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## 1. Opening of the meeting

### 1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The Chair of the CPM FG-CCPI opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. He introduced the Secretariat staff who is now supporting the FG-CCPI on behalf of the IPPC Secretariat.

## 2. Meeting arrangements

### 2.1 Election of the rapporteur

- [2] Erika MANGILI ANDRÉ volunteered to act as rapporteur for the meeting. Bastian HESS offered to serve next time, ensuring coverage for upcoming meetings.

### 2.2 Adoption of the agenda

- [3] The FG-CCPI adopted the agenda as shown in Appendix 1, with the financial status added as AOB.

## 3. Administrative matters

- [4] The participant list is presented as Appendix 2 to this report.

## 4. Actions item review

- [5] The FG-CCPI reviewed the action items from previous meetings. Key updates included:

Coordination with FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division (PSU)	The FG-CCPI noted that a meeting with PSU to explore synergies, particularly around Farmer Field Schools, was still pending. The representative from FAO OCB confirmed her availability to follow up on this, and IPPC Secretariat will support this coordination.
Webinar speakers and topics	The FG-CCPI reviewed items related to securing speakers for the upcoming 2025 FG-CCPI webinars (see item 5)
Fact sheets	The FG-CCPI highlighted the need to standardize and finalize fact sheets under Agenda Item 6. The Secretariat will continue tracking progress under action items until completed.
Facilitators for webinars	The representative from Near East and North Africa confirmed he will facilitate the first webinar session. The FG-CCPI is still seeking a second facilitator for the next session.
Budget transparency	The representative from Europe reiterated the importance of having clarity on the budget remaining for activities such as interpretation, printing, and additional webinars.
CPM Bureau reporting	The IPPC Secretariat confirmed that the update to the CPM Bureau was delivered in June 2025. This item was marked as closed.

## 5. Continuing discussion on 2025 webinar topics (October 2025)

- [6] The FG-CCPI discussed speaker confirmations and the overall structure of the upcoming webinars, as described below.

Speaker confirmation and thematic coherence	The FG-CCPI reviewed the status of speaker invitations and agreed on the urgent need to finalize speaker details to maintain thematic coherence and ensure gender and regional balance. The group emphasized that all presentations should maintain a strong linkage to climate change to support the webinar's central theme.
Confirmed / tentative speakers	The FG-CCPI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that the speaker on citrus greening from Brazil has been confirmed.</li> <li>Confirmed the speaker from Ghana for the biocontrol session, scheduled for 2 October at 14:00 CET.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed two potential speakers from EFSA; the IPPC Secretariat will follow up with a recent request regarding a presentation on priority pests.</li> <li>Agreed that the representative from FAO OCB will contact a recommended expert from CGIAR/SEAD to confirm interest and relevance.</li> <li>Noted that the representative from Near East and North Africa will confirm the name, title, and contact details of the proposed surveillance expert from Syria to speak about the impact of climate change on <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>.</li> <li>the presentation's title is still pending.</li> </ul>
Timeline for speaker information	The FG-CCPI agreed that all members should submit speaker titles and names by 18 July 2025. This deadline will allow time to assess alignment across presentations and identify any gaps or redundancies.
Concept note and agenda	The IPPC Secretariat will prepare a draft concept note and preliminary agenda, outlining objectives of the webinar series, structure of the two sessions, provisional list of speakers, titles, and assigned timeslots. This document will be circulated for review and input by all members before being finalized and shared with confirmed speakers.
Facilitation	The representative from Near East and North Africa confirmed his role as facilitator for the first session of the webinar. The group will identify a facilitator for the second session at the next meeting.
Structure and Duration	The FG-CCPI agreed on 3–4 speakers per session, 15–20 minutes per speaker, adjusted based on topic relevance. 20 minutes allocated for Q&A at the end of each session. This structure is meant to ensure a dynamic pace while allowing for meaningful discussion.

[7] The FG-CCPI *agreed* that:

- Speakers must be confirmed (name and title) by 18 July 2025.
- A draft concept note, and agenda will be prepared and circulated by the IPPC Secretariat for review.
- The IPPC Secretariat will lead communication with confirmed speakers and provide guidance as needed.
- Each speaker will be encouraged to explicitly link their presentation to climate change and phytosanitary issues.

## 6. Continuing discussion on factsheets

[8] The FG-CCPI continued its discussion on the development and standardization of the factsheets, which are intended to enhance awareness and visibility of the impact of climate change on plant health and related phytosanitary issues. Several key points were raised:

- Several draft factsheets are under review, including those on *Xylella* and fall armyworm. The representative from North America noted that she had provided comments on the *Xylella* draft and suggested aligning its title and format with that of the fall armyworm factsheet for consistency.
- The FG-CCPI emphasized the need to finalize a standardized template for all factsheets. This includes harmonizing structure, visual identity, and the level of technical detail, to ensure coherence and facilitate future communication and outreach.
- The representative from Latin America and the Caribbean stressed that factsheets should focus on key messages and decisions rather than replicate full meeting discussions or extensive technical literature. The goal is to ensure the fact sheets are concise, accessible, and relevant to a broad audience, including policymakers and NPPO staff.

- The IPPC Secretariat confirmed that internal coordination will take place with FAO's communication unit to align the factsheets with FAO's visibility and publication standards.

[9] The FG-CCPI:

- *agreed* to continue reviewing and refining existing drafts and will aim to finalize a standardized format by the next meeting. Members were invited to provide input on content and layout based on their areas of expertise.

## 7. FG-CCPI member updates

[10] The representative from Asia reported on a national plant protection workshop attended by over 100 participants in Nepal. He shared content from IPPC's strategic framework related to climate change. He committed to sharing a brief report and proceedings. He was requested to develop training materials for agro-input traders in Nepal.

