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Best practices for CPM engagement

CPM-20 NPPO orientation session



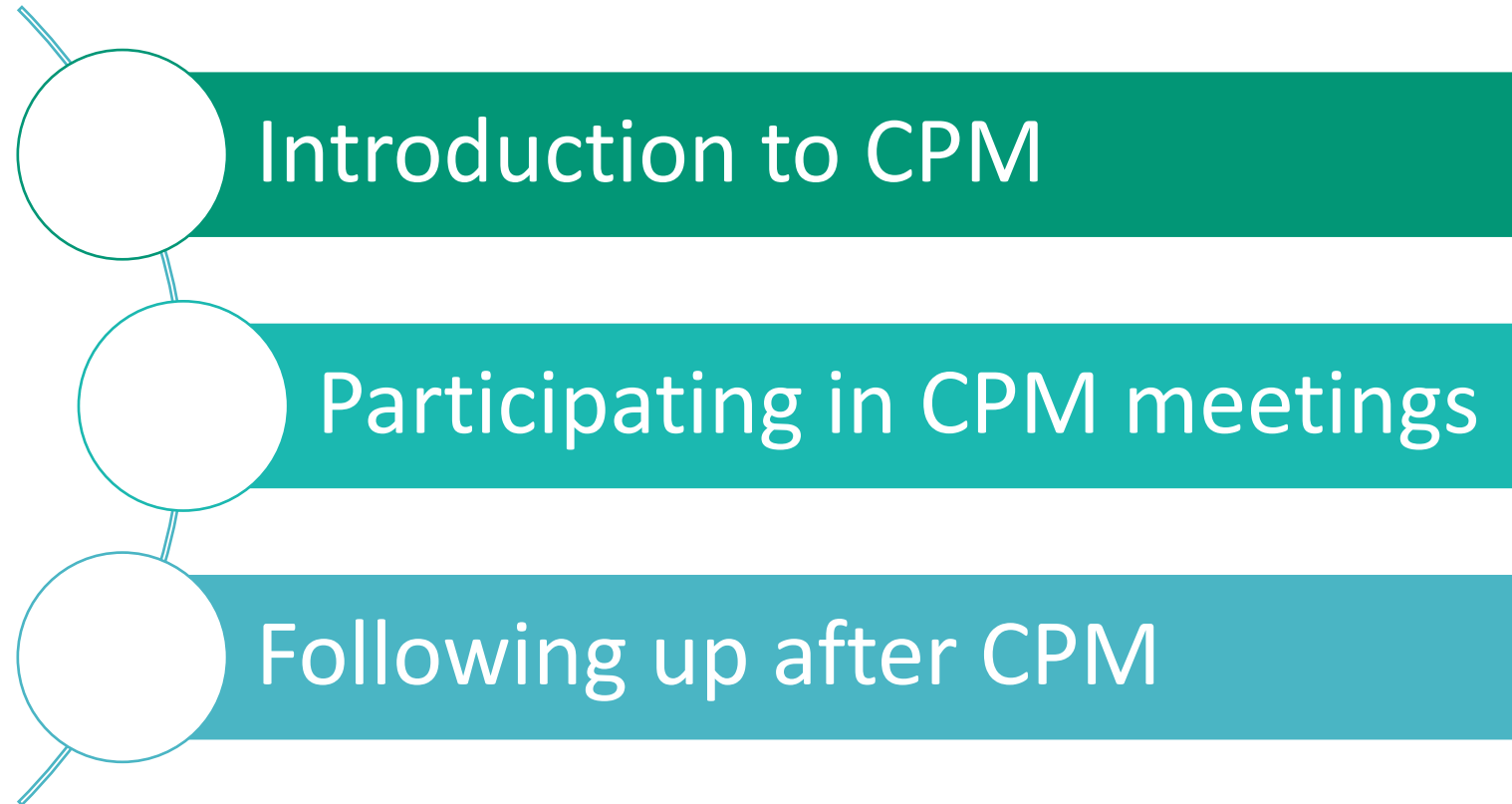
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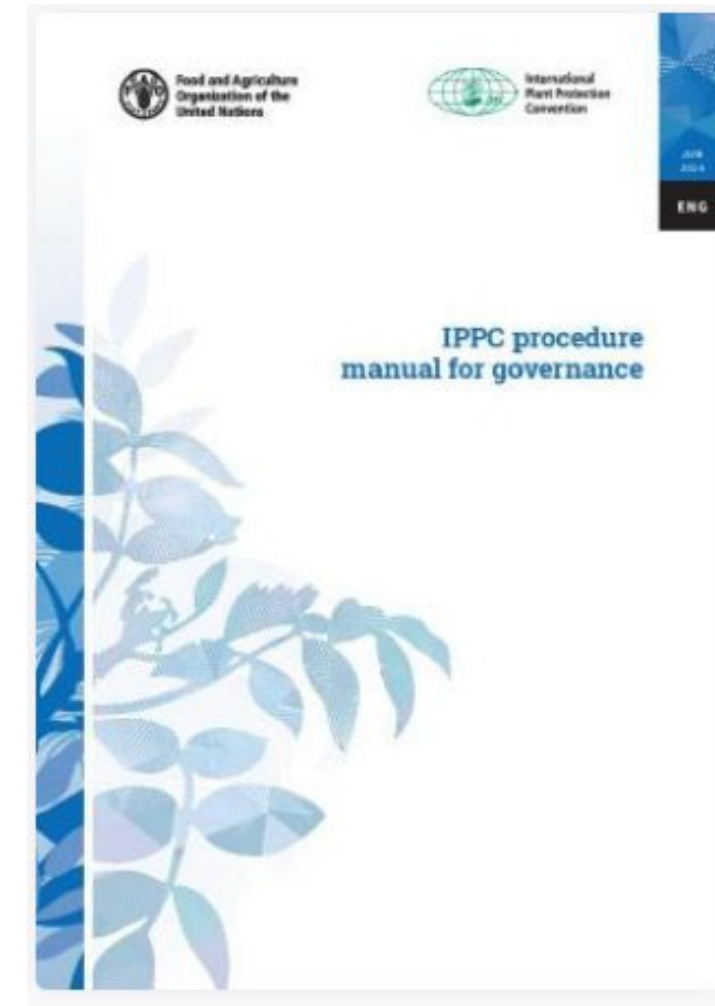
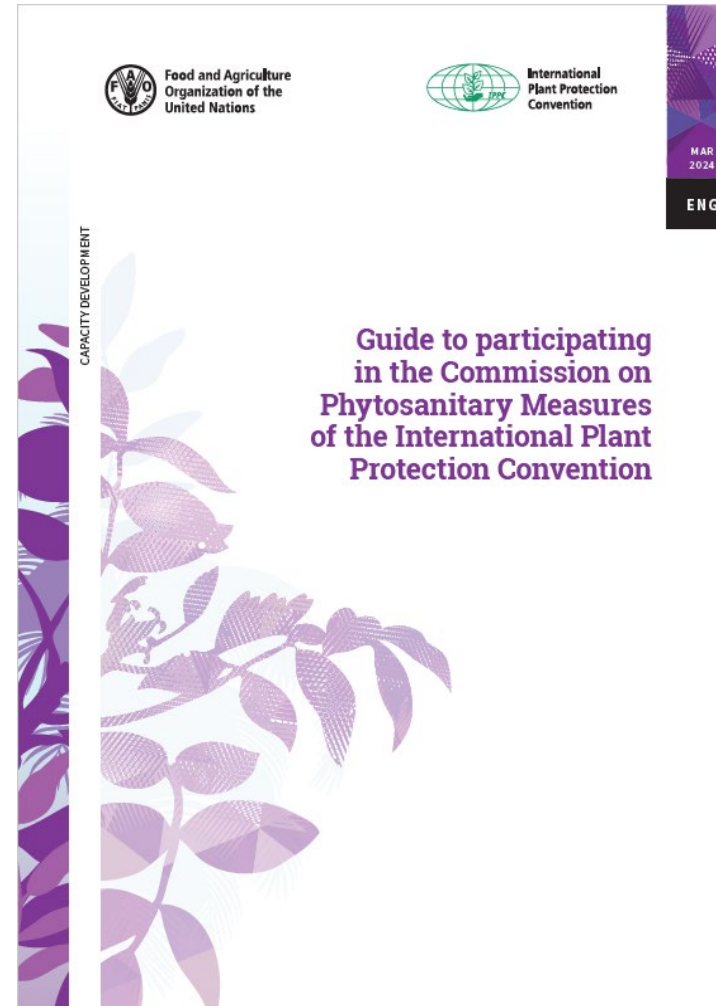
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1. Introduction to CPM

