

The International Plant Protection Convention

IPPC Secretariat

Near East Regional Workshop on Draft ISPMs

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Cairo



Background

Multi-lateral convention

- 177 contracting parties
- 1951 (60th Anniversary)
- Technical agreement
- 1979
- 1997
 - Secretariat
 - WTO-SPS Agreement
 - Std Setting



Background cont.

Scope

- Plants and plant products
- Pests
- Conveyances
- Beneficial organisms
- Agriculture and environment
- Germplasm and research

Trade

- Harmonization of measures



Mission

“Protecting the world's plant resources from pests”



IPPC and the WTO-SPS Agreement

(Article 3 of the SPS Agreement, Harmonization)

- One of the “three sisters” (Codex, OIE, IPPC) of international standard setting recognized by the SPS agreement
- IPPC is identified in the WTO-SPS Agreement as the authority for plant health standards
- Members shall play a full part in the relevant standard setting organization
- Members shall base their phytosanitary measures on international standards or justify deviations through risk analysis

Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- RPPOs are recognized in the convention
- Coordinate implementation in their regions
- Annual Technical Consultation of RPPOs
 - All RPPOs meet to encourage inter-regional cooperation and help implement the IPPC work programme



Governance



Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

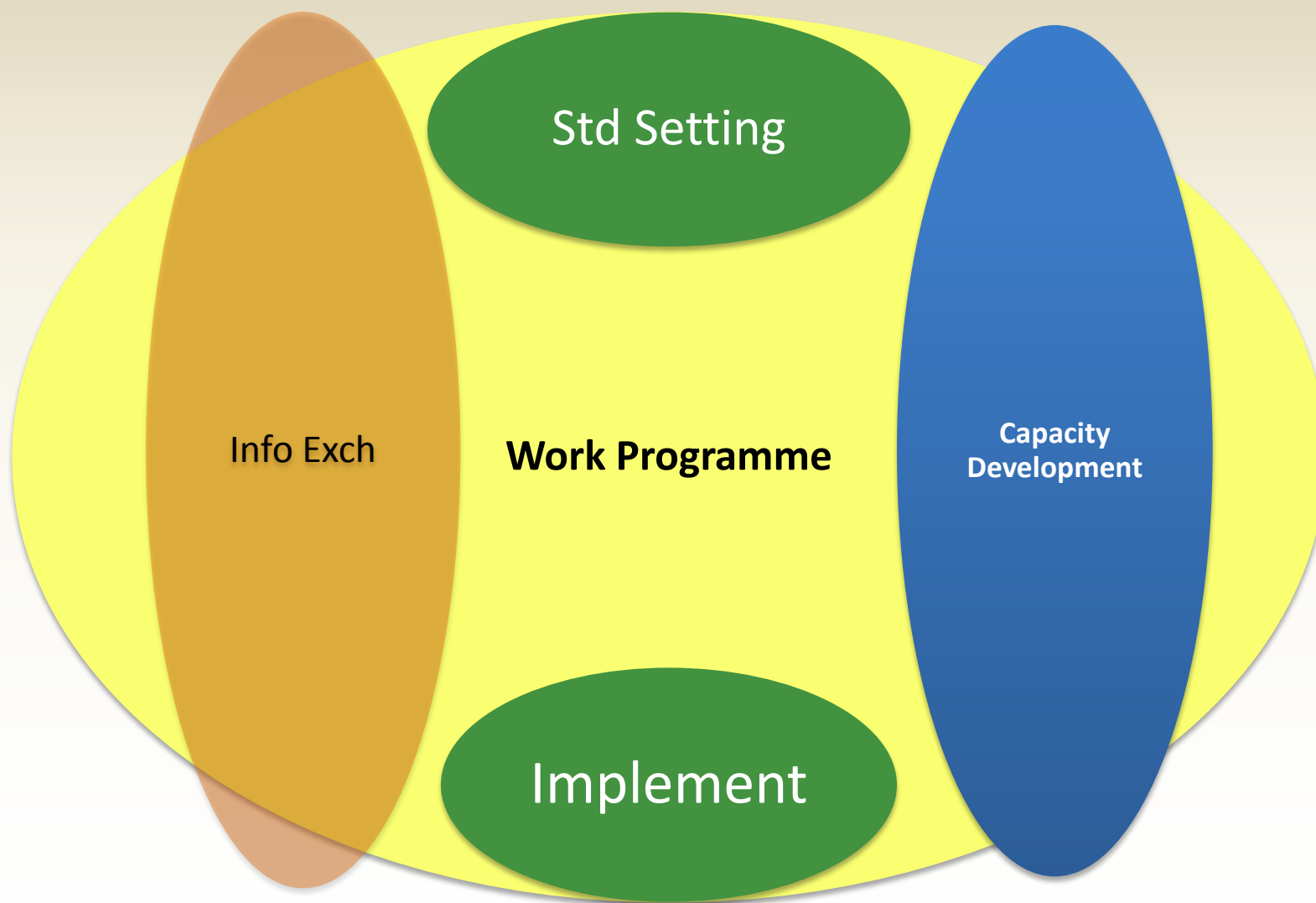
Bureau

Standards Committee (SC)

Subsidiary Body for Dispute Settlement (SBDS)

