



## COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### TWENTIETH SESSION

## REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE, OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE AND FUNDING SUSTAINABILITY OF THE IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION

### AGENDA ITEM 13.1.1

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat in collaboration with the CPM Bureau)*

#### IPPC ePhyto Solution governance gaps

- [1] The funding model presented under **agenda item 13.1.3 (Paper 13)**<sup>1</sup> is not changing the framework endorsed by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures at its eighteenth session (CPM-18) for the sustainable operation and development of the IPPC ePhyto Solution.
- [2] The first year of implementation of the CPM-18 funding model has provided useful insights. Experience has highlighted a gap between the growing participation in the IPPC ePhyto Solution, the minimum level of financial stability for reliable operations, and the expectations that fees would decrease as adoption expands. As contributions remain voluntary, increased participation has not yet translated into the budgeted funding needed to ensure sustainable operations.
- [3] Operational incidents affecting the Solution in January 2026 further highlighted the importance of stable and sustainable resourcing. As the IPPC ePhyto Solution now supports a critical service for international phytosanitary certification and trade, its reliability depends not only on maintaining existing infrastructure but also on the ability to modernize the system.
- [4] In addition, feedback received on the proposed adjustments to the governance of the IPPC ePhyto Solution indicates that the currently proposed modifications to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group (ESG) may not sufficiently address the immediate needs related to governance clarity, operational stability, and sustainable funding. A more focused governance structure is therefore required to support strategic direction, technical oversight, and stakeholder engagement.

#### Proposed strengthened governance body

- [5] In light of these considerations, the secretariat, in consultation with the bureau, proposes the establishment of a **new single governance body reporting to the bureau**, with the following indicative terms of reference:
  - Oversight of all activities related to the IPPC ePhyto Solution;
  - Provide advice on technical developments and proposed system changes;
  - Propose mechanisms to facilitate engagement and input from the private sector;
  - Provide advice on the strategic direction of the IPPC ePhyto Solution;
  - Provide advice on communication and outreach related to the IPPC ePhyto Solution;

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<sup>1</sup> CPM 2026/13:

[https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2026/01/13\\_CPM\\_2026\\_Funding\\_Model\\_ePhyto\\_2026-01-06.pdf](https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2026/01/13_CPM_2026_Funding_Model_ePhyto_2026-01-06.pdf)

- development for CPM's consideration of a sustainable funding model for the long-term operation and development of the IPPC ePhyto Solution.

[6] Detailed terms of reference for this body would be further developed and finalized by the bureau.

### **Recommendations (supersedes paper CPM 2026/11 recommendations)**

[7] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) *note* the continuous growth and success of the IPPC ePhyto Solution;
- (2) *agree* to the establishment by the CPM Bureau of a new ePhyto governing body, encompassing diverse expertise, tasked with advising on technical developments, engaging with stakeholders, providing advice on strategic directions, implementation and communication, and proposing a revised sustainable funding model;
- (3) *request* the bureau to develop and finalize the detailed terms of reference for the new ePhyto governing body;
- (4) *agree* that the ePhyto Steering Group would be disestablished upon establishment of the new ePhyto governance body; and
- (5) *thank* the members of the ePhyto Steering Group for their contributions (Appendix 1).

## Appendix 1: Current membership list of ePhyto Steering Group

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