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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.

## **2. Meeting arrangements**

### **2.1 Election of the rapporteur**

[2] Mr Dominic EYRE volunteered to serve as the meeting's rapporteur.

### **2.2 Adoption of the agenda**

[3] The FG-CCPI adopted the agenda as shown in Appendix 1.

## **3. Administrative matters**

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

## **4. FG-CCPI recommendations for integrating climate change into Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)**

[5] The Focus Group conducted a review of the draft recommendations on integrating climate change considerations into Pest Risk Analysis (PRA), building on intersessional work undertaken by some members.

[6] The review focused on the overall coherence, strategic alignment, and consistency. Members confirmed that the recommendations appropriately reflect the current state of scientific knowledge, remain proportionate to national capacities, and do not introduce any angle beyond the existing PRA framework.

[7] No substantive objections were raised during the discussion. The Focus Group noted the document provides technical recommendations intended to inform the expert group reviewing ISPMs on PRA, including consideration of climate change where relevant and evidence-based.

[8] The Secretariat clarified that the document is not intended for submission to CPM, but rather to inform relevant IPPC bodies, including the Standards Committee and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee, about the recommendations from the FG-CCPI.

[9] The Focus Group completed its review of the draft recommendations. However, no decisions were made regarding the document's circulation at this stage.

## **5. Update on factsheets and next steps**

[10] The Secretariat provided an update on the FG-CCPI request to publish the factsheets developed by some FG-CCPI members, following an internal review of publication approaches within FAO and the IPPC Secretariat.

[11] The Secretariat explained that, in order to ensure proportionate use of IPPC and FAO resources, the relevant content would be directly posted into the Climate Change landing page, rather than developing stand-alone factsheets. It was noted that stand-alone factsheets require substantial processing while delivering limited additional impact.

[12] With respect to specific topics, the Secretariat clarified that topics such as Locusts and coffee leaf rust, while important plant health issues influenced by climate change, do not have a direct link with

phytosanitary issues<sup>1</sup> and are primarily addressed through other FAO technical and response programmes. On this basis, these topics were not taken forward as IPPC factsheets.

[13] Regarding TR4, as no draft factsheet was available, no publication will proceed.

[14] Members expressed disappointment that this clarification was received at a late stage. The initial idea for producing formatted factsheets had been developed in January 2025 along with the list of proposed pests for the factsheets [including coffee rust and locusts] so there had been a lot of time to change the plans of the focus group before this meeting. As a consequence, much of the significant effort that had gone into drafting the factsheets will not be leading to the outcomes that were envisaged. The group acknowledged the Secretariat's responsibility and accountability for content posted on the IPP.

[15] The Secretariat confirmed that authorship and contributions would be acknowledged for content published on the website and that next steps would include copy-editing and web publication of agreed materials.

## **6. FG-CCPI member updates**

[16] No updates were delivered.

## **7. Any other business**

[17] Members discussed the climate change landing page and commented on the value of maintaining a dynamic web page to host updated tools, datasets, webinar recordings, and resources, rather than relying solely on static documents. The group thanked the secretariat for the recent updates made to the IFG page. The FG CCPI recommended updating links (including 2025 webinar materials), ensuring consistency between pages, linking FG-CCPI outputs and CPM updates from relevant focus group pages. The Secretariat noted suggestions on the maintenance of climate change-related content on IPPC web pages.

## **10. Next Date and arrangement of the next meeting**

[18] The Focus Group agreed to hold the next virtual meeting on 26 February 2026 at 16:00 CET (Rome time).

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## **11. Close of the meeting**

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<sup>1</sup> *For contextual clarification:* under the IPPC Convention and as reflected in ISPM 1 and ISPM 5, phytosanitary considerations focus on regulated pests whose introduction or spread can be effectively addressed through official phytosanitary measures, particularly in relation to international trade. Migratory pests such as locusts, and pests that are widely established such as coffee leaf rust, generally fall outside this scope, notwithstanding their importance as plant health challenges.

**Appendix 1: Agenda****COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES****FOCUS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES**

| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Document no.</b> | <b>Presenter</b>             |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <b>Opening of the meeting</b>  | --                  | Chairperson                  |
| 2. <b>Meeting arrangements</b>  |                     |                              |
| 2.1. Election of the rapporteur   | --                  | Chairperson                  |
| 2.2 Adoption of the agenda  |                     | Chairperson                  |
| 3 <b>Administrative matters</b>   |                     |                              |
| 3.1 Participants list   |                     | Chairperson                  |
| 4. <b>FG-CCPI recommendations for integrating climate change into PRA</b> |                     | Chairperson/all              |
| 5. <b>Update on the factsheets and next steps</b>                         |                     | Chairperson                  |
| 6. <b>FG-CCPI member updates</b>  |                     | Chairperson/All              |
| 7. <b>Any other business</b>  |                     | Chairperson/IPPC Secretariat |
| 8. <b>Date and arrangement of the next meeting</b>                        |                     | Chairperson/IPPC Secretariat |
| 9. <b>Close of the meeting</b>  |                     | Chairperson                  |

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