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IPPC OBSERVATORY: PROGRESS REPORT ON 2025 ACTIVITIES AND WORKPLAN FOR 2026

AGENDA ITEM 13.9

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1. Introduction

- [1] The IPPC Observatory¹ is the monitoring and evaluation system of the IPPC. Its mandate is to support the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) and its subsidiary bodies to identify gaps and challenges in implementing the convention, International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), CPM recommendations, and the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda items (SF DAIs).
- [2] The Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Subgroup on the IPPC Observatory oversees the IPPC Observatory activities, providing technical support as needed. The subgroup membership² includes representatives from the CPM Bureau, the IC, the Standards Committee (SC), and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs), representing these bodies. This broad representation ensures that the IC, SC, and the RPPOs are regularly informed, consulted and able to contribute feedback through their appointed members.
- [3] This paper reports on the IPPC Observatory activities and achievements for 2025, the workplan for 2026, specifically, the launch of the Third IPPC General Survey.

2. What is the IPPC Observatory and why is it important?

- [4] The IPPC Observatory, formerly the Implementation Review and Support System, established in 2011 with support from the European Commission and Switzerland, was transitioned to the IPPC Observatory by CPM-16 (2022). It now serves as the core system for monitoring and evaluating IPPC implementation, helping to identify gaps, challenges, emerging trends and needs across contracting parties.
- [5] A key purpose of this transition was to ensure sustainable funding for monitoring, evaluation, and learning for the IPPC community. CPM-16 requested the allocation of baseline resources from the IPPC Secretariat's regular programme budget to cover fixed costs—estimated at USD 185 000 annually—including a full-time staff position, as well as the need for mobilization of additional extrabudgetary resources for thematic studies and surveys. To date, the required resources have not been allocated. Consequently, several planned activities could not be delivered and were subsequently paused.

¹ IPPC Observatory webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/ippc-observatory/>

² IC Subgroup on the IPPC Observatory membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/93292/>

3. IPPC observatory activities and achievements for 2025

- [6] The IPPC Observatory progressed on several planned activities in 2025. The IPPC Observatory workplan for 2025 with the status of each activity is presented in Appendix 1.

3.1 IPPC Observatory Study on E-commerce

- [7] The IPPC Observatory Study on E-commerce was completed, and the final report highlights growing phytosanitary risks linked to online trade.³ The study underscores the need to strengthen and update legislative and non-legislative frameworks that should be commensurate with e-commerce practices and enable effective enforcement. It also emphasizes the importance of the adoption of harmonized approaches that are consistent with CPM recommendation R-05 on e-commerce and the ISPMs, improved access to and exchange of operational data, and more targeted technical and capacity-building support to NPPOs and regions.
- [8] Based on the study's recommendations, the IC Team on E-commerce developed a roadmap for Phase 2 of the SF DAI on *Management of e-commerce and postal and courier pathways* and is presenting it to CPM. Further details are provided under agenda item 13.3 (Management of e-commerce and postal and courier pathways).

3.2 IPPC Observatory Study on Antimicrobial Use

- [9] Two surveys—one on overall antimicrobial use (AMU) and one on fungicide use—were completed in 2025. Results indicate a general low usage of antibiotics in plant protection, while fungicides remain widely used across major crops.
- [10] A joint study report is being prepared in collaboration with FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP) for publication in 2026.
- [11] To ensure the sustainable monitoring and surveillance of AMU in plant protection in the future, the data collection will now be managed through the FAO's International FAO Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring (InFARM)⁴ tool. An annual invitation was sent to the IPPC Official Contact Points (OCPs) to participate in the InFARM module for AMU with clear instructions and guide documents. A dedicated guide for reporting this information was published and made available to the IPPC OCPs.⁵

3.3 IPPC Observatory topics for studies and surveys

- [12] Following CPM-18 (2024) and CPM-19 (2025) decisions, a call for IPPC Observatory topics was launched in May 2025 for a two-year trial, jointly with the IPPC Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation.
- [13] In September 2025, the NPPO of Australia submitted a new topic proposal, *Survey on the current regulatory status and current use of phytosanitary systems approaches to facilitate safe trade in plant products* (2025-012). The IC agreed to postpone the review of this topic proposal until May 2026 to incorporate insights from the Global IPPC Systems Approaches Workshop.

