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IPPC Calls for Experts

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What is a call for Experts?

A call is the formal IPPC process used to identify qualified experts or diagnostic protocol authors for standard-setting work. It ensures that:

Open and transparent

Expertise is requested openly through official channels, not informally.

Officially submitted

Nominations are submitted by NPPO, RPPO, or by self-nomination if supported by the NPPO or RPPO.

Technically grounded

Selections are made from the list of nominated experts, with SC members expressing their preferences based on the nominees' expertise and regional representation.





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Why calls are issued

A call is opened whenever IPPC standard-setting work requires specialised expertise. This occurs across contexts of:

Expert Working Groups (EWGs)

Technical experts needed to draft or revise International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).

Technical Panels (TPs)

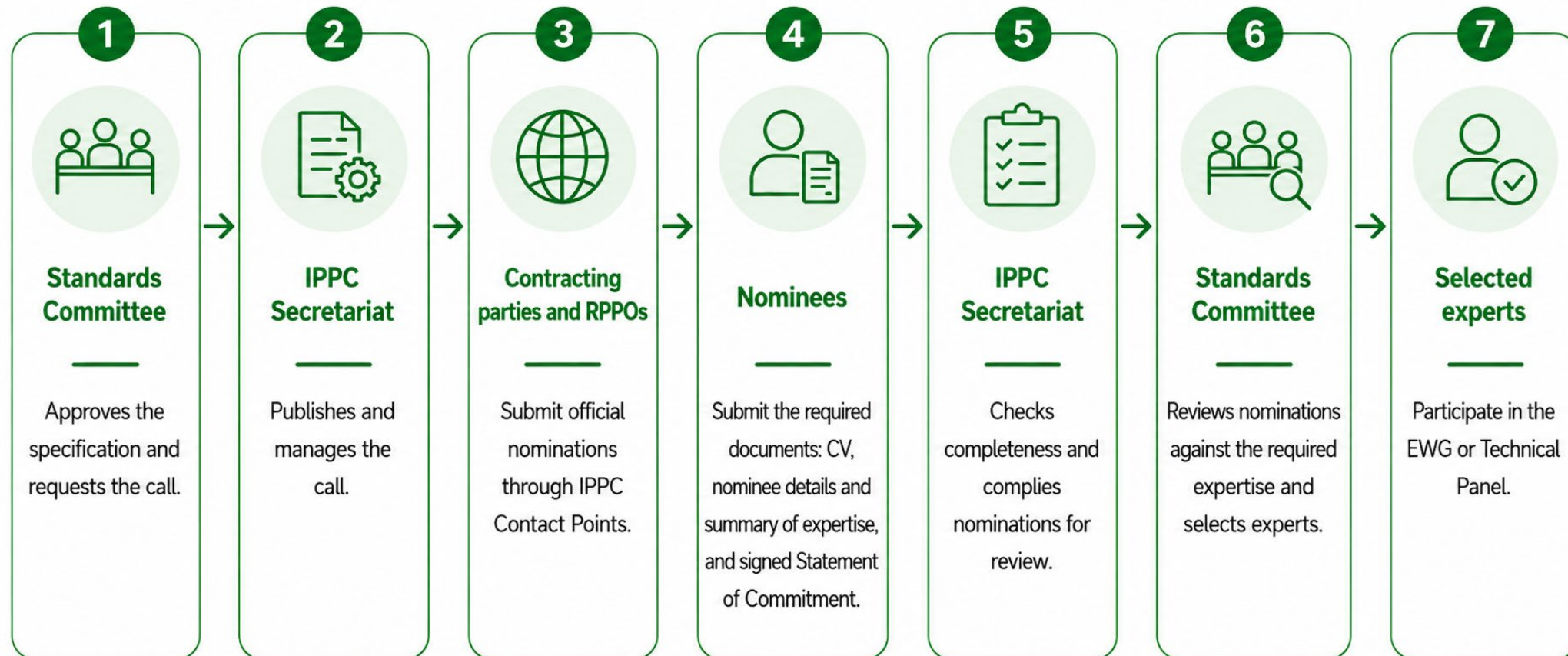
Ongoing specialist panels requiring members with deep subject-matter knowledge in specific phytosanitary areas.

Diagnostic Protocol (DP) Authors

Subject-matter experts commissioned to draft diagnostic protocols for specific pests.



Who is involved?





The public call package

When a call is published on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP), it includes a defined set of requirements and specifications. Each element serves a specific purpose in ensuring clarity and consistency.

1

IPP call page

The official public announcement with all relevant information including the Specification or terms of reference, scope and expertise required

2

Calls and deadlines announcement

Deadline and submission
window clearly stated.

