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## Getting in touch about the IPPC CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the context of One Health

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## Background

- CPM, its subsidiary bodies, and the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) have had ongoing discussions regarding the One Health concept in recent years. These discussions have been largely aimed at giving a more prominent role to plant health within One Health.
- The One Health High-level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) revised (2021) definition of One Health:  
*One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent.*



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## Background (continue)

- The 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG-28) (2022) *recommended* FAO to strengthen cooperation between the Quadripartite and the IPPC to consider plant health.”
- The 171th Session of the FAO Council (CL-171) (2022) *recommended* FAO to strengthen cooperation between the Quadripartite and the IPPC to consider plant health.
- FAO’ Program Priority Area on One Health Evaluation (2023) stressed the importance of plant health as a core component of One Health initiatives



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## CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the context of One Health

- ✓ CPM-18 (2024) established a CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the context of One Health.
- ✓ The IPPC Secretariat issued a call for experts in June 2024, yet the deadline was extended twice to ensure sufficient representation.
- ✓ Virtual meetings (VM) in 2025:
  - VM 01 – January
  - VM 02 – February
  - VM 03 – April
  - VM 04 – June
  - VM 05 – July
  - VM06 – September





## Membership

In addition to the IPPC Secretariat lead for the focus group, the meetings are also attended by IPPC and NSP staff working on AMR and One Health communications.

Region	Country	Name	Affiliation / Organization
Africa	Kenya	Mr Henri Edouard Zefack Tonnang	IITA (International Institute of Tropical Agriculture)
Asia	India	Mr Nagaraju Devalapura Kalasaiah	National Plant Protection Organization
Europe & Central Asia	France	Mr Philippe Reignault	ANSES – Plant Health Laboratory
Latin America & Caribbean	Chile	Mr Alvaro Sepúlveda Luque	National Plant Protection Organization
Southwest Pacific	Cook Islands	Ms Temarama Rou-Ariki Anguna Kamana	Ministry of Agriculture
Near East & North Africa	Egypt	Ms Heba Salah El-Dein Kassab	National Plant Protection Organization ( <b>CPM Bureau member</b> )
North America	United States of America	Ms Michelle Gray	USDA APHIS – Plant Protection and Quarantine ( <b>CPM Bureau member</b> )
FAO – One Health TWG	FAO (Italy)	Ms Carmen Bullon	FAO Development Law Service (LEGN)



## CPM-18 approved Terms of Reference of the focus group

1. Conduct **preliminary study**, understand how plant health could contribute to the One Health approach by determining the interrelations and interdependencies between plant health and the other pillars of this approach;
2. As part of the preliminary study, collect national and regional experiences from NPPOs and RPPOs relating to One Health;
3. As part of the preliminary study, liaise with the steering group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues, and other relevant focus groups and CPM, United Nations or FAO bodies
4. As conclusion of the preliminary study, enumerate the One Health topics where plant health is contributing to.
5. Draw up an action plan to communicate and advocate “Plant Health” as one of the pillars of One Health as an additional component of the IPPC Communications Strategy.



## CPM-18 approved Terms of Reference of the focus group - continue

6. Provide advice on the possibility of a CPM side session on One Health.
7. Consider whether a formal CPM Recommendation would be of use and value and, if so, provide an outline of what it may address.
8. Consider how participation by plant-health representatives in the FAO One Health Committee structure can be most effective;
9. Develop a plan for enhancing IPPC participation, advocacy, and effectiveness in the FAO One Health Committee structure and activity.
10. Present any other observations or recommendations to the CPM as deemed appropriate in relation to defining and recommending a CPM engagement strategy on One Health.



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## CPM-19 (2025) Science Session on the Importance of Plant Health within One Health

- Held on 20 March 2025, hybrid (in-person and webcast)
- Promoted the science linking Plant Health and One Health
- Fostered strategic collaboration by bringing together Quadripartite organizations (FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOA), scientists, policymakers, researchers, donors and plant health advocates.
- Showcased real life case studies from IPPC community that illustrate importance of applying One Health approach to address Plant Health issues: Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Italy, and Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International.
- Increased awareness of the scientific and policy relevance of plant health within One Health.





## CPM-19 (2025) decisions affecting the focus group workplan

### CPM-19 discussions One Health and AMR:

- Strong support was expressed for the One Health approach and the work of the CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the Context of One Health, emphasizing the interconnectedness of plant, animal, and human health.
- In response to the CPM Chairperson's proposal to develop a CPM Recommendation on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), CPM shared its concerns, considering lack of clarity on the role of plant health within One Health, the potential narrow scope of the recommendation, as well as the focus group's capacity.

### The CPM-19:

**(87)** *requested* that the focus group prioritize tasks that will lead to delivery of task 7 in the approved terms of reference for the focus group, which relates to the consideration of a formal CPM recommendation;

**(88)** *requested* the focus group to present to the 2025 SPG meeting their advice on the potential value and content of a CPM recommendation on AMR and provide an outline of its content;



## Ongoing activities:

- **Preliminary study to understand clear linkages between Plant Health and One Health:**
  - Desk research to understand interrelations and interdependencies between plant health and the other pillars of the One Health approach as per the comprehensive research matrix.
  - Review and assessment to understand whether a formal CPM Recommendation (on AMR or general on OH) would be of use and value for the IPPC community → address CPM-19 (2025) decisions 87 and 88.
  - Coordinate the findings with the steering group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues, and other relevant focus groups and CPM, United Nations or FAO bodies to draft the study
  - Present the findings to 2025 SPG as per CPM-19 (2025) decisions 87 and 88.
- **Participation of the CPM focus group members in the peer review process of the FAO Framework on One Health in Agrifood Systems for Global Health and Food Security**



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## Next activities:

- Gather feedback from 2025 SPG meeting
- Draft the primary study report, consult with relevant IPPC and FAO bodies (steering group on Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues, and other relevant focus groups and CPM, United Nations or FAO bodies)
- Consider how participation by plant-health representatives in the FAO One Health Committee structure can be most effective
- Develop a plan for enhancing IPPC participation, advocacy, and effectiveness in the FAO One Health Committee structure and activity.



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