3.4 Three sisters working on monitoring implementation of standards

- [14] The IPPC Observatory continued close collaboration with the Codex Alimentarius and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) observatories through regular bi-monthly meetings and joint work on monitoring implementation of standards. A joint publication was commissioned on the use and implementation of Codex, IPPC and WOAH standards, the importance of monitoring the

³ Report of the IPPC Observatory Study on E-commerce [February/March]: <https://www.ippc.int/en/resources/multimedia/online-tools/ippc-observatory/>

⁴ InFARM: <https://www.fao.org/antimicrobial-resistance/resources/infarm-system/en/>

⁵ InFARM System—Guide for reporting information on AMU in plants: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cd7190en>

implementation of these standards, and the successes and challenges the three sisters face in this endeavor.⁶

- [15] The three observatories are exploring opportunities to leverage World Trade Organization's Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS) data to strengthen monitoring. Joint proposals will be presented to the WTO SPS Transparency Working Group in early 2026.

4. IPPC observatory priority activities for 2026

- [16] The IPPC Observatory 2026 workplan, as presented in Appendix 2, includes these priority activities:

- launching the third IPPC General Survey;
- validating the terms of reference (ToR) for the final evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020- 2030, and securing resources to conduct this activity in 2027;
- reviewing new topic submissions and maintaining the IPPC Observatory List of Topics (LOT); and
- mobilising resources for the IPPC Observatory sustainability.

4.1 Final review and evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 development agenda items

- [17] Review and evaluation of the SF DAIs is one of the mandates of the IPPC Observatory and is one of the priority topics in the IPPC Observatory List of Topics.⁷

- [18] Agreeing on the importance of review and evaluation of the SF DAI implementation, CPM-19 (2025) advised to defer those activities, prior to initiating work on the development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework (ideally in 2027). The CPM asked that the revised ToR be presented to CPM-20 (2026).

- [19] The revised ToR was presented to the CPM Bureau in June and to the SPG 2025 and received further suggestions for improvement. At SPG, there was a proposal to conduct the final review and evaluation with the involvement of the FAO Evaluation Office. Furthermore, it was discussed that the exercise could be conducted as part of the IPPC Secretariat comprehensive evaluation. In its November 2025 meeting, the IC agreed to await the CPM decision on the preferred way to conduct the final evaluation of the implementation of the Strategic Framework DAIs.

- [20] The final version of the ToR is presented in Appendix 3.

4.2 Third IPPC General Survey

- [21] In 2025, the Third IPPC General Survey was successfully redesigned and standardized under the oversight of the IC Subgroup on the IPPC Observatory, with technical support from a survey specialist. The revised survey provides a clearer, more focused and shorter instrument that enables consistent measurement and tracking of implementation progress, trends, successes and challenges across the IPPC community, in line with best practices applied by the Codex and WOAHS observatories.

- [22] The redesigned survey is underpinned by a technical concept note that links IPPC national obligations to relevant ISPMs, ensuring that core questions meaningfully assess implementation of the Convention at national level. The concept and survey instruments were developed through an inclusive review process involving the IC Subgroup, the IC, the IPPC Secretariat, the SC and partner observatories, and received broad endorsement.

- [23] Following review and refinement by the IPPC Secretariat, the IC Subgroup and the IC, the finalized questionnaire was translated into all FAO official languages, pre-tested, and made available on the

⁶ Use and implementation of Codex, IPPC and WOAHS standards: How do the three sisters monitor the impact of their work?: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/handle/20.500.14283/cd4018en>

⁷ *Develop baseline measures to monitor the impacts of and record/report benefits of the Strategic Framework 2020– 2030* (2018-52)

International Phytosanitary Portal together with supporting materials, made available on the International Phytosanitary Portal.⁸ Development of the Third IPPC General Survey was made possible through the financial support of the Republic of Korea.

- [24] The work on the Third IPPC General Survey has been initiated thanks to the generous financial support of the Republic of Korea.