## 8. Any other business

### 8.1 Budget discussions

[11] The topic of financial resources was raised by the representative from Europe, who inquired about the availability of funds to support potential additional activities, such as extended webinar services (e.g. interpretation), layout and printing of factsheets, or other outreach tools. He noted that while the FG-CCPI had previously conducted a successful webinar series, it would be helpful to understand how much funding remains from the donations and whether the FG-CCPI could afford to expand or enhance planned activities. The IPPC Secretariat, provided the following clarification:

- The FG-CCPI is a technical body established to provide strategic and thematic guidance on phytosanitary issues related to climate change. It does not hold budgetary or financial role according to the [FG-CCPI-ToRs](#).
- FAO, as an international organization, operates under defined procedures for financial accountability, particularly for donor-driven interventions. Budgetary reports and related matters are handled through formal processes. These are governed by FAO's Financial Rules and Regulations.
- Within the IPPC framework, financial oversight is managed by the IPPC Financial Committee. Any concerns or questions related to funding can be raised to that committee.
- While the FG-CCPI is not involved in financial decision-making, members were assured that the Secretariat would continue to seek resource optimization and provide transparency within the limits of its advisory mandate.

[12] In response, the representative from Europe noted that, in the absence of specific financial reporting to the FG-CCPI, it could be assumed that there were no immediate budgetary restrictions. Based on this assumption, he suggested that the FG-CCPI could consider options such as adding interpretation services to webinars or producing printed versions of the factsheets. The IPPC Secretariat clarified that while the FG-CCPI has no direct visibility over the financial allocations, this does not imply an absence of budgetary restrictions. Rather, all

financial matters are subject to FAO's internal rules and procedures, particularly in the context of donor-driven interventions.

- [13] No action item was recorded for this agenda item. Budget-related issues, if needed, should be referred to the Bureau or the IPPC Financial Committee.

## 8. Next Date and arrangement of the next meeting

- [14] Next meeting will be held on 29 July 2025. A provisional date of 16 September 2025 was agreed upon, pending confirmation in August.

### 8.1 Action Item Summary:

Action	Responsible	Status / Notes /Deadline
Organize meeting with FAO-PSU regarding FFS and Action Plan Item 4.5	FAO OCB representative	Pending
Confirm EFSA and EFSA-priority pest speakers	IPPC Secretariat	In progress
Contact CGIAR-SEAD for webinar speaker	FAO OCB Representative	In progress
Finalize facilitators for second webinar session	Chair / Members	Pending
Provide overview of budget for remaining activities	IPPC Secretariat	For next meeting
Document Nepal workshop as part of FG-CCPI outreach efforts	Asia representative	In progress
Track fact sheet review and finalize template	Secretariat	Ongoing
Submit speaker titles and names	All FG-CCPI Members	By 18 July 2025
Prepare draft concept note and preliminary agenda	IPPC Secretariat	Mid-July
Review and provide feedback on agenda	All Members	Following circulation
Confirm facilitator for second session	Chair / Members	Before next meeting
Confirm speakers from CGIAR	FAO OCB Representative	ASAP
Provide expert details from Syria	Near East and North Africa representative	ASAP

- [15] The chairperson thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

**Appendix 1: Agenda**

**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES  
FOCUS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Document no.</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1.	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	--
2.	<b>Meeting arrangements</b>	
2.1.	Selection of the rapporteur	--
2.2.	Adoption of the agenda	01_FG_CCPI_2025_July
3.1.	Participants list	02_FG_CCPI_2025_July
4.	<b>Action item review</b>	
5.	<b>Continuing discussion on 2025 webinar topics</b>	
6.	<b>Continuing discussion on factsheets</b>	
7.	<b>FG-CCPI member updates</b>	
8.	<b>Any other business</b>	--
9.	<b>Date and arrangement of the next meeting</b>	--
10.	<b>Close of the meeting</b>	--

**Appendix 2: Participants List**

A check (P) in the last column indicates confirmed attendance at the meeting

	<b>FAO Region</b>	<b>Name, Organization, Country</b>	
1	Africa	<b>Ms Hannah SERWAA AKOTO NUAMAH</b> Assistant Director, Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture Accra, Ghana	P
2	Asia	<b>Mr Bhakta Raj PALIKHE</b> Plant Protection Adviser Nepal Plant Disease and Agro Associates (NPDA) Kathmandu, Nepal	P
3	Europe (Chairperson)	<b>Mr Dominic EYRE</b> Senior Plant Health Scientist Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) York, UK	P
4	Europe	<b>Mr Bastian HESS</b> Research assistant Julius Kühn-Institute, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (Institute for National and International Plant Health) Braunschweig, Germany	P
5	Latin America and the Caribbean	<b>Ms Erika MANGILI ANDRÉ</b> Agricultural Inspector Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Brasilia, Brazil	P
6	Near East and North Africa	<b>Mr Ali Obaid AL-ADAWI</b> Director of Agriculture Research in North Al Batinah Governorate Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Plant Protection Department Muscat, Oman	P
7	North America	<b>Ms Karen CASTRO</b> Senior Risk Assessor – Botany Canadian Food Inspection Agency Ottawa, Canada	P
9	Southwest Pacific Vice-Chairperson and IC representative for FG-CCPI	<b>Mr Ngatoko NGATOKO</b> Director, Biosecurity Service Ministry of Agriculture Rarotonga, Cook Islands	
10	FAO Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB)	<b>Ms Xiaoxiao WANG</b> Natural Resources Officer FAO Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment Rome, Italy	P

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11	CPM Bureau champion for the FG-CCPI	<b>Sam Bishop</b>	
12	IPPC Secretariat	<b>Camilo Beltran Montoya</b> Agricultural Officer IPPC Secretariat hosted by FAO Rome, Italy	P