

Terms of Reference for an Open-Ended Working Group on Implementation

A. Background

1. The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures recognizes the need for emphasizing the importance of establishing a common vision, guiding principles and the process for establishing a more focused effort on implementation.

B. Purpose

2. The purpose of the Open-Ended Working Group on Implementation is to provide guidance and advice on IPPC efforts to develop an implementation programme.

C. Duration

3. The Open-ended working group will remain an active group until it completes its programme of work.

D. Functions

4. The Open-Ended Working Group on Implementation will:

- 1) determine the scope of the programme,
- 2) how priorities will be determined,
- 3) the nature of support required for effective implementation,
- 4) how a global implementation programme might be organised,
- 5) the process of developing and managing an implementation programme,
- 6) coordination, approval, monitoring and reporting mechanisms, and
- 7) how to financially support the programme including realigning resources from other areas of the IPPC's work.
- 8) work with the Secretariat to develop a pilot work plan for the topic of surveillance.

E. Membership

5. The OEWG participants shall be from contracting parties and have a good knowledge of:

- The capacity and capability needed to deliver the elements of a phytosanitary system,
- The IPPC, its objectives and structures,
- Planning funding and delivery of technical assistance
- Appropriate strategic planning and management experience
- A chair will be elected from the membership

6. Members should have sufficient time available to actively participate.

7. There should be members participating from every region.

8. Only one face-to-face meeting is planned, and all other forms interactions should take place virtually. The OEWG will be supported by the IPPC Secretariat and will maintain close liaison through the IPPC Coordinator.

F. Funding

9. To undertake this work, participants will either be self-funded or extra-budgetary resources will need to be identified and on-hand so that the IPPC Secretariat can consider funding assistance for participants from developing countries.