

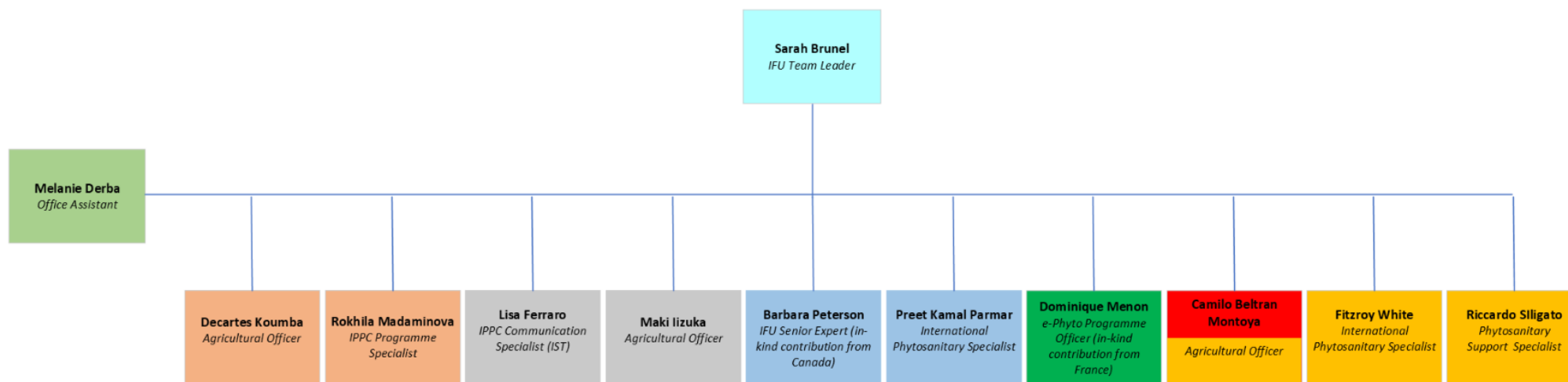


IMPLEMENTATION AND FACILITATION ORGANIGRAMME

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU)

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	<p>Melanie DERBA Office Assistant G4*</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ) Room: B761 Tel: 54589 E-mail: Melanie.Derba@fao.org</p>	<p>Melanie assists in organizing and coordinating various activities within the IFU, and the IPPC, including meetings and webinars, governance issues related to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee, travel, recruitment, documentation, interpretation and translations, communications, publications and project management.</p> <p>Before joining the Secretariat, she worked in various capacities in FAO, most recently, she worked for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources.</p> <p>Melanie speaks English, Italian, Spanish and French.</p>
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	<p>Descartes Larios KOUMBA MOUENDOU Agricultural Officer P-2*</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ) Room: B761 Tel: 51302 E-mail: Descartes.Koumba@fao.org</p>	<p>Descartes is a plant production engineer. He leads various activities of the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU), including coordinating the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and its decisions, the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) as well as IC subgroup on IRSS, Dispute Avoidance and Settlement.</p> <p>He also supports the working groups on eLearning for export and inspection, facilitates collaboration between the Standards and Capacity Development Committees as well as delivery of the IPPC regional workshops. Descartes is the IPPC liaison with the Intern-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).</p> <p>Prior to joining the IPPC in 2019, Descartes served in the Ministry of Agriculture in Gabon and at the FAO sub-regional office for Central Africa.</p> <p>He has a master's degree in environment management from the University of St. Jerome, France and a bachelor's degree from the National Institute of Agronomy and Biotechnology in Gabon.</p> <p>Descartes speaks English and French.</p>


	<p>Rokhila MADAMINOVA IPPC Programme Specialist</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ)</p> <p>E-mail: Rokhila.Madaminova@fao.org</p>	<p>Rokhila leads the implementation of activities and programmes at the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU). She coordinates the implementation and monitoring of phytosanitary activities and projects, including the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) trade facilitation project. She also leads coordination of global activities to manage <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f.sp. cubense tropical race 4 (Foc TR4). Rokhila prepares the reports for meetings of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and working groups and is the IFU focal point for communications and publication of implementation and capacity development resources. She also an IFU lead for the IPPC Observatory.</p> <p>Prior to joining the secretariat, she worked for the International Development Law Organization in Rome, Transparency International in Moscow, and for the South Caucasus and Central Asia Bulletin in Edinburgh, Scotland.</p> <p>Rokhila has a Master of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from the Central European University. She speaks English, Russian, and Uzbek.</p>
Guides and Training Materials		
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	<p>Preet Kamal PARMAR International Phytosanitary Specialist</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ) E-mail: Preet.Parmar@fao.org</p>	<p>Preet coordinates and leads the development of several e-learning courses, including e-learning courses on Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation and emergency preparedness.</p> <p>Prior to joining the IPPC Secretariat, Preet worked for the New Zealand National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) for six years. She was involved in developing phytosanitary requirements following International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) to manage phytosanitary risks associated with importing fresh fruits and vegetables into New Zealand. She was also part of a team comprising representatives from the New Zealand NPPO and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The team worked on improving and enhancing phytosanitary certification systems in selected Pacific Island countries. More recently, she worked as a Senior Adviser for the response group in the NPPO, responding to pest detections in New Zealand.</p> <p>Preet is a New Zealand national. She holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and master's degree in Biosecurity and Conservation from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.</p>
Communication		
	<p>Lisa FERRARO IPPC Communications Specialist (IST)</p> <p>Based in: United Kingdom E-mail: Lisa.Ferraro@fao.org</p>	<p>Lisa Ferraro is a British and Italian national with a Master's Degree in Marketing and Communication from the Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi. Prior to joining the Secretariat, Lisa worked predominantly in the private sector building and growing brands. Most recently, Lisa headed-up Communications for the Technology Division at WFP. Lisa first joined the Secretariat in January 2021, leading communications on a project basis.</p> <p>Lisa leads communication activities, with a focus on Fusarium TR4 global coordination, e-commerce, and Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCE), communication strategy and implementation plan.</p> <p>Lisa speaks English, French, Italian and Portuguese.</p>

