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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Plant Health in the Context of One Health (FG-PHOH) was convened by the IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”).
- [2] Gregory Wolff (CPM Bureau) chaired the inaugural meeting of the focus group.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Election of the rapporteur

- [3] The focus group selected Temarama Anguna-Kamana (Southwest Pacific) as rapporteur of the meeting.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

- [4] The focus group adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).
- [5] Later on in the meeting, the group decided to add another agenda item (4.4) on the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH).

3. Administrative matters

- [6] The members of the focus group introduced themselves in a roundtable discussion.¹
- [7] The chairperson informed the group that the member representative for the Asia region was still outstanding.
- [8] The chairperson also informed the group of the structure of the CPM bureau (hereafter referred to as “the bureau”) and representative changes to the bureau effective from March 2025. The chairperson congratulated two members of the focus group who will be joining the bureau as its newest bureau members: Temarama Kamana and Michelle Gray, representing the Southwest Pacific region and North America region, respectively. The chairperson informed the focus group that bureau representation of the group would likely change in March, under the supervision of the new bureau chairperson, and that one of the new bureau members would likely be chosen for this role. In this instance, a new regional representative position would be available within the focus group.
- [9] The participant list for this meeting is presented as Appendix 2 to this report.

4. Focus group work programme

4.1 Discussions on the work programme of the focus group

- [10] The focus group reviewed each item under the terms of reference of the group following the chairperson’s introduction, which provided historical context on the necessity of the CPM focus group, the need to focus on plant health within the One Health framework, and the clear need for an integrated approach.²
- [11] The chairperson informed the focus group that one in-person meeting per year is likely to occur, which could be held at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, or hosted by a member country.

¹ CPM FG-PHOH membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/94284/>

² CPM FG-PHOH ToR: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/93481/>

- [12] The chairperson stressed the flexibility within the terms of reference and noted that additions to the key tasks could be made through the approval of the bureau.
- [13] The secretariat informed the focus group that the first task of the group would likely be the preliminary study (key task number 3 under the terms of reference), which includes the embedded concept of One Health. The secretariat proposed that all members contribute to the study but suggested contracting an expert to aggregate data and draft a concise report, aiming for a flagship publication within one year (by 2026) to demonstrate plant health's importance in One Health. The secretariat requested expert recommendations from the group, noting that the terms of reference included collecting national and regional experiences.
- [14] The secretariat agreed to:
- 1) *create* the call for national and regional experiences among the national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs).
- [15] The focus group agreed to:
- 2) *distribute* the call for national and regional experiences, as ambassadors of the IPPC and One Health.

4.2 CPM-19 agenda item (13.3) on One Health

- [16] The focus group discussed the CPM-19 (2025) agenda item (13.3) on One Health and the two papers presented to the group: one provided by the secretariat³ and the other by the chairperson of the CPM Bureau, based on the 2024 One Health Congress⁴.
- [17] The secretariat confirmed the strong correlation of One Health to the FAO Strategic Framework 2022–2031⁵ (as one of its Programme Priority Areas) and noted the opportunities for the focus group to advocate for the role of plant health (and food security) in One Health.
- [18] One focus group member stressed the need to highlight antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across the work programme, particularly regarding the preliminary study. The chairperson noted that although AMR was not specifically mentioned in the terms of reference, a new task could be created at CPM-19 (2025) in March 2025.
- [19] Following these discussions, another focus group member highlighted the importance of considering more diverse drivers in addition to antibiotic resistance or AMR, such as invasive organisms, vectors and vector control, related to human, animal and plant diseases.
- [20] The chairperson agreed with this approach and stressed the importance of the focus group's work to encompass all potential linkages and impacts on One Health, such as vectors, invasive plants and climate change, and underscored the need for both advocacy and evidence to demonstrate these linkages. He highlighted the paper presented at CPM-18 (2024) that provided a particular focus on AMR⁶ and anticipated that AMR would be a topic of discussion at CPM-19 (2025).
- [21] The chairperson also emphasized the role of the paper (AMR in plant health)⁷ submitted by the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) in 2024 and its contributions towards the consideration of a CPM recommendation to CPM-19 (2025), which would be intended to limit the potential for the development of AMR in plant health. He underscored the importance of the focus group in developing the draft CPM

³ [CPM 2025/32](#)

⁴ [CPM 2025/33](#)

⁵ <https://www.fao.org/strategic-framework/en>

⁶ [CPM 2024/31](#)

⁷ [SPG 2024/04](#)

recommendation on AMR in plant health, [if CPM-19 decides to proceed with this, and that, if so, the draft could](#) to be delivered to CPM-20 (2026), which would then be added as new key task to their terms of reference. The chairperson stressed the importance of this approach in collaborating with One Health Framework leads.

[22] The secretariat also informed the focus group that a small update on the inception of the focus group would be provided at CPM-19 (2025), in addition to the CPM papers.

[23] The focus group agreed to:

- 3) *review* the CPM-19 (2025) papers proposed under the agenda item, in addition to the literature review (Annex 1) within the CPM 2024⁸ paper.

4.3 Concept Note – CPM-19 Science Session on One Health

[24] The focus group discussed the objectives, expected outcomes and agenda of the CPM-19 (2025) science session on One Health, scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 20 March 2025.⁹

[25] The secretariat informed focus group members that the science session had been allotted an additional 30 minutes (total time confirmed at 120 minutes) and proposed utilizing a keynote speaker to deliver a 20–30-minute scientific presentation on the link between plant health and One Health.

