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Identification of IPPC implementation issues to be shared with the IC

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Implementing International Plant Protection Standards: Challenges and Solutions

- The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is a vital **intergovernmental treaty** established in 1951 to **protect the world's plants, agricultural products, and natural resources from pests**.
- With **185 contracting parties**, the IPPC develops and promotes International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (**ISPMs**) to safeguard global **food security**, facilitate **safe trade**, and **protect the environment**.
- This presentation explores how **IPPC Regional Workshops** could contribute to identify **IPPC implementation challenges** faced by countries.





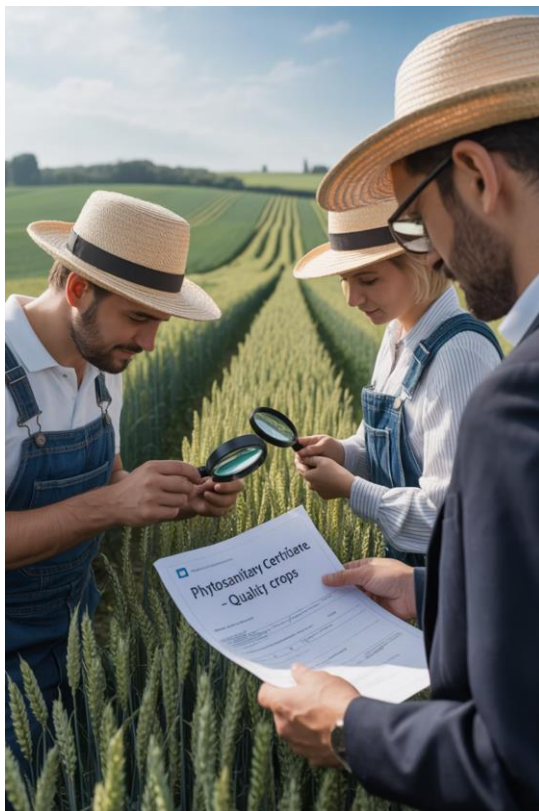
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The Critical Role of International Standards (ISPMs)



Scientific Foundation

ISPMs ensure that national or regional-level plant protection **measures are scientifically justified**, encouraging fair trade while preventing the use of **unjustified barriers to trade**.

Comprehensive Coverage

The **46 ISPMs**, **31 Diagnostic Protocols**, and **45 Phytosanitary Treatments** address critical issues including **pest surveillance**, **risk analysis**, **wood packaging regulations**, **inspection protocols**, and international movement of seeds and wood.

Trade Facilitation

Standards like ISPM 7 guide countries in developing **export certification** systems to produce valid **phytosanitary certificates**, confirming that plant consignments meet importing country requirements.



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IPPC Secretariat: Supporting Global Implementation

The IPPC Secretariat **facilitates the implementation** of the convention and the **application of harmonized standards**. It supports contracting parties in **developing and strengthening their phytosanitary systems** and technical capacity through various initiatives:

Developing plant health **standards** through collaborative structures

Creating **e-learning courses** and producing **guides**

Promoting knowledge exchange and **information sharing**

Providing forums for **discussion and coordinated action**





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Implementation & Capacity Development Support

The IPPC places strong emphasis on **technical assistance to facilitate implementation** of the Convention, particularly for developing countries. The **Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)** develops, monitors and oversees an integrated programme to support the IPPC implementation and strengthen the phytosanitary capacity of contracting parties.



Infrastructure Enhancement

Strengthening plant protection infrastructures of NPPOs through targeted **technical support and resource development**.



