



International Plant Protection Convention



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**International Symposium on Plant and Biodiversity Protection:
Optimizing Container Design to Mitigate Risks of Pest Contamination in the
International Containerized Supply Chain**

**Hilton Rotterdam
Rotterdam, Netherlands**

**Symposium Room – The Rotterdam Room
Registration, Coffee
Lunch – Upper Lobby**

November 11, 2024

Preliminary programme

Registration	
Time	Description
09:00-09:45	Registration of participants

Opening and Welcome Moderator: Martijn Schenk NPPO of the Netherlands		
Time	Description	Speakers
09:45-10:00	Housekeeping and Industry welcome	Patrick Hicks (COA)
	IPPC Secretary	Osama El Lissy
	NPPO of Netherlands	Marco Traa
	CPM Chair (video)	Greg Wolff

Session 1: Understanding the risks to plant health and biodiversity & to the sea container pathway Moderator: Patrick Hicks (COA)		
Time	Topic	Speaker/Activity
10:00-10:25	Presentation 1: Summary of main conclusions from the IPBES report related to pest contamination/CBD Secretariat presentation	Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
10:25-10:50	Presentation 2: Sea Container Pathway: Overview of the risks posed by the pest contamination and their economic consequence	Rama Karri (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia)
10:50-11:15	Presentation 3: Sea Container Structures: Common locations of pest contamination and CPM	Wendy Beltz (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine)

	recommendations on container structures to minimise pest contamination	
11:15-11:30	Break	
Session 2: Container Design Modifications Moderators: Martijn Schenk (NPPO of Netherlands)		
Time	Topic	Speaker/Activity
11:30-12:00	Presentation 4: Introduction to design modification options and constraints.	Mike Downes (Bureau International des Containers – BIC and CCIAG Chair)
12:00-13:00	Lunch break (provided)	
13:00-15:30 Session 3: Breakout Working Groups Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are divided into breakout groups. • Each group will discuss given topics related to pest contamination risks and design modifications. • Groups work on formulating actionable recommendations. 		
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:15 Plenary Session Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives from each breakout group present their findings and recommendations. • Open discussion and debate on the presented recommendations. • Refinement and consolidation of recommendations based on feedback and consensus. 		
17:15-17:45 Finalization of Recommendations Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of discussions and finalization of actionable recommendations. • Agreement on next steps. 		
17:45-18:00 Closing Remarks IPPC & Patrick Hicks (COA)		