
2. Provide the preliminary study to the CPM Bureau and CPM
3. Provide the propose action plan to CPM

Reports to: CPM Bureau**Funding:**

It is expected that the initial meetings for this Focus group will be virtual. However, where in-person meetings are required, the organization that employs an Focus 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](#)).