



*Standards Committee Membership and Potential Replacements*

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## COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### TWENTIETH SESSION

#### STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS

##### AGENDA ITEM 23.2

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

[1] At CPM-1 (2006) the IPPC subsidiary body: the Standards Committee (SC) was established. The CPM also established Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the SC<sup>1</sup>.

[2] At the last session of the Commission, the CPM-19 (2025) confirmed the membership and potential replacements for this subsidiary body. However, the terms of some members are now ending, some posts are vacant, and the status of other members may need to be reviewed to ensure that those members are still eligible, based on the terms of reference and rules of procedures, and able to fulfil membership requirements.

[3] New nominations need to be submitted for vacant posts or for members whose term is ending and are eligible for renewal. All nominations should be submitted by each region through the mechanism established for each region or through the Chair of the FAO regional group. The deadline for submissions of nominations to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) is **20 February 2026**. Nominations for the SC should be accompanied by the nominees' curriculum vitae and a signed Statement of Commitment for standard setting, available on the IPP<sup>2</sup>.

[4] The Rules of Procedure of the SC specify that:

“Members should be senior officials of national plant protection organizations (NPPO), designated by contracting parties, and have qualifications in a scientific biological discipline (or equivalent) in plant protection, and experience and skills particularly in the:

- practical operation of a national or international phytosanitary system
- administration of a national or international phytosanitary system, and
- application of phytosanitary measures related to international trade.

Contracting parties agree that SC members dedicate the necessary time to participate in a regular and systematic way in the meetings.”

[5] Excerpt from Rule 1:

“Each FAO region may devise its own procedures for selecting its members of the SC. The IPPC Secretariat is notified of the selections that are submitted to the CPM for confirmation.”

[6] Excerpt from Rule 2.

“Each FAO region shall, following its own procedures, nominate potential replacements for members of the SC and submit them to the CPM for confirmation. Once confirmed, potential replacements are valid for the same periods as specified in Rule 3. These potential replacements should meet the qualifications for membership set forth in these Rules. Each FAO region shall identify a maximum of

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<sup>1</sup> SC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1107/>

<sup>2</sup> Please download the SC Statement of Commitment at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ippc-statement-commitment/>

two potential replacements. Where a region nominates two, it should indicate the order in which they would serve as replacements under this Rule.”

**[7] Excerpt from Rule 2**

“A replacement will serve through the completion of the term of the original member, and may be nominated to serve additional terms.”

**[8] Excerpt from Rule 3**

“Members of the SC shall serve for terms of three years. Members may serve no more than two terms, unless a region submits a request to the CPM for an exemption to allow a member from within its region to serve an additional term. In that case, the member may serve an additional term. Regions may submit requests for additional exemptions for the same member on a term-by-term basis. Partial terms served by replacements shall not be counted as a term under these Rules.”

**[9] Excerpt from CPM-7 (2012) report, Appendix 4: CPM decisions on improving the standard setting process, decision 21**

“The CPM should allow, and the regions should encourage, staggering the terms of SC membership to ensure continuity of expertise.”

**[10] It should be noted that CPM-8 (2013) agreed that, starting in 2014, SC members’ terms would end after the SC Working Group (SC-7) meeting, normally in May.**

**[11] Table 1A shows the names of the current SC members.**

**[12] Table 1B shows the names of the current SC potential replacements and potential replacements whose terms are ending in 2026.**

**[13] The CPM should confirm 6 SC potential replacements whose positions are vacant (see Annex 1B):**

- two from the Asia region;
- one from the Near East;
- one from the North America region.
- two from the Pacific region;

**[14] In addition to the confirmation of the replacement members, the CPM should also confirm the order in which potential replacements will be called upon for each region. The CPM should note that the incumbent members of the SC potential replacements ending their first term are eligible to be re-nominated.**

## **Recommendations**

The CPM is invited to:

- (1) *note* the current membership of the Standards Committee as shown in Annex 1A and the potential replacements for the Standards Committee as shown in Annex 1B;
- (2) *confirm* potential replacements, as appropriate; and
- (3) *confirm* the order in which potential replacements will be called upon for each region.