3

Nominee details form

Captures expertise summary
and nominee information.

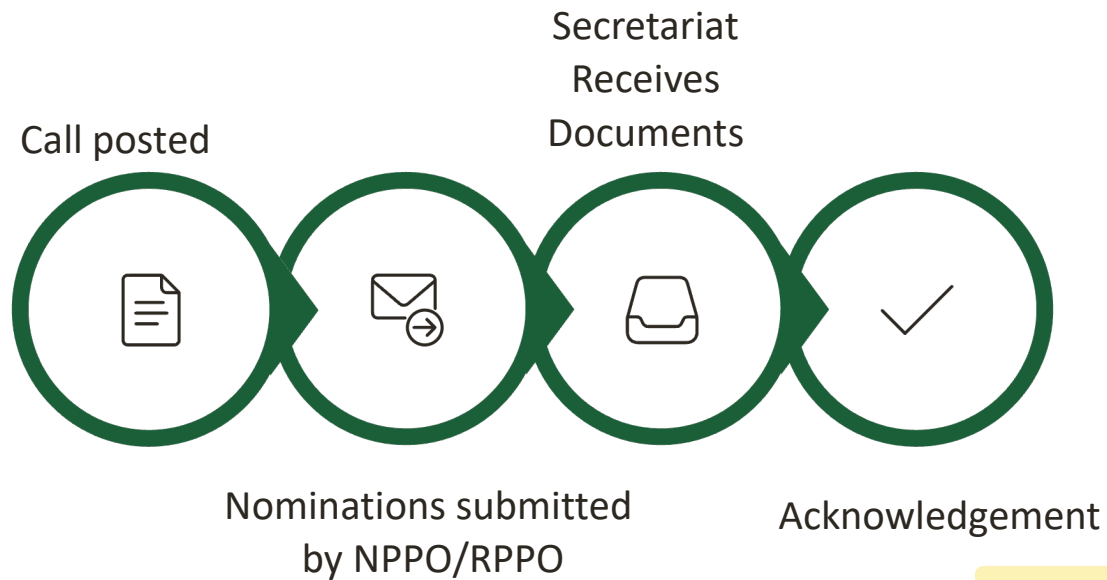
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Statement of commitment

Signed confirmation of the nominee's availability,
commitment and institutional authorization to
fulfil the required duties.



How nominations are submitted



⚠ Incomplete or unofficially submitted nominations are not considered.

A complete nomination package includes:

01

Curriculum vitae

Demonstrating relevant technical experience.

02

Nominee details and expertise summary

Completed using the official form provided in the call.

03

Signed statement of commitment

Confirms availability for the full duration of the work.

04

Official submission channel

Sent through the national or regional IPPC contact point only.