Recommendations

- [25] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) *note* the status of activities from the IPPC Observatory 2025 workplan as presented in Appendix 1, including that some activities could not be completed due to a lack of dedicated funding;
- (2) *note* the IPPC Observatory 2026 workplan as presented in Appendix 2;
- (3) *note* the CPM-17 (2023) and the CPM-19 (2025) decision *requesting* the secretariat to consider establishing a new position of programme manager to coordinate, monitor, report and mobilize funds, and *requesting* the Financial Committee to implement this decision;
- (4) *request* that the IPPC secretary collaborate with the CPM Bureau to consider establishing a new position of programme manager to coordinate, monitor, report and mobilize funds in 2026;
- (5) *encourage* the IPPC Official Contact Points to respond to the call for data submission on AMU in plant health through FAO's InFarm platform;
- (6) *advise* on the way forward regarding the final review and evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 DAIs, specifically to:
 - *agree* that the final review and evaluation be undertaken by the IPPC Observatory in 2027, in accordance with the proposed ToR set out in Appendix 3, and *request* that the required financial resources be allocated no later than 2026, or
 - if not agreed, *note* that the activity of the final review and evaluation, together with the proposed ToR, will be transferred to the IPPC Secretary for submission to the FAO Evaluation Office;
- (7) *note* the efforts made to re-design and standardize the Third IPPC General Survey;
- (8) *note* the launch of the IPPC Third General survey and *call* and *encourage* the IPPC contracting parties to actively participate and respond to the survey; and,
- (9) *acknowledge* the financial contributions from the government of the Republic of Korea to support the work on the Third IPPC General Survey.

⁸ IPPC Third General Survey (2026) IPP page: <https://www.ippc.int/en/resources/multimedia/online-tools/ippc-observatory/third-ippc-general-survey-2026/>

Appendix 1: IPPC Observatory 2025 workplan

*** Subject to availability of financial resources

Green – completed

Red - paused

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
Work package I: Oversee the IPPC Observatory studies and surveys			
1. Conduct studies on priority topics contributing to the review of implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs and CPM Recommendations			Completed
1.1. One priority 1 topics per year to provide cross-cutting support to IPPC core activities are conducted***	One study published, and communication activities undertaken as appropriate	IPPC Secretariat, consultants, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
2. Study on E-Commerce (2021-01, Priority 1)			Completed <i>NOTE: minor work remaining with the publication of the study report.</i>
2.1. Review the results of the IPPC Observatory Study survey on E-Commerce	Results reviewed	IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory, IC Team on E-Commerce	Completed
2.2. Analyse the results of the IPPC Observatory Study survey on E-Commerce	Results analysed	IPPC Secretariat, survey specialist, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Completed
2.3. Finalise the report/study, prepare for publication, and publish through FAO PWS	Study published	IPPC Secretariat, survey specialist	<i>In progress, with a tentative publication in 2026 for CPM</i>
2.4. Present the updates on the IPPC Observatory Study on E-Commerce at CPM-19	CPM paper developed	IPPC Secretariat, survey specialist, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Completed
3. Survey on Antimicrobial resistance			Ongoing
3.1. Conduct the third phase on fungicides of the AMR survey	Survey launched	IPPC Secretariat, consultants	Completed
3.2. Finalize a report of the two phases of the AMR survey, prepare for publication, and publish through FAO PWS	AMR survey published	IPPC Secretariat, consultants, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	<i>IPPC Secretariat is in coordination with NSP team on AMR for drafting and publication. Tentatively the publication is scheduled to 2026 Q2/3</i>
3.3. Present the outcomes of the AMR survey at the CPM-19	CPM paper developed	IPPC Secretariat, consultants, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Completed

