



Near East Plant Protection Organization

36th Technical consultation among RPPOs
From 1st to 4th October 2024
Panama

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What about NEPPO?



- » The Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO) is an **intergovernmental organization** responsible for international cooperation in plant protection in the Near East and North Africa region
- » The NEPPO is a platform for **member countries** to develop and implement a **regional strategy** and **standards of plant protection**.

Encouraging international & regional cooperation to support plant protection and enhance capabilities

- » Pest control in sound ways



- » Prevent the entry & spread of pests



- » Facilitating & encouraging regional & international trade exchange



Goals

- » Understand and implement **international standards** for phytosanitary measures
- » **Facilitating** commercial **exchanges** by making available legal texts related to phytosanitary measures,
- » **Enabling countries** to take necessary measures to prevent the entry of new pests, destroy them, or limit their damage (the importance of early detection)
- » Promoting the **use of safe, effective** and **modern pest control** methods (IPM control), to reduce the negative impact on humans, plants and the environment, especially on water resources.
- » **Cooperation** and **coordination** to enhance phytosanitary measures and support efforts to prevent the introduction or spread of pests.
- » Establishing regional **phytosanitary measures standards**.
- » Assess **pest risks** and develop scientific measures



Member countries البلدان الأعضاء



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|------------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Morocco | المغرب | 7. Jordan | الأردن |
| 2. Algeria | الجزائر | 8. Syria | سوريا |
| 3. Tunisia | تونس | 9. Iraq | العراق |
| 4. Libya | ليبيا | 10. Oman | سلطنة عمان |
| 5. Egypt | مصر | 11. Pakistan | الباكستان |
| 6. Sudan | السودان | 12. Kingdom Saudi Arabia | المملكة العربية السعودية |

الهيكل التنظيمي Structure of NEPPO

President

Mr. Abdallah Mohamed Al KHURJI
(Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Vice President

Mr. Dris BARIK (Kingdom of Morocco).

Governing Council

Consists of all Member States, acts as the supreme body of the Organization. Meet once every two years

