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Tips for Successful Topic Submissions

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Tips for successful topic submissions

- Gathering information
- Finalizing the topic proposal
- Seeking regional & cross-regional support
- Completing and submitting the electronic forms
- Where to get help





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Gathering information

- Download the PDF versions of the forms.
- Completed the required information.
- Note that some elements in the forms are mandatory and others are optional.
- Collaborate at a national level to gather all the information required for the topic submission.
- Prepare all the content needed for completing the forms.



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Key reference materials



- Framework for Standards & Implementation
- Strategic Framework for the IPPC (2020–2030)
- Convention text

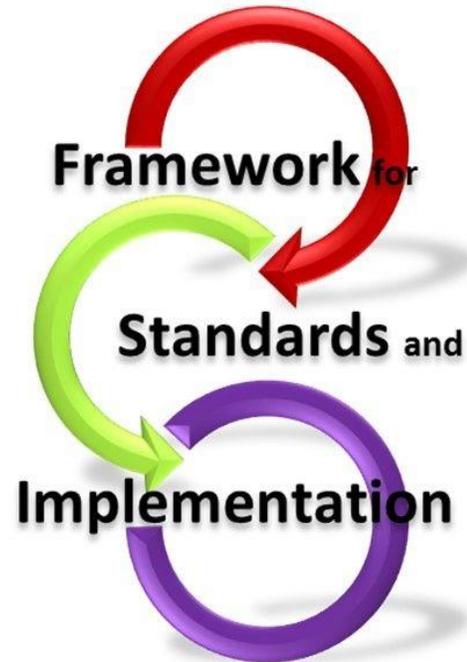


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Framework for Standards & Implementation



- Database of existing or proposed standards and implementation resources
- Aligned with the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020–2030)
- Provides transparency, helps identify gaps and captures the CPM priorities
- Used to guide the inclusion of submitted topics into the list of topics for IPPC standards or Implementation and Capacity Development topics



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Topics for standards

- IPPC Procedure manual for standard setting (2021–2022)
- List of topics for IPPC standards

Topics for IPPC Guides & training materials

- Process for the Development of IPPC Guides and Training Materials (2023)
- List of Implementation and Capacity Development Topics





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Mandatory elements

- General information
- Summary of the proposal
- Justification
- Expected outcomes
- Key result area (from the Framework of Standards and Implementation)
- Core Criteria
- Draft Specification form



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND KEY RESULT AREAS

A

Enhance global food security & increase sustainable agricultural productivity

- A1: All NPPOs have effective pest surveillance systems in place for timely detection of new pest arrivals and monitoring spread.
- A2: All NPPOs have strong capacities to monitor, detect, diagnose, report, and prepare rapid responses to pest outbreaks, so that these pests do not have major impacts on food supplies and they do not spread and thereby threaten other regions and trading partners.
- A3: A plant health emergency response system is in place that facilitates timely action against new pest incursions and supports countries with emergency response systems tools and knowledge.
- A4: Sustainable pest risk management options, such as systems approaches, are implemented widely to minimize pest impacts right through the production process and harvesting, and to minimize the need for end-point treatments.
- A5: All NPPOs have PRA capacity in place to identify and mitigate pest risks to crop production.
- A6: Pest risk prevention is integrated throughout the production, processing and trade chain of plants and plant products.

B

Protect the environment from the impacts of plant pests

- B1: CPs recognize the management of environmental plant pests as part of their responsibilities and work with national environmental sector agencies to support pest management programmes aimed at environmental protection.
- B2: CPs have mechanisms in place to control the spread of environmental contaminating pests on non-plant trade pathways
- B3: Mechanisms are in place to share adaptation strategies for responding to the impacts of climate change.
- B4: Agencies with environmental and forest biodiversity stewardship responsibilities regularly access information and other resources managed by the IPPC Secretariat.
- B5: CPs continue to improve their capacity to implement key IPPC standards which directly address the spread of forest and environmental pests