Secretariat





Strategic Planning

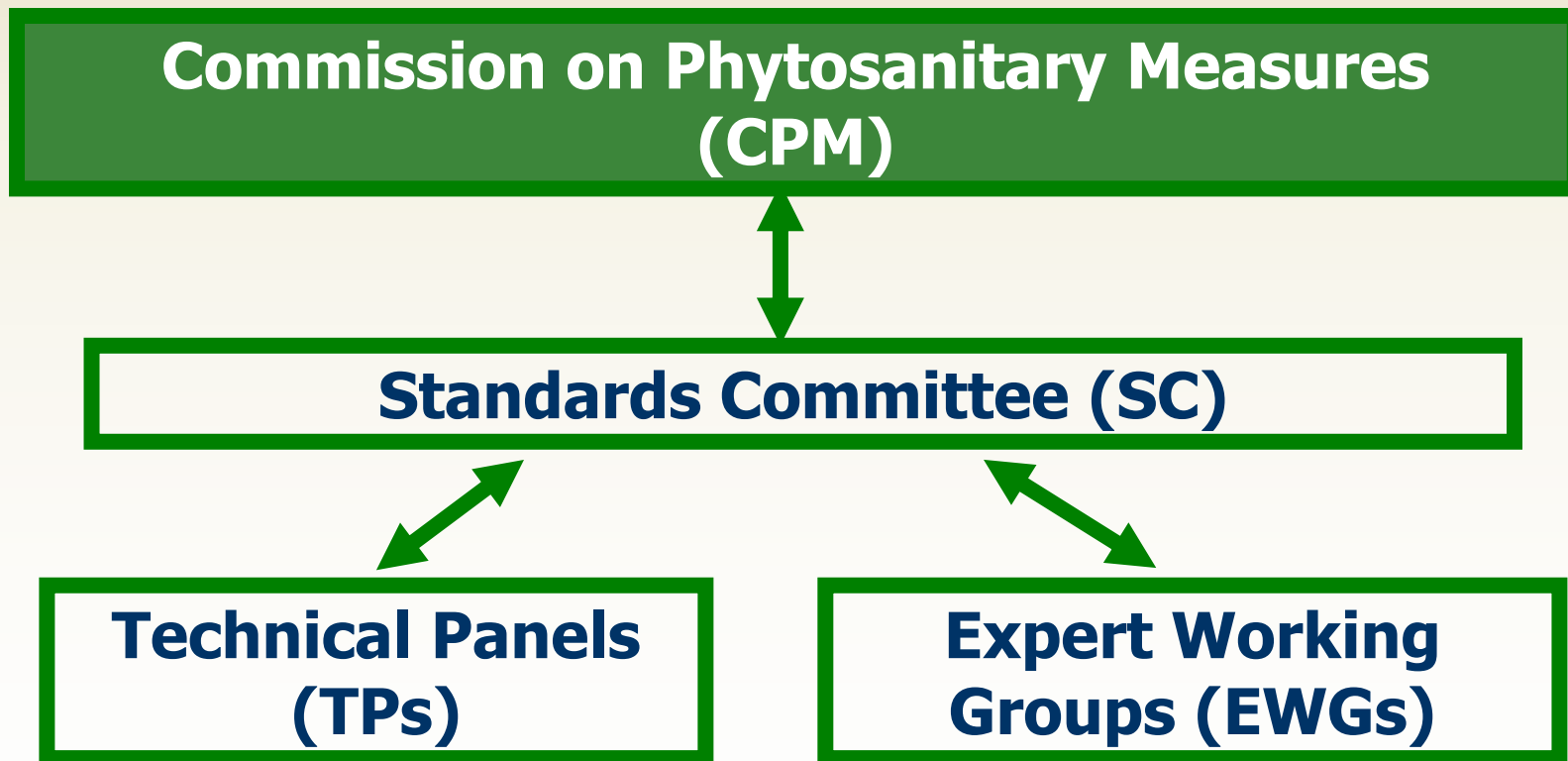
IPPC Strategic framework: 10 years

- Medium Term Plan: 4 years
- Biennium
- Annual work plan

Strategic plans:

- Resource mobilization
- Standard setting
- Communication (including information exchange)
- Capacity development

Standard Setting



Standard Setting

Key function

Topics and priorities

Specifications

Expert Working Groups

Standards Committee

➤ Technical panels

Member consultation

CPM



Standard Setting

Participatory

Transparent

Flexible

Continual improvement

➤ **3rd revision**

Implementation guides



Opportunity to participate

Stage 1: New topic/Work programme

New topic	← <u>Members</u> (NPPOs, RPPOs), <u>SPS Secretary</u> , <u>other organization</u>
Review	← <u>Region</u> (SC)
Work programme	← <u>Contracting Parties</u> (CPM)

Opportunity to participate (Cont')

Stage 2: Drafting

Specification

← Region (SC)

Comment

← Members (NPPOs, RPPOs)
international organizations

Approve Spec

← Region (SC)

Draft text

← Experts

Finalize draft

← Region (SC)

Opportunity to participate (cont.)

Stage 3: Consultation

Comment ← Members (NPPOs, RPPOs), international organizations

Revise draft ← Region (SC)

Stage 4: Adoption

Comment ← Members (NPPOs, RPPOs), international organizations

Adopt ← Contracting Parties (CPM)

Information exchange

Separate from SPS obligations - additional

National reporting obligations

Contracting parties provide:

- Official contact points
- Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures

IPPC Secretariat:

- Provides official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
- Maintains the IPPC website <http://www.ippc.int>

International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)

www.ippc.int

Official website of the IPPC, containing information such as:

- **Official contact points for NPPOs**
- **Phytosanitary information from countries**
 - Regulations, pest reports, structure of NPPOs, points of entry, etc
- **Phytosanitary news**

CPM work programme

- **Official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)**

Related information from international organizations, RPPOs, etc.

Information Exchange

Increased access to crucial information

- Risk assessment
- Support decisions
- Reliability of information

Transparency

Initiation of bilaterals

Trust

Functional relationships



Capacity Development

Adopted National Phytosanitary Capacity Development Strategy

- Operational plan / log frame

EWG Capacity Development

Coordination

Quality assurance

Collaboration

Resources www.phytosanitary.info

- Projects, experts, consultants, training, implementation guidance

Dispute Settlement

Technical basis

Non-binding

- Complementary to WTO system

Informal consultations

- Very successful
- Consultations, good offices, mediation, arbitration

Committee = formal process



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