



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
	Director NPPO of The Netherlands	Corné van Alphen
	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	TBC: Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat / IPBES
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	TBC: Wendy Beltz (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine)

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