C

Facilitate safe trade, development & economic growth

- C1: Commodity-specific standards with harmonized phytosanitary measures have facilitated and accelerated trade negotiations and simplified safe trade in plant products.
- C2: Detections of pests in trade pathways are declining as exporting countries take more responsibility for managing the pest risk associated with exports, and importing countries report detections more quickly and more consistently.
- C3: NPPOs have built capacity and been supported to establish phytosanitary export assurance and phytosanitary certification systems that are robust and are trusted by trading partners.
- C4: The efficiency of administering phytosanitary certification systems has improved and the circulation of fraudulent certificates has been eliminated through electronic phytosanitary certification systems
- C5: NPPOs have access to expert advice to enable resolution of bilateral trade concerns of a phytosanitary nature
- C6: NPPOs are able to meet regularly to deliberate on phytosanitary research and emerging issues and other matters of common interest.
- C7: CPs have legislation in place to enable implementation of ePhyto.

IPPC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA 2020-2030

1. Harmonization of electronic data exchange
2. Commodity- and pathway-specific ISPMs
3. Management of e-commerce and postal and courier pathways
4. Developing guidance on the use of third-party entities
5. Strengthening pest outbreak alert and response systems
6. Assessment and management of climate change impacts on plant health
7. Global phytosanitary research coordination
8. Diagnostic laboratory networking



Core criteria

- Consider how the proposed topic would help prevent the introduction and spread of pests (IPPC Article I.1).
- Identify the linkage between the proposed topic and the IPPC Strategic Objectives.
- Explain the global relevance / feasibility of the proposed topic.
- Clearly identify the problems to be resolved through the development of the proposed ISPM, guide or training material.
- Indicate whether the information required to support the development of the proposed ISPM, guide or training material is available or can be collected.



Non-mandatory elements

- Literature review
- Supporting criteria:
 - Practical, Economic, Environmental, and Strategic
- Letters of support from other NPPOs or RPPOs
- Financial or in-kind contributions





Network

- Share your ideas for topic proposals and your topic submission with other NPPOs, your RPPO or other organizations

Letters of support

- Submitted to the IPPC Secretariat prior to 15 September
- Clearly identify the proposed topic and the submitter
- Clearly identify the country or organization supporting the submission and why the proposed topic is important





Complete and submit the forms

- Verify that you have gathered all the information needed to complete the forms.
- Open the electronic submission form, paste the responses into the appropriate fields and submit.
- An automated email will be sent to the OCP email address after you have submitted your form with instructions on next steps.
- Paste your responses into the appropriate draft Specification form and submit it, as well.

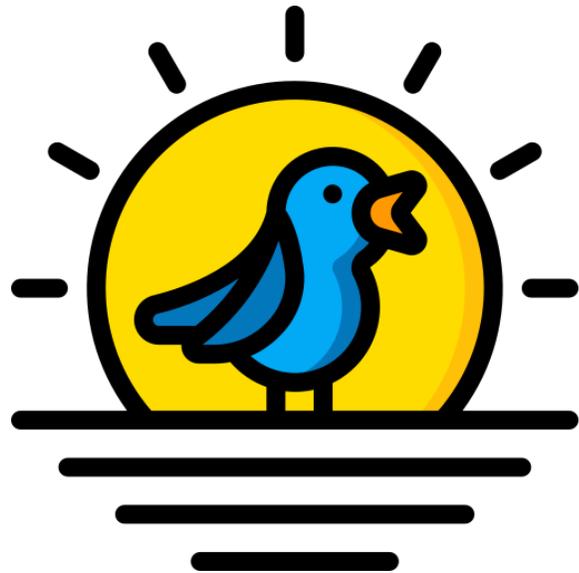




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- 2023 Call for Topics closes
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Please use the electronic forms

For assistance please contact:

- SC, IC or Bureau member in your region
- Your RPPO
- IPPC Secretariat





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Thank you

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