

### 9.3 IPPC Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation

#### Proposed changes of the submission forms and the criteria for the justification and prioritization of proposed topics

- [1] The chairperson of the Task Force on Topics (TFT) presented some changes to the submission form used for the Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation and to the criteria for the justification and prioritization of proposed topics, which were being proposed by the TFT following CPM-18 (2024). The TFT chairperson also presented a submission form to be used for the call for IPPC Observatory topics for studies and surveys, following the decision by CPM-18 (2024) that this call would be included in the IPPC Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation. Both the criteria and the two forms had been revised by the TFT following feedback from CPM governing and subsidiary bodies.
- [2] In response to the written interventions,<sup>1,2</sup> the CPM considered proposals for some minor amendments to the submission forms, including the addition of text to explicitly clarify that “subjects” (developed by technical panels) do not require submission of a draft specification; and the modification of “country” to “contracting party” in the wording to ensure consistency.

#### Task Force on Topics reflection and relevance

- [3] The SC chairperson and IC vice-chairperson presented a paper prepared by the SC chairperson and IC chairperson (not the committees themselves), which offered some reflections on the relevance of the TFT and potential ways to streamline the process of adding topics to the IPPC work programme. The paper proposed that the TFT be disestablished and the biennial call for topics be replaced with an ongoing call for all types of topics.
- [4] The CPM recognized calls to pause the current process for adding topics to the IPPC work programme but noted that a careful assessment of resources should be carried out.
- [5] The CPM:
- (1) *discussed* the pertinence of the TFT in the current context of resource pressures;
  - (2) *discussed* the potential of an open call for topics, and temporarily suspending the current biennial cycle;
  - (3) *agreed* to pause for two years the currently agreed process of using the Taskforce for Topics to review new topic submissions and make recommendations to CPM on the addition of topics to the SC and IC work program and their priority (as described in Annex 2);
  - (4) *agreed* that topics submitted during the currently scheduled 2025 call for topics: standards and implementation, and those submitted during the 1 year of open call for topics, be submitted directly to both the SC and IC for their review and prioritization on a trial basis, as described in Annex 2, and if supported, later recommended to CPM for addition to the work programme;
  - (5) *encouraged* the SC and IC to prepare for the review of topics submitted during the 2025 call for topics, by establishing appropriate structures; and
  - (6) *agreed* that the bureau after the 2-year trial period assesses the new process and presents results to CPM-21 (2027) with a proposal for future steps.

### 17 Science session on One Health

- [6] A science session aimed to strengthen plant health's role in One Health by providing scientific evidence and fostering cross-sectoral collaboration. Following opening remarks by FAO Deputy Director General, Beth BECHDOL, key speakers from FAO, WOA, UNEP, WHO, CBD and Codex Alimentarius presented, alongside national and regional case studies showcasing practical One Health

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<sup>1</sup> CPM 2025/INF/21.

<sup>2</sup> CPM 2025/CRP/04.

approaches. The session emphasized the importance of breaking down silos and promoting integrated action across plant, animal, and human health sectors.

## **20. Update on communication activities**

- [7] The secretariat presented an update on implementation of the IPPC Communications Strategy 2023–2030, highlighting key achievements in 2024.<sup>3</sup> These included increases in social media engagement, publications produced and subscriptions to the IPPC newsletter, as well as exhibitions on the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH: see agenda item 20.1) and during the week of CPM-18 (2024).
- [8] The CPM chairperson noted the importance of communication activities as a crucial part of plant health awareness raising.
- [9] The CPM:
- (7) *noted* the update on the implementation of the IPPC Communications Strategy 2023–2030; and
  - (8) *thanked* the efforts of the secretariat.

