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Update on Standards Committee activities and the Standard Setting Unit of the IPPC Secretariat)

4.3. 2025 IPPC Regional Workshops Meeting



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Introduction – Role of the Standards Setting Unit (SSU)

- **Coordinates** the development of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) recommendations.
- **Supports** the Standards Committee (SC), Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7), Technical Panels (TPs), and Expert Working Groups (EWGs).
- **Provides** technical guidance to help contracting parties implement the IPPC Strategic Framework.



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Standard Settings Unit Staff



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- Overall coordination of the SSU



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- TPDP, TPCS, CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid



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- TPG, TPPT and ISPM 5 , CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers



Colleen Stirling
SSU Phytosanitary Specialist
(in-kind contribution)

- Support CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers, TPPT, and TPDP



Aixa Del Greco
SSU Specialist (consultant 60%)

- Coordination of Language Review Groups for adopted ISPMs



Giulia Gaviano
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- Logistics, travel, expenditures of all SSU meetings



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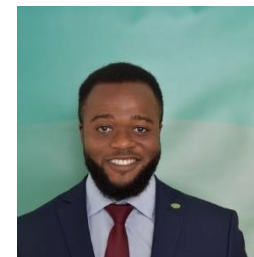
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- Support of SSU tasks



Planned Standard Setting Unit work in 2025

Standards Committee Meetings

- **SC May:** 12-16 May 2025 – FAO HQ, Rome (concluded).
- **Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7):** 19-22 May 2025 – FAO HQ, Rome (concluded).
- **SC November:** 17-21 November 2025 – FAO HQ, Rome.



Technical Panels

- **TP Commodity Standards (TPCS):** 09 – 13 June 2025, Auckland New Zealand
08- 12 December 2025 – Rome, Italy
- **TP Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT):** 16-20 June – Yokohama, Japan.
- **TP Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP):** 21-25 July 2025 - Angers France
- **TP Glossary (TPG):** November 2025 – dates to be confirmed.





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Standards Committee (SC) - 12th to 16th May 2025





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Draft ISPMs – Approved by SC May 2025 (First Consultation)

Draft ISPMs

- Draft annex International movement of fresh *Musa spp.* fruit (2023-028) to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*)
- Draft annex International movement of fresh *Colocasia esculenta* corms (2023-023) to ISPM 46

Draft specifications

- Draft specification: Annex *Remote audits* (2023-031) to ISPM 47 (*Audit in the phytosanitary context*);
- Draft specification: Revision of ISPM 12 (*Phytosanitary certificates*) (2023-020); and
- Draft specification: Revision of ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) (2023-014).



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Draft ISPMs – Approved by SC May 2025 and SC-7 2025 (Second Consultation)

Draft ISPMs

- Draft revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010);
- Draft annex *Field inspection* (2021-018) to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*).

Draft annexes to ISPM 28

- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033)



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Draft Diagnostic Protocols – Approved by SC for DP Notification Period

DP notification period: 01 July – 15 August (45-day notification period*)

Draft Diagnostic Protocols (DPs)

- *Meloidogyne mali* (2018-019), Annex to ISPM 27
- *Pospiviroid* species (2018-031), Annex to ISPM 27

* 45-day notification period prior adoption of diagnostic protocols annexes to ISPM 27



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Other SC related Issues

Call for Topics – New Process & Timeline

- The SC agreed on a timeline for reviewing topic submissions during the ongoing 2025 IPPC Call for Topics.
- Emphasize the trial of a year-round call (instead of biennial), with an assessment due in 2027.
- Useful to remind contracting parties and RPPOs to submit topics early so they can be reviewed in the SC's November meeting.

Future of ISPMs – Small Working Group Formed

- SC created a working group to explore accessibility, complexity, and plain language in ISPMs.
- A discussion paper is being developed for IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG) 2025.
- Suggest engaging participants to provide regional perspectives on ISPM clarity and usability.



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Thank you

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