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
4. Formulate a new project on IPPC Observatory operationalization			<i>Discussions with the donor are ongoing</i>
4.1. Coordinate with the EU to mobilise resources for a new project	Project submitted	IPPC Secretariat	
4.2. Include the priority 1 topics in the EU project proposal	Project document finalized	IPPC Secretariat	
Work package II: Contribute to the monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL)			
1. Conduct the third IPPC General Survey (2018-54, Priority 1)***			<i>Ongoing – resources secured (USD 90 000 by the Republic of Korea)</i>
1.1. Hire a survey specialist to work on the third general survey based on the outcomes of the comparative analysis report of the first and second general surveys	Third IPPC General Survey CN prepared	IPPC Secretariat / Survey specialist	<i>Completed</i>
1.2. Review the proposed questionnaire of the survey by the IPPC Secretariat	Questionnaire reviewed	IPPC Secretariat / Survey specialist	
1.3. Review the reworked questionnaire of the survey by the IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Questionnaire reviewed	IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
1.4. Conduct the third general survey	Report of the survey	Survey specialist /Phytosanitary expert	
1.5. Review the results of the survey by the Subgroup	Results reviewed	IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
1.6. Analyse the results of the survey and consult with IC, SC and Bureau	Results of studies reviewed	IC, SC and Bureau	
1.7. Finalize the report of the Third General Survey, prepare for publication, and publish through FAO PWS to be published	The results and recommendations of the Third general survey posted	IPPC Secretariat	
Work package III: Conduct mid-term evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030			
1. Conduct the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Framework 2020-2030 (2018-52, Priority 1)***			<i>No resources were secured for this activity.</i> <i>The CPM-19 (2025) proposed to conduct this assessment as a final evaluation, tentatively in 2027.</i> <i>Estimated cost: USD 53,250</i>
1.1. Hire a survey/monitoring & evaluation specialist(s)	The specialist is hired	IPPC Secretariat	

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
1.2. Develop a methodology for the mid-term evaluation and a baseline data to assess impact and progress of the SF 2020-2030	Methodology and baseline data are developed	IPPC Secretariat and the DAI leads /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory/	
1.3. Develop a matrix table to monitor the impacts of the 8 DAI of and record/report benefits of the SF 2020-2030	Matrix table is developed	IPPC Secretariat and the DAI leads /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
1.4. Prepare, finalise and publish a report	Report is prepared and published	IPPC Secretariat/Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
Work package IV: Coordination of the Subgroup on IPPC Observatory meetings, reporting and updating the workplan			
1. Prepare and coordinate the meetings of the Subgroup on IPPC Observatory			Completed
1.1. Organize the first virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting first virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Completed
1.2. Organize the second virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting second virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Completed
1.3. Organize the third virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting third virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	To be completed in December 2025
Work package V: Update IPPC Observatory List of Topics			
1. Launch Call for new IPPC Observatory Topics and update the IPPC Observatory list of topics			Completed <i>NOTE: prior to launching the call for topics, the IPPC Observatory list of topics was reviewed and updated. The update had been implemented on the IPP.</i>
1.1. Launch the Call for new IPPC Observatory Topics together with the 2025 IPPC Call for Topics: standards and implementation	Call launched	IPPC Secretariat	Completed
1.2. Compile the submitted IPPC Observatory topics	Submissions and list of IPPC Observatory topics updated	IPPC Secretariat	Ongoing
1.3. Review the updated List of IPPC Observatory topics	List of IPPC Observatory topics reviewed	Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Ongoing
1.4. Submit the updated List of IPPC Observatory topics to the IC for approval	List of IPPC Observatory topics approved	IPPC Secretariat	Ongoing
1.5. Inform the SC, NPPOs, Bureau and RPPOs	List of IPPC Observatory topics shared	Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Ongoing
1.6. Update the list of IPPC Observatory topics on the IPP	List of IPPC Observatory topics posted	IPPC Secretariat	Ongoing

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
Work package VI: Improvement of IPPC Observatory sustainability			
1. Undertake resource mobilisation activities for IPPC Observatory sustainability	Resources secured for the IPPC Observatory activities	IPPC Secretariat, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	<i>Completed</i>
2. Develop IPPC Observatory 2026 workplan	IPPC Observatory workplan for 2026 developed	IPPC Secretariat, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	<i>Completed</i>
Work package 0 (crosscutting): Communication			
1. Undertake communication activities to promote IPPC Observatory work and outputs across all activities			<i>Completed</i>
1.1. Plan and undertake communication activities	IPPC Observatory activities and outputs are efficiently promoted	IPPC Secretariat	<i>Completed</i>

