

# MINUTES OF THE CPM FOCUS GROUP ON GLOBAL PHYTOSANITARY RESEARCH COORDINATION (VIRTUAL MEETING)

27 May 2025, 11:00–13:00, Rome Time

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

### 1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination (FG-GPRC) was convened by the IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”).

## 2. Meeting arrangements

### 2.1 Adoption of the agenda

- [2] The focus group adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).

## 3. Administrative matters

### 3.1 Meeting reports and action list

- [3] The secretariat proposed to streamline the meeting reports to a brief and efficient reporting method: summary minutes and an action list that will be sent out within 24-hours post-meeting. The focus group welcomed this streamlined approach.

### 3.2 Meeting schedules and attendance

- [4] The focus group discussed that as their April meeting was cancelled last minute due to a majority of members being unavailable, it was needed to revisit the frequency of meetings in order to meet the deadline of submitting their report to the CPM-20 (2026).
- [5] They agreed to meet bi-weekly and review the possibility of an in-person meeting, if necessary. The secretariat highlighted the need to plan if an in-person meeting is required and it would need to be held later in the year (November) to put together the final report in time for the CPM.
- [6] The secretariat reminded the focus group members that as per the terms of reference of the focus group, attendance at the meetings is mandatory and each member signed and submitted a statement of commitment along with their nomination.

## 4. Focus Group work programme

### 4.1 Review of the February discussion paper

- [7] The focus group reviewed the discussion paper from their February meeting including the remaining comments from three members which were all addressed.
- [8] The focus group agreed on appropriate terminology and reworded some parts of the document for clarity and removed vague or redundant points.
- [9] They also discussed and included broader research scopes (e.g., weeds, taxonomy) and clarified the use of terms like 'plant protection' and 'plant health'.

### 4.2 Selection of research networks

- [10] **Selection of research networks and criteria.** As several focus group members who had requested further time to review and score the research networks were not present at this meeting, the members

present agreed to give more time to those members particularly recalling the inputs from the African representative and that a network from that region could be the third network to explore more in-depth.

- [11] They agreed that due to the deadlines, the list of research networks as of the next meeting should be considered final.
- [12] **Invitation of experts to focus group meetings.** The focus agreed to invite an expert from Euphresco and STAR-IDAZ for in-depth engagement. The chairperson proposed to invite these representatives to the June / July meetings respectively.
- [13] The paper with the questions to ask the invited experts when they join the meetings was presented and the focus group reviewed the questions and made minor edits to enhance clarity and inclusivity.
- [14] The focus group requested to notify the experts that the meetings will be recorded for internal purposes only to consult the recording, if some members cannot attend the meeting(s).
- [15] The secretariat confirmed that the invited experts can participate multiple times in meetings but are not formal members of the group.

#### **4.3 Final report to the CPM**

- [16] The secretariat informed the focus group that after consultation with colleagues, the Climate Change Focus Group report is the only one that could be used as structural model.
- [17] The focus group discussed and agreed that the current discussion paper that is being developed could serve as base for the final report to CPM. Cheryl DOLLARD (Canada) agreed to begin the initial drafting of the report with this paper as the outline.



#### **4.4 Update to the CPM bureau**

- [18] The secretariat and chairperson drafted the update paper that is to be presented to the CPM bureau during their June meeting. The focus group reviewed the paper and were asked to submit any further comments to the secretariat by the of the week.
- [19] The changing membership and the lack of regional representation in the focus group was raised as particular challenges by members and the group asked the bureau representative to raise these points during the June bureau meeting.

#### **5. Next meeting**

- [20] The next meeting will be held on 10 June 2025.

**Appendix 1: Agenda (virtual meeting) 27 May 2025**

Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter(s)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>		
1.1	Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	--	IPPC Secretariat
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda	01_FG-GPRC_2025_May	Chair
<b>3.</b>	<b>Administrative Matters</b>		
3.1	FG meeting reports - Structure and content	--	IPPC Secretariat
<b>4.</b>	<b>Focus Group work programme</b>		
4.1	Follow up on the discussion paper with points for consideration from the last meeting	 <a href="#">02_FG-GPRC_2025_Feb_Discussion points for focus group.docx</a>	COLLINS / ALL
4.2	Selection of research networks	 <a href="#">IPPC_FG_-_Research Network Information longlist_2025-03-25.xlsx</a>	AVESKAMP / ALL
4.3	Invited experts	<a href="#">02_FG-GPRC_2025_Apr</a>	DOLLARD / ALL
4.4	Example of final report to the CPM	<a href="#">Link to the Scientific review of the impact of climate change on plant pests</a>	IPPC Secretariat
<b>5.</b>	<b>Update to CPM bureau paper</b>	Link to paper	Chair/All
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	-	Chair
<b>6.</b>	<b>Closing of the meeting</b>	-	Chair

**Appendix 2: Participant list**

	<b>Participant role</b>	<b>Name, mailing address, email address</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	CPM Bureau representative	<b>Glenn PANGANIBAN</b> Director, Bureau of Plant Industry and Concurrent Program Director of the National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program of the Department of Agriculture Philippines	✓
2	RPPO representative	<b>Saliou NIASSY</b> Coordinator of Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (AU-IAPSC)	
3	RPPO representative	<b>Olga TIKKA</b> Director-General of European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)	
4	RPPO representative	<b>Rashid Hamdan Saif AL-SHIDI</b> Head of Plant Protection Research Center Oman (representing Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO))	✓
5	NPPO representative	<b>Susie COLLINS</b> Assistant Secretary, Plant Health Policy Plant Protection and Environmental Biosecurity Division Australia	
6	NPPO representative	<b>Cheryl DOLLARD</b> Director, Plant Intelligence, Research and Laboratory Services Canada	✓
7	NPPO representative	<b>Philippe REIGNAULT</b> Head of the Plant Health Laboratory & Scientific Director in charge of Plant Health – ANSES France	✓
8	NPPO representative	<b>Maikel AVESKAMP</b> Senior Policy Advisor, Plant Health The Netherlands	✓
9	Expert	<b>Takashi FUJIKAWA</b> Principal Scientist, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization Japan	✓

**IPPC Secretariat**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Aoife CASSIN</b> IPPC Programme Specialist	✓

**Appendix 3: Action list**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Update paper to the CPM Bureau June meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus group to give final review</li> </ul>	ALL	<b>30 May</b>
Invited experts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate changes to the paper based on this meeting</li> <li>Draft the email to the invited experts</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheryl</li> <li>Secretariat</li> </ol>	<b>2 June</b>
Selection of research networks [excel longlist] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add new research networks to this list from missing regions (Europe, Near East, Africa)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Olga, Rashid, Saliou</li> </ol>	<b>10 June</b>
Discussion paper from the February meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept all changes and use this paper as the outline for the final report to CPM</li> </ul>	Cheryl	<b>24 June</b>