



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

October, November and December 2025

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Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) latest developments

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Following the IC November meeting where implementation work progressed in key topics such as the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCEs), the [IPPC Plant Health Campus](#), the upcoming Third IPPC general survey (2026), the [IPPC ePhyto Solution](#) and Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System (POARS) as communicated in the relevant [piece of news](#), the Bureau approved five experts and three replacement experts for the IC membership. The updated membership list will be submitted to CPM-20 for confirmation.

Capacity development tools, ePhyto and the CPM Focus Group

Pest outbreak alert and response system (POARS)

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By the end of 2025, POARS has issued two [IPPC pest alerts](#), including one on *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ubense* Tropical Race 4 following its confirmed detection in Ecuador, and one on *Rhizoctonia theobromae*, thereby sharpening early global awareness of emerging pests. In parallel, with the mandate of the current POARS Steering Group concluding in February 2026, the CPM Bureau reviewed and endorsed Terms of Reference for the new POARS Steering Group in line with the CPM-19 decision. Following this, the Secretariat issued a [call for experts](#) on 19 December 2025, with nominations to be reviewed by the Bureau, which will confirm the Steering Group's composition. Dedicated technical work on *R. theobromae* will be undertaken following the Bureau's approval, at its October meeting, of a dedicated Expert Working Group. A [call for experts](#) was issued accordingly. Information hubs are envisaged for other emerging pests to support structured knowledge sharing and follow-up. The Bureau also approved the concept of the Plant Health Innovation Fair at CPM-20, which brings together climate science, POARS, and smart plant health solutions. Following this decision, a [call for submissions to participate in the Plant Health Innovation Fair at CPM-20](#) was launched. POARS activities are supported by the [EU Support to the IPPC Strategic Framework and Workplan project](#).

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

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No meetings of the IC Team on PCE were held during this period. During November and December 2025, implementation of ongoing Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluations (PCEs) continued without major issues. Lao PDR, Pakistan and Viet Nam (TCP/RAS/4002 – FAO Asia Office), as well as Mali (self-funded), remain in the implementation phase under Modality B (Facilitated without secretariat support), with national teams progressing on data consolidation, validation of assessment findings, and internal consultations to support completion of modules. PCEs will be undertaken in Cameroon, DRC, Gabon, Chad and Central African Republic. In addition, new requests for PCE were received from Eritrea, Guatemala, Panama and Togo. Modalities and funding sources are yet to be confirmed.

ePhytoContact: [Gianluca Nuzzo](#)

For the ePhyto updates, please visit the [IPPC ePhyto Solution - PROGRAMME UPDATES](#) page. The next update is scheduled to be published in January 2026.

One HealthContact: [Rokhila Madaminova](#)

24 Nov. The CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the Context of One Health met to discuss and agree on the next steps for completing the preliminary study on plant health in the context of One Health. Following the presentation of the desk and literature review to the Strategic Planning Group meeting in October 2025 and the feedback received, the focus group agreed that the FAO Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) staff working on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and One Health, will take the lead on the further steps of the study, to be ready for the review and input of the focus group in early 2025. The study will be released as a joint NSP-IPPC publication.

Climate Change and Phytosanitary IssuesContact: [Camilo Beltran Montoya](#)

During October - December 2025, work under the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues progressed from awareness-raising to consolidating technical outputs. A successful webinar series on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues was held in October 2025, attracting over 500 participants worldwide and featuring experts from leading institutions. The recording and presentations were posted on the [IPP](#). Focus group members are preparing inputs to embed climate change-related considerations into the ongoing revision of pest risk analysis (PRA) activities. The focus group's mandate is expected to conclude in March 2026.

IC Subgroup, Teams & Working Groups**IPPC Observatory**Contact: [Rokhila Madaminova](#)

14 Oct. The subgroup reviewed and approved several strategic documents related to the IPPC Observatory, including the final version of the concept note for the Third IPPC General Survey. The subgroup reviewed the 2025 workplan, approved the workplan for 2026 and considered the NPPO of Australia's new topic submission to the IPPC Observatory: *a survey on the current regulatory status and use of phytosanitary systems approaches to facilitate safe trade in plant products (2025-012)*. The IC agreed to review the topic in its May 2026 meeting, to be able to reflect the IPPC Global Workshop on Systems Approaches outcomes in its assessment.

E-commerceContact: [Rokhila Madaminova](#)

10 Nov. The IC Team on E-commerce met at the side of the IC November 2025 meeting to progress on its tasks. The agenda for the meeting included review and approval of the roadmap for Phase 2 of the IPPC Strategic Framework Development Agenda Item on Management of e-commerce and courier mail pathways, which was developed based on the recommendations stemming from the 2025 IPPC Observatory Study on E-commerce. The IC team made some adjustments to the roadmap and agreed to present it to the IC for review and note, to be forwarded to CPM-20 (2026) for approval. The IC team also agreed that the investment prospectus for this DAI would be finalized with the study recommendations and roadmap, subject to CPM's approval of the roadmap for Phase 2.

Risk-based inspection guideContact: [Preet Parmar](#)

16 Oct. The working group for the Risk-based inspection guide discussed timelines and next steps for the finalization of the guide. The group agreed to review an initial draft by early December and finalize the guide in early 2026.

Communications

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Twelve (12) announcements have been published to inform the IPPC community about the following: [Surveys on antimicrobial use move to InFARM system](#); [Pest Alert – Rhizoctonia theobromaea](#); [Pest Alert – Fusarium TR4](#); [Experimental report on Fusarium TR4 by Comunidad Andina](#), new publications including *Phytosanitary systems and agricultural development* (in [English](#) and [French](#)) and [Guidance on how to integrate gender and youth in phytosanitary capacity evaluations](#); new translations of guide such as *Guide to participating in the CPM* (in [French](#) and [Spanish](#)); and new translations of e-learning courses namely *Emergency preparedness for plant pest outbreaks* (in [French](#)), *Conducting a phytosanitary capacity evaluation* (in [Spanish](#)) and *Working with a national plant protection organization* (in [Spanish](#)). In addition, two news items were published on: [Launch of IPPC simulation game on pest prevention and response](#) and the [IC November meeting](#).

Upcoming meetings and events

Date	Events
4-6 March 2026	Bureau meeting
9-13 March 2026	CPM-20