### Annex 1A - Current Standards Committee Membership (post CPM-19)

Region / Role	Name, mailing address, telephone	Membership Confirmed <sup>3</sup>	Term expires
Africa Member	<b>Theophilus Mwendwa MUTUI</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Africa Member	<b>Prudence Tonator ATTIPOE</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Africa Member	<b>Edouard NYA</b>	CPM-18 (2024) 1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Africa Member	<b>Raymonda JOHNSON</b>	CPM-19 (2025) 1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Asia Member	<b>Masahiro SAI</b>	CPM-13 (2018) CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  3 <sup>rd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Asia Member	<b>Mi Chi YEA</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Asia Member	<b>J. P. Singh, PhD</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Asia Member	<b>Prateep ARAYAKITIPONG</b>	CPM-19 (2025) 1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Europe Member	<b>Konstantin KORNEV</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years  Replacement of <b>Mr Harry ARIJS</b>	2027
Europe Member	<b>Mariangela CIAMPITTI</b>	CPM-14 (2019) CPM-16 (2022) CPM-19 (2025)  3 <sup>rd</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Europe Member	<b>Stavroula IOANNIDOU</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027

Region / Role	Name, mailing address, telephone	Membership Confirmed <sup>3</sup>	Term expires
Europe Member	<b>David OPATOWSKI</b>	CPM-1 (2006) CPM-4 (2009) CPM-12 (2017) CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  5 <sup>th</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Latin America and Caribbean Member	<b>André Felipe C. P. da SILVA</b>	CPM-14 (2019) CPM-16 (2022) CPM-19 (2025)  3 <sup>rd</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Latin America and Caribbean Member	<b>María José MONTELONGO</b> Evaristo	CPM-18 (2024) 1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Latin America and Caribbean Member	<b>Matías GONZALEZ BUTTERA</b>	CPM-16 (2022) CPM-19 (2025)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Latin America and Caribbean Member	<b>David Alfonso TELLO CEPEDA</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1st term/ 3 years	2027
Near East Member	<b>Nader ELBADRY</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Near East Member	<b>Amani ALAWAMLEH</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Near East Member	<b>Sayed Muzammil HUSSAIN</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1st term / 3 years	2027
Near East Member	<b>Talal Abdullah ALMUTAIRI</b>	CPM-18 (2024) 1st term / 3 years  Replacement of <b>Eyad MOHAMED</b>	2027

Region / Role	Name, mailing address, telephone	Membership Confirmed <sup>3</sup>	Term expires
North America Member	<b>Stephanie DUBON</b>	CPM-10 (2015) CPM-13 (2018) CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  4 <sup>th</sup> term / 3 years  Replacement of <b>Marina ZLOTINA</b>	2027
North America Member	<b>Steve CÔTÉ</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Southwest Pacific Member	<b>Joanne WILSON</b>	CPM-14 (2019) CPM-16 (2022) CPM-19 (2025)  3 <sup>rd</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Southwest Pacific Member	<b>Sophie PETERSON</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2027
Southwest Pacific Member	<b>Nafanua Jolan Ebony Luseane Malele</b>	CPM-19 (2025)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028

## Annex 1B - Standards Committee Potential Replacements

Shaded rows indicate members whose post is vacant

FAO Region	Name, mailing address, telephone	Membership Confirmed	Term expires
Africa	(Replacement 1) <b>Benignus Valentine NGOWI</b> <b>TANZANIA</b>	CPM-16 (2022) CPM-19 (2025)  2 <sup>nd</sup> term / 3 years	2028
	(Replacement 2) <b>Doreen Malekano CHOMBA</b> <b>ZAMBIA</b>	CPM-19 (2025)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Asia	(Replacement 1) <b>VACANT</b>		
	(Replacement 2) <b>VACANT</b>		
Europe	(Replacement 1) <b>John EIVERS</b> <b>IRELAND</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
	(Replacement 2) <b>Alan MACLEOD</b> <b>UK</b>	CPM-19 (2025)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Latin America and Caribbean	(Replacement 1) <b>Ms Melisa Graciela NEDILSKYJ</b> <b>ARGENTINA</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2027
	(Replacement 2) <b>Simao CAIO</b> <b>BRAZIL</b>	CPM-19 (2025)  1 <sup>st</sup> term / 3 years	2028
Near East	(Replacement 1) <b>M. Dris Barik</b> <b>MOROCCO</b>	CPM-18 (2024)  1 <sup>st</sup> term/ 3 years	2027
Near East	(Replacement 2) <b>VACANT</b>		
North America	(Replacement 1) <b>Mr Rajesh RAMARATHNAM</b> <b>CANADA</b>	CPM-15 (2021) CPM-18 (2024)  2nd term/ 3 years	2027
	(Replacement 2) <b>VACANT</b>		

<b>Southwest Pacific</b>	(Replacement 1) <b>VACANT</b>		
	(Replacement 2) <b>VACANT</b>		