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CPM side session on NPPOs Orientation

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

CPM-20 SIDE EVENT ON NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS (NPPOs) ORIENTATION

9 March 2026

10:00 – 12:00 (Rome time)

Red Room (A121), FAO Headquarters

Rome, Italy

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM, Commission) serves as the global governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). As an FAO Statutory Body, the Commission convenes annually in March or April at FAO Headquarters in Rome to steer the international phytosanitary agenda. The CPM is responsible for promoting global cooperation and reviewing the state of plant protection worldwide. Through the adoption of international standards and recommendations, the Commission provides the necessary framework to safeguard plant resources and ensures the successful implementation of the IPPC's strategic objectives.

The CPM Orientation Session is pre-CPM briefing designed to support participants in attending the annual meeting. It is specifically tailored for individuals attending the CPM for the first or second time, as well as those who wish to deepen their familiarity with the Convention's activities and governance. Beyond serving as an introduction for newcomers, the session offers high-level insights and practical tips that provide significant value even to experienced participants.

Navigating between procedural theory and plenary practice, this orientation ensures that all NPPO representatives, regardless of their level of experience, are equipped to contribute effectively to the Commission's mission of protecting the world's plant resources.

All CPM participants are invited to download the guidelines on the [“Guide to participating in the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention”](#).

Participants funded by the IPPC Secretariat should ensure attendance to this session.

The orientation session will include interpretation in English-Spanish-French-Arabic and Russian languages.

Expected Outcomes

The CPM Orientation Session is designed to maximize the contributions of NPPO delegations by ensuring all participants are fully prepared to navigate the plenary. By the end of the session, participants will have achieved:

- A strengthened understanding of the IPPC’s mission, its core activities, and the organizational structures that drive global implementation.
- Greater clarity on the sequence of events during the Commission meeting and the formal Rules of Procedure governing the session.
- Improved understanding of the key rules of procedure for participating in CPM and how to make interventions;
- Increased knowledge about how to prepare to attend CPM (from logistics to technical documents);
- An improved understanding of how to translate CPM decisions into national action, ensuring consistent follow-up on key outcomes throughout the year.

AGENDA

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Venue: Red Room, FAO HQ		
Facilitator: Adriana Moreira, OiC Integration and Support Team (FAO Programme Officer)		
Time	Description	Speakers
10:00 -10:05	Opening	Enrico Perotti, IPPC Secretary
10:05 -10:10	Ice-breaker Mentimeter: “feeling the room”	Adriana Moreira, OiC Integration and Support Team
Session 1	Introduction to the IPPC	
10:10 -10:15	IPPIC video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyTKLem3tZI	
10:15 -10:30	Overview: An introduction to the IPPC, the secretariat and the governance structure	Enrico Perotti, IPPC Secretary
10:30 -10:45	Overview: The IPPC Standard Setting Procedure: overview and how you can contribute. Video: (https://youtu.be/W8zciLFG--8)	Avetik Nersisyan, Standard Setting Unit
10:45 -11:00	Overview: The Implementation and Capacity Development Committee and the Implementation and Facilitation Unit	Preet Parmar, Implementation Facilitation Unit
11:00 -11:10	Interactive session using Mentimeter - Understanding the IPPC wrap-up	Adriana Moreira / Paola Sentinelli, Integration and Support Team
Session 2	Introduction to the CPM	
11:10 -11:25	Best practices for CPM engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to CPM • Participating in CPM meetings • Following up after a CPM meeting 	Aoife Cassin, Integration and Support Team
11:25 -11:35	Logistics and other administrative instructions	Giulia Gaviano, Admin staff

11:35 -11:45	Overview on how to use and navigate the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) and the CPM App	Paola Sentinelli - Integration and Support Team
11:45-12:00	Panel / Question and Answer / Open conversation with participants	(Facilitation by Adriana Moreira)