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Agenda item 13.7 CPM Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination.

Refer to papers [CPM 2026/19](#) (Cover paper: Report from the CPM Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination) and [CPM 2026/19_01](#) (Attachment 1: Final Report from the CPM Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures) prepared by focus group members.

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- The United Kingdom thank the CPM Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination for their work to conduct a scoping study to identify the current international and regional phytosanitary research networks, assess current coordination, and identify gaps and opportunities.
 - The United Kingdom congratulate the focus group on identifying 101 research networks globally; for evaluating them against predefined criteria and for conducting in-depth analysis of four major networks (CGIAR, Euphresco, IFQRG, STAR-IDAZ) and of CSIRO which, although not a research network, has engaged with phytosanitary research through IPPC bodies.
 - The United Kingdom consider the focus group has fulfilled the discovery phase and completed the tasks in the groups' terms of reference. The results from identifying research networks and from the survey of NPPOs coordination needs with regard to phytosanitary research will provide valuable and important inputs to future CPM strategic planning and the development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework.
 - The first recommendation from the focus group is to consider the establishment of an IPPC-led framework of research networks. The focus group recognizes the diversity of research networks, their different structures and funding models. The focus group also notes that the goals of many networks do not directly match the needs of the IPPC regarding research into emerging phytosanitary risks. In considering the recommendation, the United Kingdom recognizes the existing complexity amongst existing networks and thinks that establishing an IPPC-led framework of research networks would face many challenges and now is not the right time to progress the recommendation. Nevertheless, it could be considered by CPM along with other over-

arching issues during the development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework. Even so, the United Kingdom emphasize the importance of avoiding the development of new institutional structures unless fully supported and resourced by contracting parties.

- The United Kingdom notes a proposal to develop a centralized database of ongoing and completed research projects. This would still satisfy some of the aims of an IPPC-led framework of research networks and could be a more cost-efficient approach than the establishment of a global research framework. This could also be considered during the development of the next IPPC Strategic Framework.

The United Kingdom

- *encourage* contracting parties to work with the research networks identified within their region and to strengthen engagement across regional networks.
- *encourage* CPM to use the FG report as a resource for future strategic framework development.
- *propose* that the Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination do not proceed with further work.
- *propose* that CPM does not extend the focus group's terms of reference.
- *propose* revisions (Attachment 1) to the Recommendations from the focus group to clarify who is being asked to undertake the considerations and clarify that consideration of the establishment of an IPPC-led research network framework should take place during the development of the next IPPC strategic framework.

ATTACHMENT 1 (Proposed revision) Recommendations from the focus group

CPM is invited to

(1) **include consideration of the** establishment of an IPPC-led research network framework to enhance communication between existing networks and NPPOs and RPPOs **during the development of the next IPPC strategic framework**, to collaboratively address shared research priorities.

(2) ~~Consider amending the focus group's terms of reference to extend until the end of CPM 21 (2027) and task the focus group with:~~

- ☐ ~~finalizing a proposal for a policy and research framework, and~~
- ☐ ~~developing an implementation plan for the above proposed policy and research framework.~~

(3) ~~Consider addressing the following items in the implementation plan:~~

- ☐ ~~how the funding model options described in the focus group's report (Attachment 1) could be appropriately integrated into the IPPC-led framework of research networks,~~

- ☐ opportunities for other IPPC groups (e.g. Implementation and Capacity Development Committee, RPPOs) to support and participate in an IPPC led research framework as part of their ongoing work programmes;
- ☐ developing a communication and engagement plan to actively facilitate engagement, promote phytosanitary research and foster collaboration;
- ☐ developing criteria to evaluate inclusion of candidate networks in an IPPC led framework of research networks;
- ☐ identifying resources required to support implementation, and
- ☐ further analysis of how to progress the potential solutions identified by the focus group as part of the IPPC led research framework.