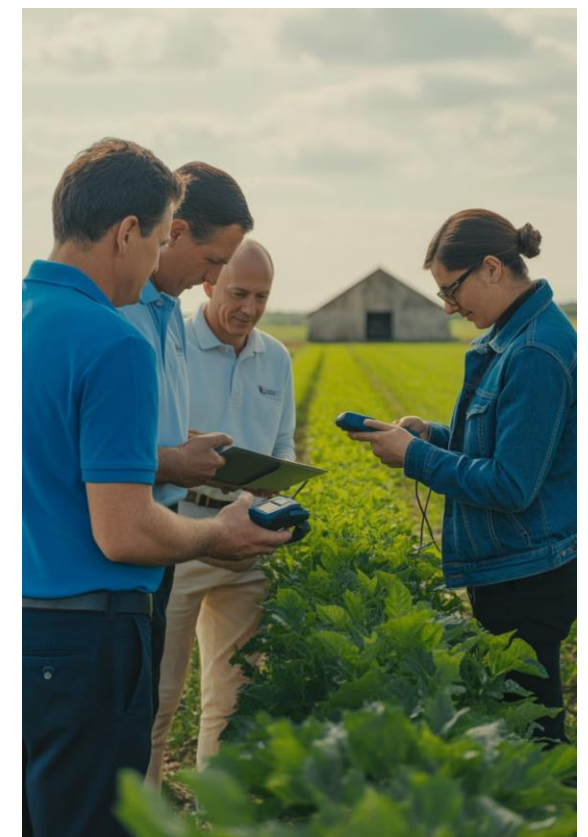
Dispute Avoidance

Promoting **preventative measures and clear communication** channels to minimize trade disputes related to phytosanitary measures.



Legislative Enhancement

Assisting contracting parties in updating their **plant health legislation** to align with international standards and best practices through the PCE process.





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Regional Workshops: Identifying Implementation Challenges

IPPC Regional Workshops serve as critical forums for identifying **implementation challenges** and **exchanging ideas** between NPPOs), RPPOs, FAO offices, and the IPPC Secretariat.

IPPC Regional Workshops have been restructured to be more interactive and collaborative, allowing the IPPC Secretariat to **better understand NPPOs' concerns** and promote **synergies between all stakeholders**.



Key Workshop Objectives

- Enhancing **phytosanitary capacity**,
- Review **ISPMs and specifications** in consultation, Promoting **technical resources** to support **IPPC and ISPMs implementation**,
- Raising awareness about the **IPPC Community's activities**.

More focus on implementation challenges

The 2025 workshops will allow time for discussions on **implementation challenges faced by countries** to inform **future guide and training material** development.



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Implementation Challenges: From Theory to Practice

While ISPMs are recognized as **high-quality technical standards**, their practical application often presents **challenges for contracting parties**.

Despite inclusive **consultation processes**, it can be difficult to identify implementation obstacles before countries **attempt to apply the standards in real-world situations**.

The IC provides oversight to activities delivered by the IPPC Secretariat to **address these challenges**.



Implementation Attempt

Countries work to apply standards
in their national context



Challenge Identification

Practical difficulties emerge
during implementation



Regional Workshop Discussion

Challenges shared and
analyzed collectively

Guide/Training material Development

development of supporting materials
to address identified challenges





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Moving Forward : Call for Topics 2025

Considering the open **Call for Topics for standards and implementation**, regions are invited to engage with countries participating in the 2025 IPPC regional workshops to highlight specific challenges encountered in effectively implementing ISPMs.

This process involves identifying **implementation issues based on practical, concrete cases** that could become the subject of **topic submissions** for the development of updating **IPPC guides or training materials**.

1 Identify Specific Standards

Participants are encouraged to identify particular ISPMs that present implementation difficulties in their NPPO activities.

2 Document Concrete Challenges

Collect detailed information about practical obstacles encountered during implementation attempts.

3 Propose Solutions

Suggest potential approaches or resources that could help overcome identified challenges.

4 Submit topic proposals

Formally submit well-documented implementation issues for consideration in developing future guidance materials.



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Regional discussion on implementation issues

Open discussion :

What are the difficulties you encounter in implementing the convention (IPPC) and the ISPMs?



“Participants are encouraged to be **specific in identifying implementation challenges faced by** to help the IC to effectively take **appropriate actions**”.



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