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Invitation to the IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG) Meeting, 27–30 October 2026, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 2026 meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), which will be held in **Rafain Palace Hotel & Convention, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from 27 - 30 October 2026.**

The SPG is an open working group of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), tasked with providing strategic perspectives and advisory input to support the implementation of the IPPC and the long-term direction of its work.

Purpose of the meeting

The 2026 SPG meeting will focus on strengthening the strategic role of the group and contributing to:

- The implementation of the current IPPC Strategic Framework (2020–2030);
- The development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework beyond 2030;
- Addressing cross-cutting strategic priorities and governance issues relevant to the IPPC community.

Participants will be invited to engage in structured strategic discussions, including breakout sessions, with emphasis placed on generating actionable recommendations for the CPM-21 (2027).

Meeting arrangements

The SPG meeting will take place over four days and will primarily consist of:

- Plenary sessions focused on priority strategic topics;
- Breakout group discussions to facilitate in-depth analysis and exchange;
- Interactive sessions aimed at developing forward-looking recommendations.

The provisional agenda, approved by the CPM Bureau, is posted on the IPP for your reference: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/95821/>.

Participants are encouraged to submit **suggested topics** aligned with the agenda to Aoife.Cassin@fao.org and Adriana.Moreira@fao.org by **31 August 2026**.

Final discussion papers (for any submitted topics) should be submitted to Aoife.Cassin@fao.org by **30 September 2026**.

Participation and registration

Participation is open to IPPC Contracting Parties and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs).

An initial block booking has been made at Rafain Palace Hotel & Convention for this meeting. Further details regarding the booking, registration and logistical arrangements will be released in due course.

Please ensure to check visa requirements for Brazil.

To register your participation, please send an email to IPPC@fao.org; for the attention of Tanja Lahti (Tanja.Lahti@fao.org) by **30 September 2026**.

Additional information

The meeting will be conducted in **English only**.

Participants are encouraged to actively contribute to the discussions and to support the SPG in enhancing its role as a high-level strategic advisory body within the IPPC governance framework.

Yours sincerely,

Enrico Perotti



Secretary

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Summary of deadlines

Action	Deadline
Expression of interest to attend the SPG as a funded participant	17 July 2026
Submission of topics for the provisional agenda	31 August 2026
Submission of discussion papers	30 September
Registration deadline	30 September