### **20.1 Update on International Day of Plant Health**

- [10] The secretariat presented an update on the IDPH in 2024,<sup>4</sup> the theme of which had been “Plant Health, Safe Trade and Digital Technology”. Secretariat activities had included a hybrid high-level event and an interactive exhibit at the FAO headquarters as well as a digital campaign. In addition, more than 60 countries and organizations worldwide had observed the IDPH through various events and seminars. The theme for 2025 will be “The Importance of Plant Health in One Health”.
- [11] The CPM praised the success of the IDPH in 2024 and stressed the need to collaborate with national and international stakeholders, enhance visibility of the theme in 2025 and associated resources across the IDPH website and International Phytosanitary Portal.
- [12] The CPM:
- (9) *noted* the update on the International Day of Plant Health 2024.

### **20.2 Update on the IPPC regional communications network**

- [13] The secretariat presented an update on plans for an IPPC regional communications network.<sup>5</sup> Since CPM-18 (2024), the secretariat had shared plans for the network with the bureau and the thirty-sixth TC-RPPO, and feedback from the latter had been discussed at the 2024 SPG meeting. Former members of the CPM Focus Group on Communications had also been consulted on how to address the feedback. The bureau had subsequently agreed that the secretariat would conduct a survey of NPPOs’ communication needs and follow this up with consultative meetings with NPPOs.
- [14] The CPM:
1. *noted* the update on the regional communications network.

### **21.2 Update on international cooperation**

- [15] The secretariat presented a report highlighting the main cooperative activities with international organizations, research and academic organizations, RPPOs and FAO Subregional and Country Offices in 2024.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> CPM 2025/39.

<sup>4</sup> CPM 2025/40.

<sup>5</sup> CPM 2025/41.

<sup>6</sup> CPM 2025/43.

[16] The CPM:

(10) *noted* the report on the 2024 international cooperation activities.

### **21.3 Written reports from international organizations**

[17] The following international organizations provided written reports:<sup>7</sup>

- CAB International;
- Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes;
- Committee Linking Entrepreneurship-Agriculture-Development;
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture;
- International Association of Horticultural Producers;
- International Forestry Quarantine Research Group;
- International Grain Trade Coalition;
- International Pest Risk Research Group;
- International Seed Federation;
- International Seed Testing Association;
- Joint FAO/IAEA Centre of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture;
- Ozone Secretariat for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;
- Standards and Trade Development Facility;
- World Bank;
- World Customs Organization;
- World Shipping Council and Global Shippers Forum; and
- World Trade Organization.

[18] The CPM:

(1) *noted* the reports from international organizations.

## **22. Memberships and potential replacements for the CPM Bureau, Standards Committee and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee**

### **22.1 Membership and potential replacements for the CPM Bureau**

[19] The secretariat provided the CPM with the list of current bureau members and replacement members, together with a list of nominated bureau members and potential replacement members.<sup>8</sup>

[20] The CPM:

- (2) *elected* Samuel BISHOP (United Kingdom) as the chairperson for the bureau;
- (3) *elected* Dris BARIK (Morocco) as the vice-chairperson for the bureau;
- (4) *elected* members for the bureau from FAO regions not represented by the chairperson and vice-chairperson as presented in CPM 2025/CRP/12\_Rev2; and
- (5) *elected* bureau replacement members from each region as presented in CPM 2025/CRP12\_Rev2.

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<sup>7</sup> CPM 2025/INF/04; CPM 2025/INF/05; CPM 2025/INF/06; CPM 2025/INF/07; CPM 2025/INF/08; CPM 2025/INF/09; CPM 2025/INF/10; CPM 2025/INF/11; CPM 2025/INF/12; CPM 2025/INF/13; CPM 2025/INF/14; CPM 2025/INF/15; CPM 2025/INF/16; CPM 2025/INF/17; CPM 2025/INF/20; CPM 2025/INF/23; CPM 2025/INF/24.

<sup>8</sup> CPM 2025/45.