Appendix 2: IPPC Observatory 2026 workplan

*** Subject to availability of financial resources

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
Work package I: IPPC - monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL)			
1. Conduct the Third IPPC General Survey (2018-54, Priority 1)			<i>Ongoing – resources secured (USD 90 000 by the Republic of Korea)</i>
1.1. Hire a survey specialist to work on the development of the third general survey questionnaire	Third IPPC General Survey questionnaire prepared	IPPC Secretariat / Survey specialist	
1.2. Review the draft questionnaire of the survey by the IPPC Secretariat, the IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory, and the IC	Questionnaire reviewed	IPPC Secretariat / Survey specialist/ IC Subgroup on the IPPC OBS, the IC	
1.3. Pre-test the survey questionnaire of the survey by the IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	Questionnaire pre-tested	IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory and the IC	
1.4. Launch and promote the Third IPPC General Survey	The Third IPPC General Survey is launched, communication plan is developed and implemented to promote the survey	IPPC Secretariat	
1.5. Clean, verify, and analyse the responses to the Third IPPC General Survey	Data managed, verified, if necessary	IPPC Secretariat/ Survey specialist	
1.6. Review the results of the Third IPPC General Survey by the IC Subgroup	Results reviewed	IC Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
1.7. Present the updates on the Third IPPC General Survey to the relevant subsidiary bodies and to the CPM-21 (2027)	Meeting paper developed, presentation made	IPPC Secretariat	
1.8. Finalize the report of the Third General Survey, prepare for publication, and publish through FAO PWS to be published	The results and recommendations of the Third general survey posted	IPPC Secretariat	
Work package II: Final review and evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030			
2. Validate terms of reference for the final evaluation of the Strategic Framework 2020-2030 (2018-52, Priority 1)			Estimated cost: USD 60,000 – 70,000 (not available)
2.1. Present the revised terms of reference for the final evaluation of the Strategic Framework 2020-2030 to the relevant CPM subgroups and the CPM-20 (2026)	Terms of reference validated	IPPC Secretariat	

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
2.2. Mobilise resources to conduct the final evaluation of the Strategic Framework 2020-2030	Needed funds are secured - USD 60,000 – 70,000	IPPC Secretariat	
Work package III: Improvement of IPPC Observatory sustainability			
3. Mobilise resources for IPPC Observatory sustainability			
3.1. Undertake resource mobilisation activities for IPPC Observatory sustainability	Resources secured for the IPPC Observatory activities	IPPC Secretariat, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
3.2. Formulate a new project on IPPC Observatory operationalization	Project developed and submitted to the donor	IPPC Secretariat	
3.3. Develop IPPC Observatory 2027 workplan	IPPC Observatory workplan for 2027 developed	IPPC Secretariat, Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
Work package IV: Update IPPC Observatory List of Topics			
4. Call for new IPPC Observatory Topics and update the IPPC Observatory list of topics			
4.1. Compile the submitted IPPC Observatory topics	Submissions and list of IPPC Observatory topics updated	IPPC Secretariat	
4.2. Review the updated List of IPPC Observatory topics	List of IPPC Observatory topics reviewed	Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
4.3. Submit the updated List of IPPC Observatory topics to the IC for approval	List of IPPC Observatory topics approved	IPPC Secretariat	
4.4. Inform the SC, NPPOs, Bureau and RPPOs	List of IPPC Observatory topics shared	Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
4.5. Update the list of IPPC Observatory topics on the IPP	List of IPPC Observatory topics posted	IPPC Secretariat	
Work package V: Coordination of the Subgroup on IPPC Observatory meetings, reporting and updating the workplan			
5. Prepare and coordinate the meetings of the Subgroup on IPPC Observatory			
5.1. Organize the first virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting first virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
5.2. Organize the second virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting second virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
5.3. Organize the third virtual meeting of the Subgroup	Report of the meeting third virtual meeting prepared	IPPC Secretariat /Subgroup on IPPC Observatory	
Work package 0 (crosscutting): Communication			
6. Undertake communication activities to promote IPPC Observatory work and outputs across all activities			