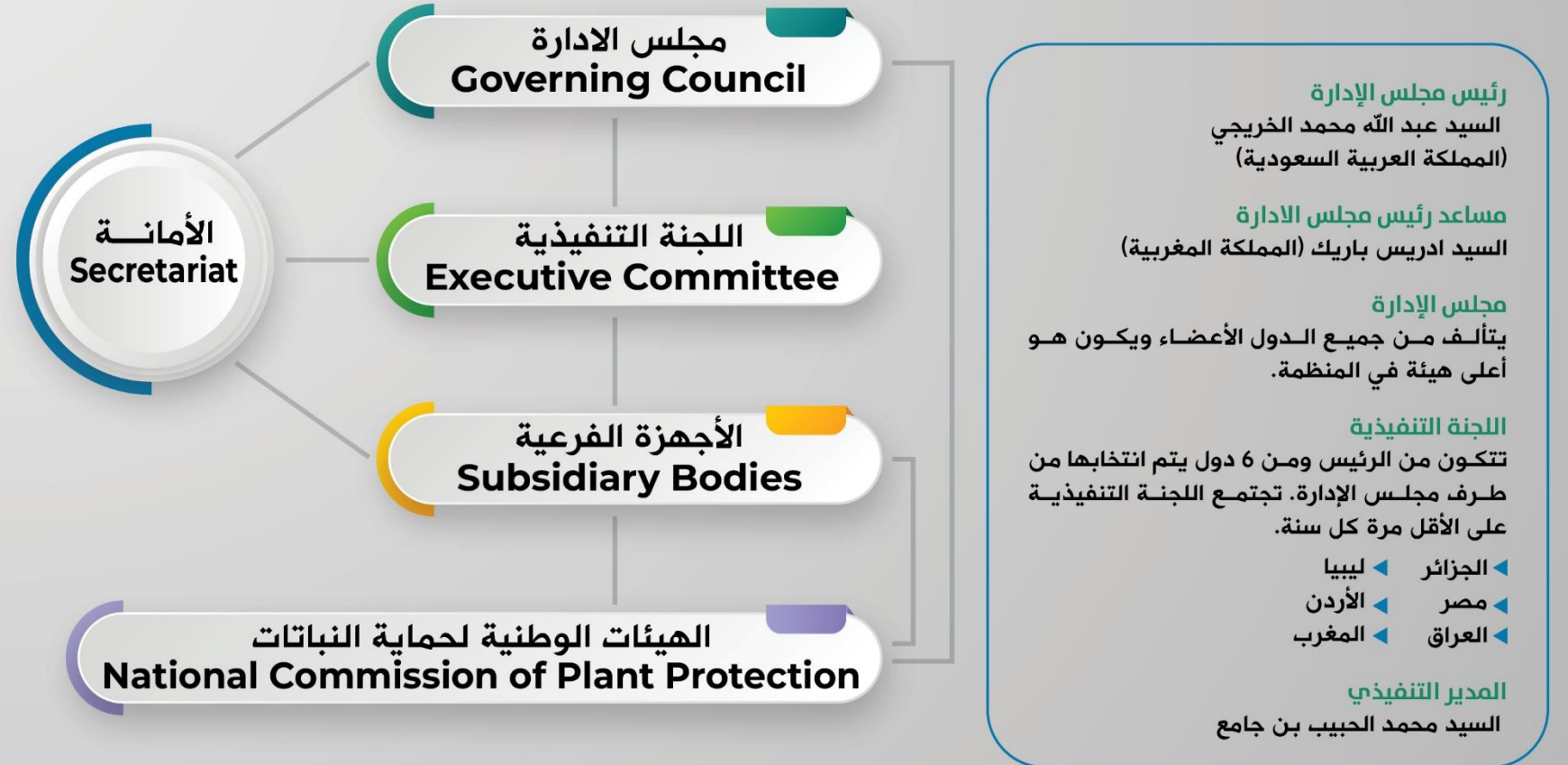
Executive Committee

Six countries elected in principle rotation. Meets at least once a year.

- ▶ Algeria ▶ Libya
- ▶ Egypt ▶ Jordan
- ▶ Iraq ▶ Morocco

Executive Director

Mr. Mohamed Habib BEN JAMAA



Secretariat

Executive Committee

Executive Director

Scientific coordinator

Assistant

Logistics

Financial service

Graphism

Web site

Pesticides management
and their alternatives

Quarantine and transboundary
pest management

Capacity Building

Standards development

Specialized Working
Groups

Working Groups of NEPPO

01

WG: Management of Pesticides and their alternatives
Head of the WG: Baha Borhane from Syria



02

WG: Capacity building
Head of the WG: Mohamed Majdy Moahmed Abdelhamid from Egypt



03

WG : Management of Quarantine and Transboundary Pest
Head of the WG: Lassaad Medhioub from Tunisia



04

WG : Standards
Head of the WG: Nader El Badry from Egypt



Raising awareness and coordinating capabilities are key success of NEPPO. In this context these working groups are preparing:

- » the work program for the years 2025-2026
- » the initial and strategic activities for the period 2025-2035 of the organization.

The first meeting will be held in Tunisia (Hammamet) from 5 to 8th November 2024

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NEPPO

About us

The Organization for Plant Protection in the Middle East (NEPPO), a regional intergovernmental organization encourages cooperation, within the framework of the International Convention on Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), in particular its Article IX establishing regional organizations in the protection of plants. It is a platform for member countries to develop and implement a regional strategy and standards for the protection of plants. Since its entry into force January 9, 2009, 11 countries participate actively. Three countries signed the Agreement but have not yet ratified

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NEPPO Meetings

All NEPPO events

02/06/2021	Governing Council 2-3 June 2021
16/10/2018	Governing Council
19/10/2016	Governing Council meeting
19/04/2016	The FAO-IPPC-CIHEAM International Workshop on Xylella fastidiosa successfully held in Bari, Italy

Main activities of NEPPO in 2024



Executive Committee Meeting of NEPPO (virtual meeting) 14 May 2024 Rabat (Morocco)



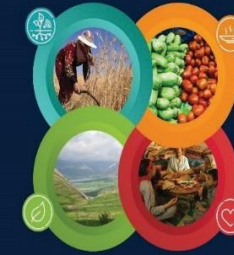
Had participated at the meeting:

- » Pr. BEN JAMAA Mohamed Habib, Executive Director of the Organization,
- » Dr. EL ALOUALMA Amani and Ing. AL-AWAD Imad (Jordan)
- » Ing. BEN GHAZI AL-SHOMARI Nayef, Ing. AL-MUTAIRI Talal, Ing. AL-KHEREIJI Mohamed (Saudi Arabia),
- » Dr. KAFU Ali (Libyan representative to FAO),
- » Ing. HAYEK Rania (Lebanon),
- » Ing. Mohamed Guesmi (Mauritania),
- » Dr. Nader ALBADRY (Egypt), representative of the NEPPO in the Standard Committee

The aim of this meeting was to discuss activities of NEPPO, mainly:

- » The specialized working groups,
- » The region's experts in the specialized teams of the International Plant Protection Convention,
- » The Arabic Language / International Plant Protection Convention review team,
- » The program African Phytosanitary Program,
- » Meetings/activities organized by the NEPPO or in which the organization participated

37th Session FAO Regional Conference for the Near East NERC37 Amman (Jordan): 4-5 March 2024.



37th Session
FAO Regional Conference
for the Near East
#NERC37

The NEPPO was invited by the FAO-RNE, to participate to the 37th Session FAO Regional Conference for the Near East.

The Executive Director of NEPPO presented the NEPPO, its objectives and activities. Furthermore, this event was an opportunity to encourage the non-members countries to be partnership in the NEPPO.



African Phytosanitary Program

The APP started at the end of 2023 and is funded by USDA & APHIS, other donors for the period 2023-2026
The NEPPO is member of the Implementation Committee of the Project.

- » The APP groups 54 African countries divided in 5 subregions, namely North Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa, Central Africa and West Africa.
- » The subregion North Africa includes Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt. Countries of NENA Region participate according to the following Agenda :
 - 2023-2024: Morocco and Egypt.
 - 2024-2025: Algeria and Tunisia.
 - 2025-2026: Mauritania and Libya
- » The Africa Phytosanitary Program (APP) is a continuously expanding resource hub to provide African countries with advanced tools to prevent, detect, and manage significant plant pests and diseases

- » For this program, Algeria and Tunisia proposed 5 main pests to be studied

1. Red Palm Weevil
2. Fall Army Worm
3. Tephritidae
4. *Xylella fastidiosa*
5. Cochineal of Cactus



Commission Phytosanitary Measures (CPM18) 15-19 April, 2024 Rome (Italy)



The meeting was held on Tuesday 16 April 2024, at 13:00 to 14:00 (Rome time) in Queen Juliana Room, (B324), FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

The meeting traits three aspects:

- » 1/ Updates of NEPPO: Pr. BEN JAMAA Mohamed Habib (Executive Director – NEPPO)
- » 2/ FAO Regional Strategy for Transboundary Plant Pests in the NENA Region: Case of RPW Management Strategy: Dr. YASEEN Thaer (Regional Plant Protection Officer, FAORNE)
- » 3/ Plant Health in KSA: Ing. ALKURIJI Mohammed Abdullah (Head of the Phytosanitary sector (WEQAA, KSA).

Other subjects regarding the region were discussed as:

- » Regional IPPC Workshop arrangement
- » NENA Representation in CPM, IC, SC, and technical committees
- » » Regional Coordination

Pre-CPM Virtual Meeting 2024 – Tuesday 2 April, 2024

Within the framework of the preparations of the countries of the Near East and North Africa to attend the activities of the CPM18. The Near East Plant Protection Organization organized an online preparatory meeting on April 2nd, 2024 (10:00-12:00 Rabat time - Morocco).

This meeting aimed to enhance constructive participation by reviewing the agenda items and discussing common issues among the countries of the region in order to reach consensus on a unified regional position aimed at achieving the interests of the countries of the Near East region.

» Seven countries of the region participated to this virtual meeting: KSA, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Pakistan, Oman, Jordan

» The meeting includes 5 presentations :

1. The Best practices for an active and beneficial participation in the CMP meeting by Dr. ABDELMOTALEB Ahmed, representative of the Region in the IC-Development Committee,

2. The most important standards topics in the CPM18 by Dr. ALBADRY Nader, representative of the Region in the Standard Committee,

3. The most important implementation topics in the CPM18 by Dr. ABDELMOTALEB Ahmed, representative of the Region in the IC-Development Committee,

4. Review of the CPM18 Agenda and the most recommendations by BEN JAMAA Mohamed Habib, Executive Director of NEPPO,

5. Consultation meeting of the representatives of countries of the Region on the CPM18 side event by Pr. BEN JAMAA Mohamed Habib, Executive Director of NEPPO. 3 Near East Plant Protection Organization Bull

