



Intervention regarding agenda item 13.9 (paper 21 - IPPC observatory: progress report on 2025 activities and workplan for 2026) to provide alternative recommendations

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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INTERVENTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 13.9 (PAPER 21 - IPPC OBSERVATORY: PROGRESS REPORT ON 2025 ACTIVITIES AND WORKPLAN FOR 2026) TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA ITEM 13.9

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[1] Overview

1. Multiple papers on the CPM agenda address the observatory, IPPC Strategic Framework, and the IPPC Secretariat budget. As these matters are interdependent, they warrant collective consideration.
2. Paper 39 (2026 IPPC Secretariat workplan and budget) does not include the review of the IPPC Strategic Framework, but Appendix 2 of paper 21 includes it as an unfunded activity.
3. Paper 21 (IPPC Observatory: Progress Report on 2025 Activities and Workplan for 2026) provides two options for the conduct of the review of the IPPC Strategic Framework:

Recommendation (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.

4. The paper also indicates that, if conducted through the Observatory, an unfunded amount of USD 53,250.00 (2025 workplan) or USD 60,000.00-70,000.00 (2026 workplan) would be required to conduct this evaluation activity.

Appendix 1: IPPC Observatory 2025 workplan

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)***	<p>No resources were secured for this activity.</p> <p>The CPM-19 (2025) proposed to conduct this assessment as a final evaluation, tentatively in 2027.</p> <p>Estimated cost: USD 53,250</p>

Appendix 2: IPPC Observatory 2026 workplan

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	

[2] Issue

5. Additional more suitable options may exist to the two alternatives provided in the paper for conducting the review of the Strategic Framework that are more appropriate in terms of cost, effectiveness and timing.
6. The option to have the FAO Evaluation Office undertake this review is not viable given the series of activities already allocated to this group, including the review of the IPPC Secretariat.
7. It is essential that this work begins as soon as possible to ensure a guiding document is available to support the Bureau and the wider IPPC community in agreeing on priorities for the five-year period to 2035.
8. We consider the following proposed alternative recommendations should be used in place of those that appear at Recommendation 6 (Paper 21).

Recommendations

[3] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) **Agree** that the Strategic Framework be reviewed through an evaluation of the outputs from the relevant FGs and other relevant activities.
- (2) **Agree** this review:
 - be undertaken by a small group reporting to the Bureau (or the Bureau itself)
 - be conducted promptly so that its findings can inform discussions at the 2026 Strategic Planning Meeting (SPG), with the 2026 SPG meeting to focus on identifying future priorities and activities that consider the completed work to date, the changed and evolving operating environment, and current global and IPPC-specific priorities
 - use the 2026 SPG outputs and other consultations to inform the next Strategic Framework commencing in 2030.
- (3) **Agree** the Terms of Reference used to guide this review ([Attachment 1](#))

Attachment 1: Proposed Terms of Reference for the review of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

[1] Task: Review and forward guidance on IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 DAIs

1. Purpose

[4] To support an efficient and objective review of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 DAIs drawing on the implementation plan presented to CPM17. This assessment will examine the outputs delivered by the FGs and other components of the IPPC community, including the SC, IC, SPG and CPM.

2. Objectives

[5] The review will:

1. Assess the delivery of DAIs against the outputs and work undertaken by the FGs, SC, IC, SPG, CPM, and broader IPPC community.
2. Analyse the DAIs in the context of the changing global environment and IPPC priorities, and provide clear guidance on:
 - DAIs that are complete;
 - DAIs that remain incomplete but should be discontinued;
 - DAIs that would benefit from further work and should be considered for inclusion in the next IPPC strategic document.
3. Identify any new strategic priorities that have emerged over the past six years outside the DAIs, that have led to work programmes or new FGs and should be considered for the next Strategic Framework in SPG discussions.
4. Provide a consolidated assessment and recommendations by August 2026 to support discussion at SPG 2026 as part of the development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework.

3. Composition

- The group will be composed of one member from each region.
- Members will meet virtually only.
- The group will be supported by the IPPC Secretariat, which will provide administrative, technical, and logistical assistance as required.

4. Deliverables

- A written review of the current status and delivery of all DAIs.
- A set of recommendations regarding the completion, discontinuation, further development or creation of new DAIs.
- A final report submitted by August 2026.

5. Additional Consideration

[6] This task may alternatively be undertaken by the Bureau, subject to agreement by both the Bureau and the CPM.

Timeline

30 March 2026	Group constituted (either through using Bureau or after a call immediately after CPM20 for nominations)
April – August 2026	Meet 2-4 weekly to work through each DAI
**Bureau July meeting	** If done by Bureau, this item could also be added to their July meeting agenda to afford some face-to-face discussion time
SPG 2026	Present findings as an input to commencement discussions on next IPPC Strategic document