



## COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP

#### UPDATE ON FOCUS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES

*(Agenda item 6.6)*

##### 1. Introduction

- [1] This paper provides an update to the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) on the progress of the Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (FG-CCPI) and seeks strategic guidance on its future. It builds on the report presented to the CPM Bureau in October 2025.
- [2] The FG-CCPI has made significant progress against its CPM-approved work plan, particularly in raising awareness and providing technical input to IPPC subsidiary bodies. However, with the group's mandate concluding in March 2026, a strategic decision must be made about how to continue this work.
- [3] This paper summarizes recent achievements, outlines the pending activities from the work plan, and presents the key strategic decisions that were put to the Bureau regarding the future of the IPPC's work on climate change.

##### 2. Update on 2025 Deliverables achieved since CPM-19

- [4] The FG-CCPI has made significant and strategic progress against its core duties as outlined in its Terms of Reference<sup>1</sup>. The group successfully developed and is now actively managing the implementation of its Action Plan, which was approved by CPM-19. A key area of ongoing success has been providing direct technical input to IPPC subsidiary bodies, most notably by embedding climate change considerations into the new pest risk analysis (PRA) standard
- [5] To date, the group has completed foundational awareness-raising activities, including the development of a central webpage on the International Phytosanitary Portal for climate change resources and participation in regional-level webinars. Several FG CCPI members delivered climate change presentations during the 2025 IPPC regional workshops and international IPPC meetings and are providing technical input to incorporate climate considerations into the new IPPC standard for Pest Risk Analysis (PRA). Other deliverables were noted in the paper presented during CPM-19<sup>2</sup>.
- [6] Deliverables since CPM-19 are:
  - **Webinar series:** A successful webinar series on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues was held in October 2025, attracting over 500 participants and featuring experts from leading global institutions. All recordings and presentations are available online: [IPPC Webinar Series: Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues | 1-2 October 2025 | 14:00–16:00 CET \(Rome time\) - International Plant Protection Convention](#).

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<sup>1</sup> [FG\\_CCPI\\_TermsOfReference.pdf](#)

<sup>2</sup> [26\\_CPM\\_2025\\_Updates\\_on\\_CPM\\_Focus\\_Group\\_on\\_Climate\\_Change\\_2025-01-13.pdf](#)

- **Technical Factsheets:** The development of technical factsheets on the impact of climate change on specific pests (e.g., *Hemileia vastatrix* (coffee leaf rust), *Spodoptera frugiperda* (fall armyworm), *Pueraria montana* var. *lobata* (kudzu), locust, *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Tropical Race 4 (TR4) and *Xylella fastidiosa*) is well underway to provide practical information to stakeholders.

### 3. FG CCPI Remaining work (2025 -2026)

- [7] While this foundational work is well underway, not all activities in the Action Plan will be completed by the mandate's conclusion in March 2026. The group is proactively managing its work plan to focus on the highest-impact items. A summary of the remaining work reveals that while core tasks like input into the PRA standard are on track, other important activities are either pending or have been deferred. These include broader stakeholder engagement, the development of practical guidance for farmers, and strengthening collaboration with international climate change bodies. This context is critical for the SPG's discussion on the future arrangements for this workstream.

### 4. Future of the IPPC's Work on Climate Change (Post-March 2026)

- [8] The central strategic issue is how to best continue the work on climate change after the FG-CCPI's current mandate expires in March 2026. While significant progress has been made, key activities in the approved Action Plan will not be completed by this deadline.
- [9] To address this, two main options were presented to the Bureau for their guidance on the future of the work of the FG CCPI: extending the mandate of the Focus Group until March 2028 or integrating its activities into other IPPC structures. This guidance will inform the final proposal to be presented to the CPM for consideration and decision.

### 5. Proposed CPM-20 Side Session

- [10] To raise awareness among contracting parties, the FG-CCPI proposed holding a side session at CPM-20. The Bureau was informed of two potential pathways for this event: a dedicated side session focused solely on climate change, or a joint "Plant Health Innovation Fair" organized in collaboration with the POARS Steering Group and the Smart Plant Health initiative.
- [11] The Bureau's decision on this matter would be communicated orally during the SPG meeting. The strategic goal remains to effectively highlight the importance of climate change at CPM-20. Therefore, the SPG is invited to provide guidance on the most impactful ways to achieve this, taking into account the Bureau's feedback on the side session proposal.
- [12] The SPG is invited to:
- *Recommend* a strategic direction forward for the IPPC's work on climate change.
  - *Provide* guidance on the most strategic approach for raising awareness at CPM-20, considering the options of a dedicated side session or a joint "Plant Health Innovation Fair," and taking into account the Bureau's feedback.