



**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**  
**TWENTIETH SESSION**  
**UPDATE ON THE IPPC REGIONAL WORKSHOPS**  
**AGENDA ITEM 22.1**

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

- [1] The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Regional Workshops are annual IPPC activities with objectives to analyse and prepare comments online for draft International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), to build phytosanitary capacity and raise awareness on various activities of the IPPC community and provide a forum to exchange experiences and ideas on the regional level.<sup>1</sup>

The seven 2025 IPPC regional workshops (RWs) were held in August and September and convened anywhere between three to five days, in-person with an agenda that included the following:

- (1) IPPC Secretariat updates.
- (2) Discussion and formulation on draft ISPMs for first and second consultation in the Online Commenting System (OCS).
- (3) Phytosanitary capacity building to raise awareness about phytosanitary resources available for NPPOs in the IPPC community.
- (4) Regional topics of interest and experiences, and
- (5) An optional day for a field visit to laboratory and plant production facilities in the host country.

- [2] The secretariat collaborated with regional organizing committees to hold IPPC regional workshops during the consultation period (01 July–30 September), while the OCS was open. In 2025, these workshops were conducted across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, the Near East and North Africa, and the Southwest Pacific. A total of 267 participants from 119 countries took part in the sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> IPPC regional workshops: <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/regional-ippc-workshops/>

**Table 1.** Attendance by number of participants and contracting parties for each of the seven regional workshops.

Regional Workshops	Number of Participants	Number of Contracting Parties
Africa	63	23
Asia	32	16
Caribbean	20	13
Europe and Central Asia	29	18
Latin America	40	16
Near East and North Africa	49	19
Southwest Pacific	34	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>119</b>

[3] The IPPC regional workshop organizing committees collaborated with the secretariat to find a balance between addressing global and regional issues and solving logistical and funding peculiarities. Reports of these IPPC regional workshops are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).<sup>2</sup>

[4] The success of the regional workshop was attributed to:

- (1) Active collaboration among regional organizing committees composed of the IPPC Secretariat, representatives from the Standards Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC), Regional Plant Protection Organisations (RPPOs), FAO regional and sub-regional offices, host country and any other relevant partner organizations supporting the workshop.
- (2) Organizing committee members and participants were encouraged to make their best efforts to secure funding for regional workshop activities.
- (3) The IPPC recognizes the Republic of Korea for its full financial and organizational contributions for the many years of sponsoring the Asia IPPC regional workshop
- (4) The Secretariat provided USD 165,000.00 to support the 2025 IPPC regional workshops
- (5) The workshops comments on draft ISPMs were submitted through the OCS and closed on 30 September 2025.

[5] This summary report is given on observations and recommendations that could be used to improve the organization of future IPPC regional workshops.

### Financial support

[6] The budget allocated in 2025 enabled the secretariat to support some costs for meeting facilities and supplies in the regional workshops. Regional organizing committees were encouraged to submit estimates for secretariat funding early, and as much as possible fund their own travel, interpretation, and report writers. Regions benefited by portioned expenses based on World Bank criteria<sup>3</sup> for airfare, lodging and DSA for eligible workshop attendees.

### Regional workshops and OCS training

[7] In terms of general discussion, the dates of the regional workshops accommodated the open period of OCS. Refresher OCS training was held to improve the participation of new contracting parties' representatives in the consultation process.

<sup>2</sup> IPPC regional workshops: <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/regional-ippc-workshops/>

<sup>3</sup> Criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive travel assistance to attend meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1036/>

## The IPPC regional workshops agenda

- [8] The global regional workshops agenda was ambitious for a three-day meeting and was adapted by each region to ensure sufficient discussion and debate of primary topics on Standards. Scheduling additional days dedicated to in-depth conversations for important draft standards and implementation issues were welcomed.
- [9] The IPPC regional workshops excelled in terms of delivery, insight, and knowledge sharing related to International Day of Plant Health, draft standards and recommendations, and implementation subjects of interest such as eCommerce, Africa Phytosanitary Programme, ePhyto, Plant Health Campus, and exercises for regional pest interests.

## IPPC regional workshop survey and summary

- [10] The 2025 IPPC regional workshop survey received 132 responses out of 267 participants (49% response rate), demonstrating overwhelmingly positive feedback. Content quality was rated very good or good by 98% of respondents, while 97% agreed the workshop achieved its objectives. Participants confirmed the workshop maintained appropriate balance between global and regional topics (96% agreement), provided sufficient discussion time (92% agreement), and was well organized and effectively implemented (98% agreement). These results affirm that the regional workshop continues serving as an effective platform for capacity development, regional perspective exchange, and alignment with IPPC strategic objectives.

## Conclusion

- [11] The IPPC Secretariat extends its sincere appreciation to the Republic of Korea, The Republic of Congo, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, Oman, Argentina, and Fiji for their generous hospitality in hosting the 2025 IPPC regional workshops. The secretariat also acknowledges the valuable contributions of the seven regional organizing committees for their dedicated collaboration, effective coordination, and financial support in delivering these important events.
- [12] The secretariat further expresses gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and commitment to advancing the objectives of the IPPC. The lessons learned and survey findings from the 2025 regional workshops will inform the planning of the 2026 IPPC regional workshops, ensuring the continued strengthening of national and regional phytosanitary capacity and the effective implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030.

## Recommendations

- [13] The CPM is invited to;
- (1) *note* the update of the 2025 IPPC regional workshops.
  - (2) *encourage* allocation of sufficient time for agenda items dedicated for implementation issues and regional topics of interest during IPPC regional workshops, as per the request from IC.

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