## 22.2 Membership and potential replacements for the Standards Committee

[21] The CPM was invited to confirm the membership and potential replacements for the SC.<sup>9</sup>

[22] The CPM:

- (6) *noted* the current membership of the SC as presented in Annex 1A of CPM 2025/46 and the potential replacements for the SC as presented in Annex 1B of CPM 2025/46;
- (7) *confirmed* new members<sup>10</sup> and potential replacements for the SC, and the order in which potential replacements will be called upon for each region, as presented in CPM 2025/CRP/12\_Rev1; and
- (8) *acknowledged* the contributions of the members of the SC who had left the SC in 2024 and the first quarter of 2025:
  - China, Xiaodong FENG,
  - Chile, Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE,
  - Congo, Alphonsine LOUHOARI TOKOZABA,
  - Costa Rica, Hernando Morera GONZÁLEZ,
  - European Union, Harry ARIJS, and
  - United States of America, Marina ZLOTINA.

## 22.3 Membership and potential replacements for the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee

[23] The secretariat invited the CPM to confirm the membership and potential replacements for the IC.<sup>11</sup>

[24] The CPM:

- (9) *confirmed* the IC membership, as well as the replacement members and the order in which the replacement members will be called upon for each region, as presented in CPM 2025/CRP/12\_Rev2;
- (10) *acknowledged* the contribution of the following former members of the IC:
  - Lalith Bandula KUMARASINGHE (New Zealand),
  - Elizabeth McCRUDDEN (Australia), and
  - Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE (Chile).

[25] On behalf of the CPM, the IPPC Secretariat officer-in-charge thanked the former and outgoing members of the bureau, the SC, the IC and the CPM Focus Group on Sustainable Funding of the IPPC ePhyto Solution.

## 23 Any other business

### Concerns of COSAVE countries regarding interceptions of live insects in wood packaging material

[26] COSAVE countries presented a paper that had noted their concern regarding the high increase in the interception of live insects in sealed wood packaging material and noted its relevance with the

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<sup>9</sup> CPM 2025/CRP/12\_Rev2.

<sup>10</sup> The European Union and 26 of its member states, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada disassociate themselves from the confirmation of the Russian Federation membership in the Standards Committee.

<sup>11</sup> CPM 2025/44.

implementation of ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*) and invited the CPM to take note of this concern.<sup>12</sup>

- [27] To this concern, the secretariat noted significant interest in ISPM 15 guides, the use of ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) in reducing infestations, and announced the near complete of two treatment guides for wood packaging material, to be developed by a dedicated working group. The secretariat also reported plans for further language translations of ISPM 15 guides.
- [28] The CPM noted the proposal to consider whether this issue regarding wood packaging material should be a focus for further discussion and considered including it as an item within the 2025 SPG meeting.

### **Planned approach for the systems approach workshop**

- [29] Canada proposed a systems approach workshop for CPM 2025<sup>13</sup>, building upon previous science sessions and side events. A revised concept note outlined the workshop's objectives and intended outputs. The workshop aims to improve understanding of Systems Approaches, including lessons learned and challenges, and aims to enhance collaborative engagement and increase awareness of relevant tools.
- [30] The 4-5 day workshop is intended for NPPOs, RPPOs and industry representatives and would also include field visits.
- [31] The CPM noted the strong interest in the workshop and received multiple offers from contracting parties and international organizations to host the workshop, including Chile (on behalf of COSAVE countries) Mexico, Indonesia and Latvia.
- [32] The CPM agreed to hold the workshop in 2025 and that an organizing committee, in conjunction with the bureau, would be formed to arrange the workshop. The CPM noted the strong interest from some CPs and international organizations to join the organizing committee.
- [33] The CPM recognized the contribution from Canada of CAD 118 000 to support the facilitation of the workshop. IICA had also offered technical, organizational and potential financial support. Some contracting parties called for further funding to be added to the IPPC systems approach tool, and further training.
- [34] The CPM further noted the importance of regional collaboration and experience sharing and noted the recommendation to increase focus on ISPM 14.

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<sup>12</sup> CPM 2025/INF/22.

<sup>13</sup> CPM 2025/INF/25.