



Standard Setting Unit (SSU) Staff

INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC)

STANDARD SETTING UNIT (SSU) STAFF

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TECHNICAL STAFF – Regular Programme posts



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<u>Unit lead for standard setting</u>: Management of the standard setting unit including staffing, budgeting and resources mobilization. Management coordination of standard setting activities (Standards Committee (SC), technical panels, expert working groups and other ad-hoc meetings) as well as relevant input into the CPM, SPG and Bureau meetings.

<u>Liaison</u>: liaison with relevant organizations and other stakeholders, including WTO-SPS Committee, CBD, PMRG, IMO, WCO, UNECE, IFQRG, WOAH, WFP, FAO Joint IAEA and SPS Technical Assistance.



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Standard setting: Support to the overall of standard setting activities. Secretariat coordinator and lead for the IPPC Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP), Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS), CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid and Laboratory Diagnostic Networking. IPPC coordinator for CPM Recommendations process, support to the Standards Committee (SC), and several other SSU topics and working groups. Input into IPPC Governance and outreach material.

IPPC Secretariat gender focal point to the FAO NSP gender group.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – Regular Programme posts



Giulia GAVIANO

Standard Setting Unit Assistant:

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<u>Standard Setting and Administration</u>: Administrative support to the organization of meetings, virtual meetings and webinars, quality management and SOPs. Focal point for the Online Commenting System (OCS). Provision of input to outreach material.

Coordination of Non-staff HR rosters and Procurement activities.

Support to the coordination of the SC and other related activities.

CONSULTANTS – Trust funds or regular programme budget



Marina MARTINO

Phytosanitary Standard Setting Specialist 100%

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<u>Standard setting</u>: Technical support to the IPPC Standard Setting Unit work programme.

Support to the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP), Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS), CPM Focus Group on Diagnostic Laboratory Networking and CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid.

Assist with the meetings of the IPPC Standards Committee (SC), including preparation of final texts for publication.



Emmanuel Plarhar KRAH

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Standard Setting: Support in the organization and undertaking of the SC. Support in maintaining the IPPC automated calls and management of the Online Commenting System (OCS).

Update and maintain the List of Topics for IPPC Standards (LOT) and the Framework for Standards and Implementation.

Facilitate and provide evaluation tools for the IPPC meetings (surveys, statistics, etc.)

Support the coordination of the IPPC Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation.



Daniel Lorenzo TORELLA

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Standard Setting: Support in the organization and facilitation of regional and international IPPC meetings, in particular the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7), the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG), the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT), the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers, and the IPPC regional workshops.

Translation liaison for the SSU.



Aixa DEL GRECO

Standard Setting Unit Specialist: 60%

Based in: Rome (home-based) **E-mail**: Aixa.DelGreco@fao.org

<u>Standard Setting</u>: ISPMs' Language Review Groups (LRGs) process coordination (4 FAO languages). Responsible for ink amendments implementation (all 6 FAO languages).

Responsible for finalization and online publication of adopted ISPMs and CPM recommendations (all 6 FAO languages).

Support to the TPG activities.



Karen ROUEN

Consultant (Editor): 75% SSU,

25% other units

Based in: United Kingdom

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Standard setting: Scientific copy-editor of IPPC standard setting documents, in particular ISPMs, CPM Recommendations and meeting reports. Report writer for Standards Committee and other meetings.

Other units: Copy-editor and report writer.

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Mariam ALMASRI

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Communication Specialist: 50% SSU, 50% IST

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Standard Setting: Communication support to the overall standard setting activities, such as the Standards Committee (SC) and Technical Panels, through the development of strategic communication and advocacy materials. Liaison with the videographer and graphic designer to produce standard setting communication products. Contribution to visibility of IPPC standard setting processes and outcomes across web and social media channels. Input into IPPC outreach materials related to standard setting.



IST: Management of the IPPC official social media accounts, including content creation, campaign implementation, and oversight of multimedia production in coordination with Monitoring and evaluation of OCC. performance communication analytics and quarterly reporting on social media and website trends. Contribution to the organization and communication coverage of IPPC events and webinars, including the CPM Annual Sessions, International Day of Phytosanitary Health (IDPH), and CPM Bureau meetings. Development of web content to support knowledge management and enhance visibility of IPPC activities. Coordination of communication networks. including the IPPC Community of Practice and the IPPC Regional Communications Network. Support to the coordination of technical consultations among regional plant protection organizations (TC-RPPOs) and IPPC Regional Workshops.



Levon RUKAVISHNIKOV

IPPC Programme Specialist: 100% APP

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Standard setting: Assistant coordinator for the IPPC Regional Workshops 2025, general support for standard setting process, supporting the planning, organization, and scheduling of SSU meetings. Contributor to drafting, reviewing, and formatting IPPC documents, including reports, briefs, and meeting notes. Content manager for the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP), ensuring SSU-related information is current and accessible. Responsible for uploading and verifying meeting agendas and reports on the IPP. Provide financial advice and support to the African Phytosanitary Programme.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS: IN-KIND (PAID BY COUNTRIES OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS)



Colleen STIRLING

Standard Setting Unit Specialist

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In-kind contribution from Australia

Standard setting: Supporting the work of the (CPM) Focus Group on Sea Containers, including provision of Secretariat support. Provide guidance and support countries to carry out sea container surveys in accordance with the IPPC Guidelines on Sea Container Surveys for National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs). Support countries to engage their national contact points of the International Maritime Organization to implement sea container cleanliness initiatives.

TPPT



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In-kind contribution from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Standard setting: Supports the IPPC's ongoing work on strengthening plant protection infrastructures, standard setting and implementation with a focus on new and revised standards for phytosanitary treatments. Supports the work of the CPM Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination (FG-GPRC).