



Update from the FG-CCPI

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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UPDATE FROM THE FOCUS GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 13.6

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Introduction

- [1] This paper provides an update on the progress of the Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues, summarizing key achievements since CPM-19 (2025)¹ and noting the status of its mandate, which concludes in March 2026. The focus group has advanced the work outlined in its CPM-approved work plan (2025–2026) and contributed to strengthening the integration of issues related to climate change and plant protection into IPPC work.

Update on 2025 Deliverables achieved since CPM-19 (2025)

- [2] To date, the focus group has completed foundational awareness-raising activities, including the development of a central webpage on the IPPC's International Phytosanitary Portal for climate change resources and participation in regional-level webinars. Several focus group members delivered presentations on climate change during the 2025 IPPC regional workshops and international IPPC meetings. Moreover, focus group members are developing technical information about climate change for on pest risk analysis (PRA). Other deliverables were noted in the paper presented during CPM-19 (2025).
- [3] Deliverables since the update delivered in CPM-19 (2025) are as follows.
- [4] **Webinar series:** A successful webinar series on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues was held in October 2025, attracting over 500 participants globally 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](#).
- [5] **Technical Factsheets:** The focus group completed the technical content for a set of reference materials addressing the impacts of climate change on selected pests. These materials are intended to support awareness-raising and technical discussions. The IPPC Secretariat is currently exploring the most effective formats and dissemination pathways to ensure broad reach, long-term relevance and alignment with existing IPPC knowledge products and communication mechanisms. The publication and final format of these documents will be determined in concert with IPPC communication efforts and available resources.
- [6] **Contribution to technical work:** Focus group members provided input to embed climate change-related issues into the revision of the PRA activities.

¹ [26_CPM_2025_Updates_on_CPM_Focus_Group_on_Climate_Change_2025-01-13.pdf](#)

Strategic direction forward for the IPPC's work on climate change

[7] At its October 2025 meeting, the CPM Bureau acknowledged the impressive contributions made by the focus group and determined its mandate should not be extended beyond March 2026. The bureau and the Strategic Planning Group affirmed that:

- The work carried out by the focus group has achieved its purpose and exceeded expectations;
- Issues related to climate change and plant protection should now transition into a mainstreamed, business-as-usual approach across relevant IPPC activities, rather than remain within a standalone focus group; and
- Remaining elements of the focus group work plan will be integrated into existing programme areas, including implementation and capacity development activities, PRA and the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems (POARS).

[8] The bureau further invited the focus group to provide proposals to CPM-20 (2026) on how to integrate the remaining elements of its work into ongoing IPPC activities. Due to time constraints, these proposals will be provided orally.

CPM-20 Visibility

[9] To ensure continued visibility of climate change-related issues and share lessons learned, the bureau endorsed featuring outcomes of the focus group as part of the innovation fair at CPM-20 alongside related subject matter areas such as POARS and Smart Plant Health.

Closure of the Mandate

[10] With the focus group's mandate set to conclude in March 2026, no further standalone reporting from the focus group is expected. The secretariat will ensure continuity of relevant work in line with the mainstream approach endorsed by the bureau.

[11] The CPM might consider acknowledging the voluntary contributions, collaboration, and technical expertise provided by focus group members, contracting parties, experts, and observers throughout the focus group's mandate.

Recommendations

[12] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) *note* the progress achieved by the focus group since CPM-19 (2025).
- (2) *acknowledge and thank* the members of the focus group for their commitment and technical contributions; and
- (3) *endorse* the integration of remaining climate-related activities into the IPPC's ongoing programmes and workstreams.