[26] The focus group discussed the opportunity to invite an expert from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) to deliver the keynote address for the science session. The secretariat confirmed that WOAH Director-General, Emmanuelle SOUBEYRAN, would be unavailable for this science session, as she would be delivering the CPM keynote speech earlier in the week.

[27] The secretariat proposed Chadia Wannous, One Health Senior Specialist and Global Coordinator for WOAH, and requested the focus group to provide further suggestions for the keynote speaker.

[28] The secretariat also sought confirmation and feedback from focus group members on whether the invitation letter to the keynote speaker could be jointly signed by the IPPC and the FAO Quadripartite Secretariat. The focus group agreed on this approach.

[29] The secretariat also informed the focus group of the intention to create a communique or declaration (or an endorsement for a subsequent communique), promoting the collaboration of the work of the IPPC and the FAO One Health Unit, with the One Health quadripartite and the “Three Sisters” (IPPC (plant health), Codex Alimentarius (food safety) and WOAH (animal health)).

[30] The secretariat also informed the focus group of plans to introduce a plant health expert to be part of the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), following discussions with WOAH.

[31] The focus group agreed to:

- 4) *send* further suggestions for the science session keynote speaker to the secretariat.

4.4 International Day of Plant Health

[32] The focus group discussed the upcoming International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to be held on 12 May 2025.

⁸ [CPM 2024/31](#)

⁹ <https://www.ippc.int/en/work-area-publications/94286/>

[33] The chairperson noted the potential inclusion of a key task item to the terms of reference to provide input to the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH), which would include a focus on One Health.

[34] To this point, the secretariat confirmed that the Day would emphasize practical field action, celebrate the eightieth anniversary of FAO operations, and highlight the new Science and Innovation Strategy, particularly its focus on digitalization and innovation. The event may be held in El Salvador and would feature the new 3-D simulation room to be launched by the RPPO, the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), with a focus on banana *fusarium* wilt (a key focus determined by the CPM). The secretariat noted that it is hoped that the event will include a wide range of participants, including colleagues from the wider Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) of FAO related to plant and animal health, as well as interested regional groups and NPPOs.

5. Any other business

[35] The focus group member from the Southwest Pacific region alerted the focus group to the Pacific Week of Agriculture event, scheduled to take place from 26–30 May 2025 (of which they are attending), which could provide an opportunity to showcase plant health within the side session on AMR, surveillance and preparedness. The member requested support from the focus group to deliver a unified message.

[36] The secretariat agreed to:

- 5) *circulate* a document for 2025 regional events which could be supported by the IPPC and wider community, which could form a roadmap for the group.

[37] The focus group agreed to:

- 6) *provide* inputs to the 2025 regional event document and highlight any wider advocacy opportunities.

6. Closing of the meeting

[38] The secretariat confirmed that a doodle poll would be provided to the group to determine the next focus group meeting.

[39] The secretariat proposed that a chairperson for the focus group could be rotated at each meeting, to enhance inclusivity, participation and ownership of all focus group members. No focus group member expressed objection.

[40] The chairperson thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda

**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH**

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

30 January 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)

| Agenda Item | Document No. | Presenter(s) |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Opening of the meeting | | |
| 1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat | -- | IPPC Secretariat |
| 2. Meeting arrangements | | |
| 2.1 Selection of the rapporteur for the meeting | -- | Chairperson |
| 2.2 Adoption of the agenda | 01_CPMFG_OH_2025_Jan | Chairperson |
| 3. Administrative matters | | |
| 3.1 Introduction of the FG members/ membership list | CPM FG on OH membership list | IPPC Secretariat |
| 4. Focus Group work programme | | |
| 4.1 Discussions on the work programme of the focus group: - Review of the terms of reference (ToR) of the Focus Group | Link to the ToRs | Chairperson/All |
| 4.2 CPM-19 agenda item (13.3) on One Health | CPM 2025/32 CPM 2025/33 | Chairperson/ IPPC Secretariat |
| 4.3 Concept Note – CPM-19 Science Session on One Health - Agenda and speakers for the science session | 02_FGOH_2025_Jan | Chairperson/All |
| 4.4 International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) | | Chairperson/All |
| 5. Any other business | - | Chairperson |
| 6. Closing of the meeting | - | Chairperson |

Appendix 2: Participants List**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH***(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)***30 January 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)****PARTICIPANTS LIST**

A check (✓) in the last column indicates confirmed attendance at the meeting

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| 6 | North America (United States of America) | Ms Michelle Gray Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service North Carolina, United States of America | ✓ |
| 7 | CPM Bureau (Canada) | Mr Gregory Wolff Canadian Food Inspection Agency Ontario, Canada | ✓ |
| 8 | FAO Technical Working Group for One Health (FAO) | Ms Carmel Bullon The Development Law Service (LEGN), FAO Rome, Italy | ✓ |

IPPC Secretariat

| Name | |
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| Ms Rokhila Madaminova Programme Specialist | ✓ |

Appendix 3: Documents List**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH****30 January 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)****Virtual meeting****DOCUMENTS LIST**

| DOCUMENT NO. | AGENDA ITEM | DOCUMENT TITLE | DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED |
|--|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| 01_CPMFG_OH_2025_Jan | 2.2 | Provisional agenda | 2025-01-23 |
| CPM FG on OH membership list | 3.1 | Membership list | 2025-01-23 |
| Link to the ToRs | 4.1 | ToR | 2025-01-23 |
| CPM 2025/32 CPM 2025/33 | 4.2 | CPM-19 (2025) One Health agenda item | 2025-01-23 |
| 02_FGOH_2025_Jan | 4.3 | CPM-19 (2025) science session concept note | 2025-01-23 |