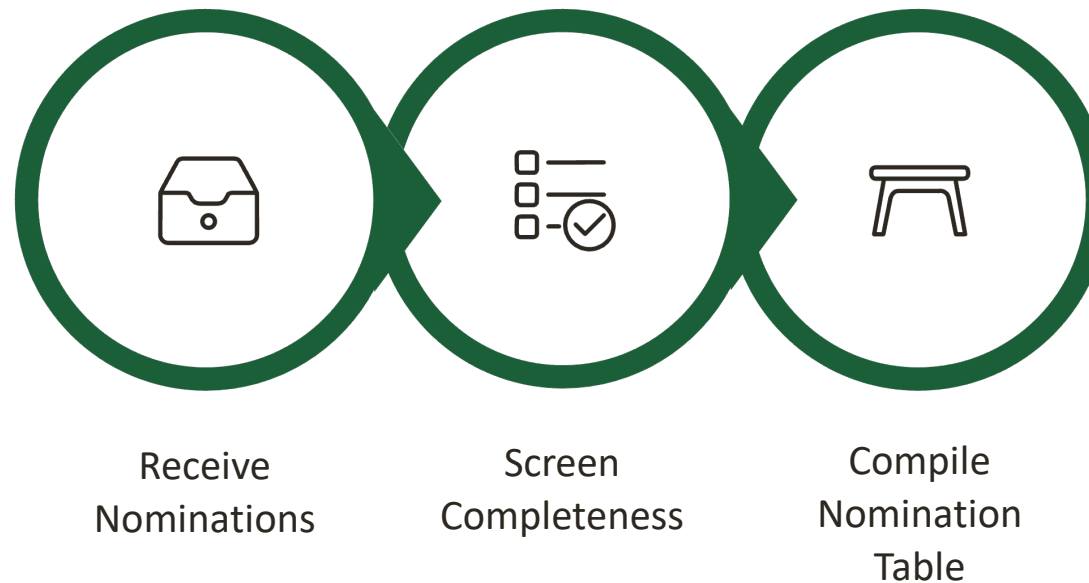
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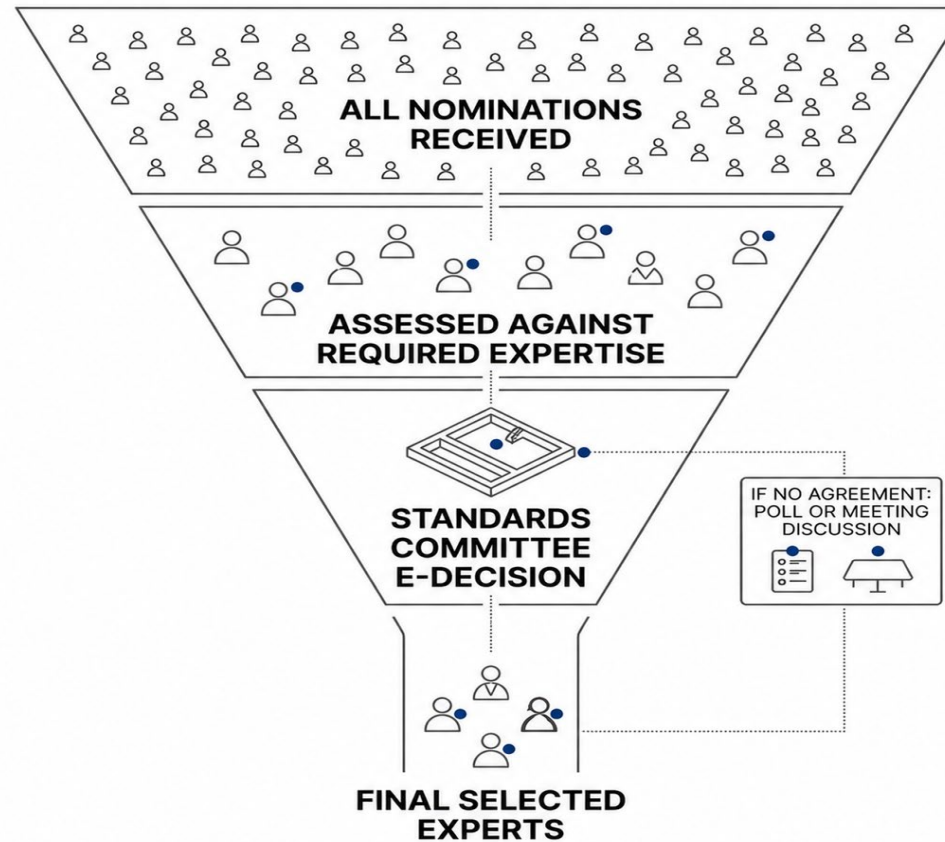
Secretariat screening and compilation



Once the call deadline has passed, the Secretariat reviews every submission against the required documentation checklist. Where information is missing, clarification may be requested. A compiled nomination table including all documents submitted is then prepared for the Standards Committee's review.



How selection works



A structured, criteria-based process

After the deadline, the Secretariat presents the compiled nominations to the Standards Committee. Experts are assessed against the specific expertise defined in the call (and regional representation).

Primary route

Following the call deadline, the Standards Committee selects the experts via e-decision.

Alternative route

If consensus is not reached, a poll may be opened or the issue is referred to a subsequent SC meeting.



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After experts are selected

1

Inform selected experts

Selected individuals and their contact points are notified officially.

2

Inform unsuccessful nominees

Notification is sent through the relevant official channel.

3

Update membership records

EWG or TP membership lists are updated in the Secretariat's systems.

Call for Nominations of Potential Emerging Pests of Global Concern

IPPC Secretariat is inviting NPPOs and RPPOs to nominate potential emerging pests under the Pest Outbreak and Alert Response Systems (POARS) framework.



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Key messages



An official process

A call is the formal, structured IPPC mechanism for identifying and engaging expertise.



Official channels only

All nominations must be submitted through the IPPC national or regional contact points.



Complete documentation

A nomination is only considered when all required documents are received in full.



Criteria-based selection

Experts are chosen on the basis of defined technical needs and solely reviewed and approved solely by the Standards Committee.

IPPC Call for Experts
Expert Working Group –
Revision of the draft
reorganized pest risk
analysis ISPM (2023-037)

Deadline: 27 March 2026

The poster features an illustration of three potted plants with stylized hexagonal outlines around them, set against a green background with a red vine-like pattern on the left. At the bottom, the FAO and IPPC logos are displayed.

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