

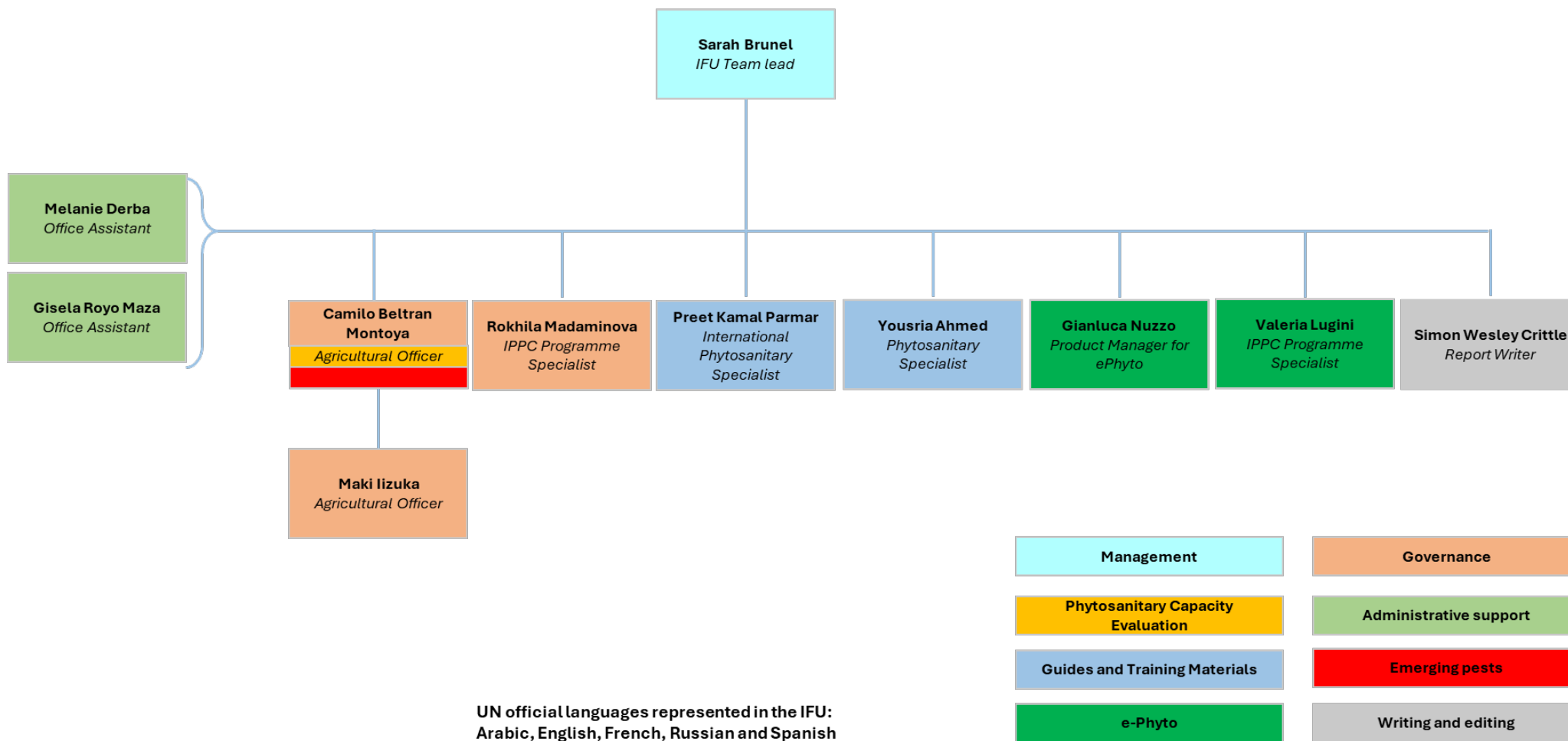


IMPLEMENTATION AND FACILITATION ORGANIGRAMME

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU)

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	<p>Gisela ROYO MAZA Temporary Office Assistant</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ) E-mail: Gisela.RoyoMaza@fao.org</p>	<p>Gisela has joined the IPPC as Temporary Office Assistant, where she provides a wide range of administrative support to the Implementation and Facilitation Unit and other teams when needed.</p> <p>She is not new in FAO, where she has worked for two years as Office Assistant in the Investment Center (Near East, North Africa, Europe and Central Asia). Prior to joining FAO, she has worked for over two decades for an Italian import company as administrative assistant.</p> <p>She is a national of Spain and holds a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Valencia. She spent one year studying at Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza with an Erasmus scholarship. She has been living in Italy since 1997.</p> <p>Her mother tongue is Spanish and she is fluent in English and Italian. She has an intermediate level in Catalan and basic level of German.</p>