Members of NEPPO in IPPP Commissions

CPM Bureau Members

- » Mr. BARIK Dris (Morocco) (2026 – CPM20)

Potential Replacements Members / CPM Bureau

- » Mr. MOHAMED Ayed (Syria)
- » Mr. ALIANE Youssef (KSA)

Standards Committee Membership and Potential Replacements

- » Mr. ELBADRY Nader (Egypt)
- » Mr. MOHAMED Ayed (Syria)
- » Ms. Amani El Aloualma (Jordan)
- » Mr. SAYED MUZZAMIL Hussain (Pakistan)

Potential Replacements / Standards Committee

- » Mr. BARIK Dris (Morocco)
- » Mr. ALMUTAIRI Talal (KSA)



IPPC Committees



Dr. ALBADRY Nader (Egypt), representative of the NEPPO in the Standard Committee (SC).

Standard Committee (SC) Meeting: FAO-Rome 6-10 May, 2024



Dr. ABDELMOTALEB Ahmed (Egypt), representative of the NEPPO in IC

Implementation Committee (IC) Meeting: FAO-Rome 13-17 May, 2024

Nomination of expert to work within IPCC Commissions

Event: The CPM Focus Group on Climate Change
NENA experts :

- » Mr. Ali Al-Adawi from (Oman).
- » Ms. Asma Mohamed Emad (Egypt)



Event: the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
Expert in entomology : Mr. Ahmed Abdelwahab from Egypt

**Red Palm Weevil in the countries of
the Near East and North Africa**



Agricultural Minister's Conference of the Date Producing and Processing Countries. Integrated Management of Red Palm Weevil – Follow-up Evaluation Project of “The International Authority for Oases Sustainable Development”:
Abou Dhabi 26-27 February 2024.



Regional meeting on strategies for prevention, early detection and control of Red Palm Weevil in the countries of the Near East and North Africa:

24-25 June 2024, Hammamet (Tunisia)

This meeting aims to:

- » Promote regional cooperation among participating countries.
- » Present the state-of-the-art technologies in countries of the region: country experiences in monitoring, early detection, and control of RPW.
- » Present the regulations and guidelines for the movement of infested palms within the country and between countries and improve the knowledge of stakeholders on the national phytosanitary legislation of RPW.
- » Enhance the implementation of phytosanitary (quarantine) measures for the movement of planting materials.
- » Improve the final protocols for the production of certified date palm propagation materials.
- » » Formulate harmonized control strategies and common action plans for RPW



Wrap-up meeting of the Regional Project for the Management of the Red Palm Weevil (GCP/RNE/012/MUL)

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 28 to 29 October 2024.

This meeting aims to: review the project’s achievements, outcomes, and the exit strategy,

This meeting will be attended by: representatives of the NENA countries, project national focal points, and representatives from donor countries, as well as experts, members of the project management committee, and partners.

The ED-NEPPO, will deliver a presentation on **“Guidelines for Phytosanitary Measures to Prevent the Spread of the RPW”**.

Partners

1	ACSAD	Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)
2	ADAFSA	Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, United Arab Emirates
3	AOAD	Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
4	CIHEAM Bari	Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Italy
5	ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas
6	ICBA	International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
7	IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
8	KACST	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
9	KFU	King Faisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
10	MEWA	Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
11	NARS	National Agricultural Research Systems in NENA countries
12	NEPPO	Near East Plant Protection Organization
13	MAF, OMAN	Plant Protection Research Center, Ministry of Agric. and Fisheries, Sultanate of Oman
14	PRS	Phoenix research station on date palm and oasis agriculture, Spain
15	Uni. of Naples	University of Naples, Italy



Standards development



Workshop on International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

July 10th & 11th 2024 (Rabat, Morocco) at the headquarters of NEPPO

The main goals of this workshop were:

- » Understanding the importance of the ISPMs and raise the level of technical teams and workers in plant protection.
- » Proposing recommendations from member countries to develop new phytosanitary measures adapted to the region.
- » Working on standards specific to countries in the region
- » Translating standards into Arabic and contribute of the countries for the translation
- » Working on the Online Comment System (OCS) / application and adding comments



Digital Technology in Plant Health and Trade

2024 IPPC Regional Workshop for the Near East and North Africa (NENA) Region

From 5 to 8 August 2024 (Rabat, Morocco)