	<p>Maki IIZUKA Agricultural Officer</p> <p>Based in: Rome E-mail: Maki.Iizuka@fao.org</p>	<p>Maki leads the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) team on Contributed Resources. She also coordinates the revision of the IPPC Procedure Manual for Implementation and Capacity Development and supports the development and publication of resources on implementation and capacity development. Maki is responsible for updating content on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) on the IPPC's work on implementation and supporting communications activities.</p> <p>Maki has seven years of working experience as a plant protection officer in the phytosanitary field. Prior to joining the IPPC Secretariat, she was involved in phytosanitary inspection at seaports and bilateral consultations on plant protection in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan.</p> <p>Maki has master's and bachelor's degrees in agriculture from the Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. She speaks English and Japanese.</p>
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	<p>Camilo BELTRAN MONTOYA Agricultural Officer P3</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ) E-mail: Camilo.BeltranMontoya@fao.org</p>	<p>Camilo Beltrán Montoya is a Colombian engineer in Agriculture and holds a master's degree in plant protection.</p> <p>Camillo is currently responsible for coordinating the Steering Group on Pest Outbreak and Alert Response Systems. In his previous assignments, he coordinated the phytosanitary component of a joint project between IPPC and the FAO food safety unit to deliver Phytosanitary Capacity</p>

		<p>Evaluations (PCEs) in nine African countries. He has facilitated PCEs in a few countries, provided technical support for IPPC Secretariat activities related to Fusarium TR4 and supported the coordination of the FAO/IPPC Technical Working group for Spodoptera frugiperda.</p> <p>Camilo has prior experience as a plant health international officer at the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, which is a regional plant protection organization. He specialized in plant health, pesticide registration, and regional initiatives targeting pests such as citrus Huanglongbing and Fusarium TR4. Camilo has also worked at the NPPO of Colombia, where he supported the establishment and certification of the phytosanitary status and regulated pests list.</p> <p>Camilo is fluent in English and Spanish</p>
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Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation

	<p>Fitzroy WHITE Phytosanitary Specialist (part-time)</p> <p>Based in: Jamaica E-mail: Fitzroy.White@fao.org</p>	<p>Fitzroy leads the implementation of activities related to Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCE) and was the PCE facilitator for Barbados, St. Lucia, Fiji, Mongolia and Nepal. He supports the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) team on PCE and coordinates reviewing of PCE modules and improvement of the PCE tools.</p> <p>Fitzroy has a wealth of experience in plant health, from 27 years working in the Plant Quarantine Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture in Jamaica. He has also served on various national and international committees on plant health.</p> <p>He has a post graduate diploma in managing agriculture and rural development from the University of the West Indies and from the College of Agriculture in Portland, Jamaica, and an Associates of Science degree in agriculture.</p> <p>Fitzroy is currently completing a master's degree in Tropical Crop Protection from the University of the West Indies.</p>
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	<p>Riccardo SILIGATO Phytosanitary Support Specialist</p> <p>Based in: Rome E-mail: Riccardo.Siligato@fao.org</p>	<p>Riccardo coordinates the phytosanitary capacity evaluation (PCE) results and related training courses to ensure concrete impact in recipient countries, in the framework of the project “Strengthening food control and phytosanitary capacities and governance”.</p> <p>Riccardo has a Master of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology, a Ph.D. in plant genetics from the University of Helsinki, specialising on phytohormones, and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Food Law, with a thesis on “Risk analysis and food safety”.</p> <p>Before joining the IPPC, Riccardo worked as a project officer in the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, on issues related to food fraud, food safety, traceability and digital innovation. He has also previously worked in Brussels as policy advisor and stakeholder representative for farmers and their agri-cooperatives (Copa-Cogeca), focusing on scientific files such as food safety, nutrition, labelling, quality and promotion. Prior to that, Riccardo worked in the Chief Scientist Office (research and food policies) and the Plant Health Unit (priority plant pests) at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).</p> <p>He speaks English, French and Italian.</p>
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