



List of Implementation and Capacity Development Topics

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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LIST OF TOPICS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA ITEM 9.2.1

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. Introduction

- [1] The *List of Implementation and Capacity Development Topics* (ICD-LOT) database, which can be viewed on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)¹, identifies all the IPPC guides and training material topics that are either under development or in line to be developed.
- [2] The ICD-LOT is managed and updated twice a year by the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU), under the supervision of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC).

2. Guides and training materials completed in 2025

- [3] In 2025, the IPPC Secretariat published eight (8) e-learning courses and two (2) learning tools under the topic *IPPC plant health officer training curricula* (2017-054), under the framework and financial support of the European Union project “Strengthening Food Control and Phytosanitary Capacities and Governance”. With the publication of all courses, this topic has been removed from the ICD-LOT.
- [4] The secretariat also removed the following topics from the ICD-LOT as these topics have been completed: 2023-002- Fusarium TR4 training courses, and 2024-002- plant pest emergency simulation tool.

3. Consideration of submissions from the call for topics

- [5] At its November 2025 meeting, the IC reviewed and discussed submissions received under the ongoing Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation. Further information about the review by the IC is provided in the paper under agenda item 9.3. Following their review, the IC added the implementation resource *Guidance on operating a phytosanitary import regulatory system* (2025-015) to the list of topics, with the priority to be assigned at their meeting in May 2026.

4. Guides and training materials under development and scheduled for 2026 (Priority 1)

- [6] The IPPC guide *Risk-based inspection of imported consignments* (2018-022) is under development as Priority 1. The guide is scheduled for publication in 2026. The secretariat thanks the Republic of Korea for the financial contribution for the development of this guide. The funding will also support the development of an e-learning course on the same topic. This e-learning course has been allocated Priority 1 on the ICD-LOT. The secretariat will collaborate with the FAO elearning Academy to develop and publish this course in September 2026.

¹ List of Implementation and Capacity Development Topics: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/list-topics-ippc-implementation/list>

- [7] The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) are actioning feedback on two treatment manuals, namely *Wood Packaging Material Heat Treatment Manual* and *Wood Packaging Material Fumigation Treatment Manual*.
- [8] The secretariat thanks Australia and Canada for their funding contributions to the Multi-Donor Trust fund to support this Development Agenda Item (DAI) “Developing guidance on the use of third-party entities”. With this funding, the secretariat can initiate work on two IPPC guides under this DAI: *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2021-009) and *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2018-040). These guides have been moved from Priority 2 to Priority 1 for work to initiate in 2026.
- [9] The secretariat received a request from the Focus Group (FG) on Sea Containers for a new e-learning course based on the IPPC guide *Sea containers supply chains and cleanliness*. The FG provided specifications for the development of the course. The IC approved these specifications and allocated Priority 1 to this topic in November 2025. The work on this course is scheduled to begin early 2026.
- [10] The IPPC ePhyto Solution GeNS platform has undergone several updates over the years and as a result the current e-learning course, which were developed in 2020 by UNICC, need to be updated. The secretariat will work with the FAO elearning Academy to develop an updated course. The IC approved these specifications and assigned Priority 2 to this topic in December 2025.

5. Guides and training materials to be developed when resources are available (Priority 2, 3, and 4)

- [11] There are no changes or updates on the remaining Priority 2 topics and no changes to Priority 3 and 4 since CPM-19 (2024).

6. Sustainable funding required

- [12] To support the timely and sustainable development of implementation materials for ISPMs, the CPM is requested to support the creation of a regular-budget position within the IFU.

Recommendations

- [13] The CPM is invited to:
- (1) note the update on the IPPC guides and training materials;
 - (2) note the adjustments made by the IC to the *List of implementation and capacity development topics*:
 - the removal of the *IPPC plant health officer training curricula* (2017-054), the *Fusarium TR4 training courses* (2023-002), and the *Plant pest emergency simulation tool* (2024-002), as the work on these three topics has been completed,
 - the change of the priority level of *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2021-009) and *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2018-040) from 2 to 1 as sufficient funds are available to initiate work on both these topics,
 - the addition of the *e-learning course on IPPC ePhyto Solution implementation training package*, with a priority level 2, agreed via e-decision,
 - the addition of the *e-learning course on inspection/ visual examination of sea containers*, with priority level 1, as agreed via e-decision,
 - the addition of the *e-learning course on risk-based inspection*, with a priority level to be assigned during the IC May 2026 meeting,
 - the addition of the implementation resource *Guidance on operating a phytosanitary import regulatory system* (2025-015) from the ongoing Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation, with a priority level to be assigned during the IC May 2026 meeting; and
 - (3) adopt the *List of implementation and capacity development topics* as amended.

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