- » The executive director of NEPPO highlighted the commitment of the organization to supporting the implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).
- » NEPPO conducts various activities aimed at improving understanding and compliance with these standards.
- » NEPPO pointed the importance of the training workshops to build the capacity of member countries in addressing ISPMs effectively.
- » NEPPO stressed the importance of ISPMs as a unified reference for all plant health measures:



- These standards serve as a critical foundation for ensuring that plant protection activities are consistent and effective across different countries.
- The unified nature of these standards helps to harmonize measures, facilitating international cooperation and trade.
- The need for continuous efforts to educate stakeholders about the importance of ISPMs and to strengthen the capacity of countries to implement these standards.
- Such efforts are essential for achieving the overarching goals of plant health and protection in the region

NEPPO – EPPO joint activity



The previous 35th Technical consultations among RPPOs, was an opportunity for NEPPO and EPPO to discuss some joint activities. In this context, a contingency plans workshop as a very practical simulation exercise will be organized in Tunisia from 26 - 28 May 2025

Contingency plans aim to ensure a rapid and effective response to a pest outbreak. It is likely that some plant health professionals have never had the opportunity to test a contingency plan in a contingency/simulation exercise.

The purposes of the workshop will be to:

- » Simulate the experience of a plant health emergency,
- » Experiment with responses to an emergency,
- » Test whether relevant contingency plans are available and adequate,
- » Test availability and relevance of other resources, e.g. EPPO guidance,
- » Provide experience in communicating key messages during an emergency,
- » Learn why and how to develop contingency plans,
- » Learn how to carry out an emergency response exercise.

The Organizing Committee includes:

- » **NEPPO**
- » **EPPO**
- » **FAORNE**
- » **FAO, Tunisia**

The next 37th technical consultations among RPPOs

According to John F. Gilmore, the next 37th technical consultations could be organized by NEPPO
 I propose that the 37th technical consultations will be in Rabat (Morocco) but I will discuss with the executive committee if any country from the NEPPO would host the event

Technical Consultations among RPPOs (TC-RPPO) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson since 2011

(Updated on 2024-March 12)

TC-RPPO	Year	Place, dates	Chair	Vice-Chair
23 rd	2011	Hanoi, Vietnam 28 August- 2 September 2011	Mr Yongfan PIAO (APPPC)	Mr. Roy MASAMDU (PPPO)
24 th	2012	Nandi, Fiji 27- 31 August 2012	Mr Josua WAINIQOLO (PPPO)	Ms Maria Ines ARES (COSAVE)
25 th	2013	Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay 26 - 30 August 2013	Ms Maria Ines ARE (COSAVE)	Mr. Jimmy RUIZ BLANCO (OIRSA)
26 th	2014	Antigua, Guatemala 10 – 14 November 2014	Mr Jimmy RUIZ (OIRSA)	Ms Christina DEVORSHAK (NAPPO)
27 th	2015	Memphis, Tennessee, USA 2 – 6 November 2015	Ms Stephanie BLOEM (NAPPO)	Mr Mekki CHOUIBANI (NEPPO)
28 th	2016	Rabat, Morocco 14-18 Nov 2016	Mr Mekki CHOUIBANI (NEPPO)	Mr Martin WARD (EPPO)
29 th	2017	Paris, France 30 October – 3 November 2017	Mr Martin WARD (EPPO)	Mr Jean Gérard MEZUI M'ELLA (IAPSC)
30 th	2018	Lima, Peru 29 October-2 November 2018	Mr Camilo BELTRAN MONTOYA (CAN)	Mr Jean Gérard MEZUI M'ELLA (IAPSC)
31 st	2019	Abuja, Nigeria 20-25 October 2019	Mr Jean Gérard MEZUI M'ELLA (IAPSC)	Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA)
32 nd	2020-2021	Virtual	Ms Juliet GOLDSMITH (CAHFSA)	N/A
33 rd	2021	Virtual	Mr Visoni TIMOTE (PPPO)	N/A
34 th	2022	Virtual	Mr Diego QUIROGA (COSAVE)	N/A
35 th	2023	Bogota, Colombia 24-27 October 2023	Ms Stephanie BLOEM (NAPPO)	N/A
36 th	2024	Panama City, Panama 1-4 October 2024	Mr Carlos Urias (OIRSA)	N/A



Thank you for your attention



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