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	<p>Camilo BELTRAN MONTOYA Agricultural Officer P3</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ)</p> <p>E-mail: Camilo.BeltranMontoya@fao.org</p>	<p>Camilo Beltrán Montoya is a Colombian engineer in Agriculture and holds a master's degree in plant protection.</p> <p>Camilo is currently responsible for coordinating the Steering Group on Pest Outbreak and Alert Response Systems, manage the National Reporting Obligations (NROs) and support the implementation of Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCEs). He coordinates the phytosanitary component of a joint project between IPPC and the FAO food safety unit to deliver Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCEs) in eleven African countries. He has facilitated PCEs in Cambodia, Kenya, and the Seychelles, provided technical support for IPPC Secretariat activities related to Fusarium TR4, and contributed to developing tabletop exercises for this disease. At the IPPC Secretariat, Camilo has also worked as an International Phytosanitary Specialist, overseeing the development of guidelines for prevention, preparedness, and response for Fusarium TR4. Additionally, he has organized webinars on the diagnosis and surveillance of Fusarium TR4 and supported the coordination of the FAO/IPPC Technical Working group for Spodoptera frugiperda.</p> <p>Camilo has prior experience as a plant health international officer at the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, which is a regional plant protection organization. He specialized in plant health, pesticide registration, and regional initiatives targeting pests such as citrus Huanglongbing and Fusarium TR4.</p> <p>Camilo has also worked at the NPPO of Colombia, where he supported the establishment and certification of the phytosanitary status and regulated pests list. Camilo is fluent in English and Spanish</p>
	<p>Maki IIZUKA Agricultural Officer</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ)</p> <p>E-mail: Maki.Iizuka@fao.org</p>	<p>Maki leads the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) team on Contributed Resources. She also coordinates the revision of the IPPC Procedure Manual for Implementation and Capacity Development and supports the development and publication of resources on implementation and capacity development. Maki is responsible for updating content on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) on the IPPC's work on implementation and supporting communications activities.</p> <p>Maki has seven years of working experience as a plant protection officer in the phytosanitary field. Prior to joining the IPPC Secretariat, she was involved in phytosanitary inspection at seaports and bilateral consultations on plant protection in the</p>

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	<p>Rokhila MADAMINOVA IPPC Programme Specialist</p> <p>Based in: Rome (HQ)</p> <p>E-mail: Rokhila.Madaminova@fao.org</p>	<p>Rokhila is the IFU lead for the IPPC Observatory and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Subgroup on IPPC Observatory. She coordinates the implementation and monitoring of IFU phytosanitary activities and projects and co-leads the IC Team on Projects. Additionally, Rokhila is the IFU focal point for communication activities and publication of implementation and capacity development resources.</p> <p>She prepares reports for the IC meetings held every in May and November, and leads the 19th session Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) session dedicated to successes and challenges in implementing IPPC, ISPMs, and CPM recommendations.</p> <p>Prior to joining the secretariat, Rokhila worked for the International Development Law Organization in Rome and for the South Caucasus and Central Asia Bulletin in Edinburgh, Scotland.</p> <p>Rokhila has a Master of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from the Central European University. She speaks English, Russian, and Uzbek.</p>

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	<p>Yousria AHMED Phytosanitary Specialist</p> <p>Based in: Egypt E-mail: Yousria.Ahmed@fao.org</p>	<p>Yousria is a Phytosanitary Specialist with over 17 years of experience in plant pathology, phytosanitary measures, molecular diagnostics, and food safety. She serves as a Plant Quarantine Officer and Consultant for the Plant Quarantine Directorate in Port Sudan and is an active member of the Plant Quarantine Experts Committee. Her areas of expertise include leading diagnostic laboratories, diagnostic protocols adoption, conducting pest risk analyses, national pest list updates, training staff and university undergraduates, and contributing to national phytosanitary policy development.</p> <p>She previously headed the Plant Quarantine Laboratory at KRT Airport under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, where she led diagnostic operations and lab rehabilitation, and played a key role in capacity-building efforts within the plant health sector and cross-border agricultural inspections.</p> <p>Yousria joined the IFU in July 2025. Her work focuses on supporting the development and review of technical materials, enhancing the quality of Arabic IPPC documents, improving the content of the International Phytosanitary Portal. She is involved in analyzing national reports, addressing implementation challenges, developing tools for pest outbreak response, refining pest survey protocols, and organizing regional workshops in the Near East and North Africa.</p>

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