Activities and sub-activities	Outputs	Lead/Responsible	Comments
6.1. Plan and undertake communication activities	IPPC Observatory activities and outputs are efficiently promoted	IPPC Secretariat	

Appendix 3: Terms of reference of the final review and evaluation of the IPPC Strategic Framework Development Agenda Items

1. Purpose and Objectives

The evaluation aims to:

- Assess the progress, impacts and sustainability of achieved results under DAIs against the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 objectives.
- Identify factors that enabled or constrained implementation, including successes, challenges, and bottlenecks.
- Provide actionable recommendations to inform the design of the next IPPC Strategic Framework beyond 2030.
- Support evidence-based decision-making and strategic alignment of the future IPPC strategic framework DAIs/ or priority programme areas.

2. Evaluation Principles

1. **Modularity:** The evaluation will use a modular design, with questions, indicators, and methods tailored to each DAI's stage of implementation.
2. **Scalability:** Evaluation depth and scope will align with the complexity and progress of each DAI.
3. **Adaptability:** Evaluation criteria, tools, and data collection approaches will be adjusted to reflect contextual factors, data availability, and emerging evidence.
4. **Participation:** Key stakeholders will be engaged throughout to ensure relevance, accuracy and ownership of the evaluation findings.
5. **Equity, inclusivity and ethics:** The evaluation will ensure fair and inclusive representation across genders, regions, institutions, and stakeholder groups, and will uphold ethical standards including confidentiality, informed consent, and responsible use of data.

3. Evaluation Framework The evaluation will apply a tiered framework aligned with the stage of each DAI:

Tier	DAI stage of implementation	Focus area to measure
1	Concept phase – pre-implementation	Relevance, desired outcome/ overall implementation plan, stakeholder engagement
2	Early implementation	Desired outcome/ overall implementation plan, progress, process efficiency, institutional support
3	Advanced implementation	Desired outcome/ overall implementation plan, outcomes, sustainability, potential impact

4. Each DAI will be evaluated using core criteria applicable to all tiers, and optional criteria based on the level of progress in terms of implementation:

- **Core criteria:** relevance, alignment with IPPC and the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030, stakeholder engagement
- **Optional criteria:** efficiency, sustainability, long-term impact

Note: the core criteria will be applied to all DAIs, whereas the optional criteria will be selected based on the DAI's stage of implementation and in consultation with key stakeholders to ensure contextual relevance.

5. Evaluation Phases and Activities

I. Planning Phase

- Define DAI-specific evaluation scope and objectives.
- Classify each DAI by the level of progress in terms of implementation.
- Adapt evaluation questions and criteria accordingly.
- Identify key stakeholders and assemble evaluation team.
- Design appropriate data collection strategies.

II. Data Collection Phase

- Conduct desk review of DAI-related documents, reports, and plans.
- Gather data on progress indicators where available.
- Conduct interviews with governing body leads, IPPC secretariat staff, partners, and NPPOs, RPPOs, and stakeholders.
- Organize focus groups for selected DAIs, as needed.

Note: the evaluation will apply mixed-method approaches, including both qualitative and quantitative techniques, as appropriate to each DAI.

III. Data Analysis Phase

- Analyse data to assess implementation efficiency and outputs.
- Synthesize qualitative insights from interviews and focus groups.
- Evaluate adaptability, relevance, and sustainability.
- Draw cross-cutting findings and comparative insights.

IV. Reporting Phase

- Develop tailored evaluation outputs:
 - Brief summaries for Tier 1 DAIs
 - Standard reports for Tier 2 and 3 DAIs
- Include executive summaries and infographics for accessibility.
- Share preliminary findings with stakeholders for validation.
- Compile and finalise report incorporating feedback.

V. Dissemination and Follow-up

- Present findings to stakeholders in appropriate forums. Findings will aid and inform priority setting, resource allocation and the design of future DAIs.
- Write the evaluation report.

- Develop a follow-up action plan with lessons learned and best practices to feed the development of the next IPPC strategic framework beyond 2030.

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