- What are the main objectives of CPM?
- How are CPM meetings structured?
- What resources are available?





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Type of CPM document	Content	Original paper	Revision
Decision documents	Papers that invite CPM to take a decision such as to adopt an ISPM, note a report or take other actions.	CPM2026/04	CPM 2026/04_Rev1
Information papers (INF)	INF papers never contain decisions. These papers usually provide background information on an activity or programme. They may be submitted by CPs or organizations	CPM 2026/INF/03	CPM 2026/INF/03_Rev1
Conference room papers (CRP)	CRP papers are posted after the CPM meeting begins, at the discretion of the CPM chair. They may be either for information or for decision.	CPM 2026/CRP/02	CPM 2026/CRP/02_Rev1



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2. Participating in CPM meetings

Who may attend?

- ✓ All contracting parties are members of the CPM
- ✓ Each contracting party may designate one representative or head of delegation to participate in the meeting.
- ✓ This person may be accompanied by one or more alternates, experts and advisers.
- ✓ Alternates, experts and advisers only have the right to vote if they are substituting for the head of delegation.

Observers may include representatives from:

- ✓ Observer countries (FAO member countries that are not contracting parties);
- ✓ Regional plant protection organizations;
- ✓ United Nations organizations;
- ✓ Intergovernmental organizations;
- ✓ Non-state actors, which may be:
 - academia and research
 - private-sector organizations, or
 - civil-society organizations.



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Did you know?

CPM decisions are made by **consensus**

The Commission shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters by consensus

CPM quorum = 93 countries (with valid credentials) - *the quorum is necessary to validate decisions taken by the commission.*





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Role of the CPM Chairperson

The Chairperson of the CPM is the chairperson of the bureau

Key responsibilities include:

- ✓ Opening and closing each plenary;
- ✓ Ensuring rules of procedure are followed;
- ✓ Directing discussions;
- ✓ According the right to speak;
- ✓ Announcing decisions; and
- ✓ Controlling the overall proceedings.



Current CPM Chairperson: Mr Samuel BISHOP (United Kingdom)



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How to make an intervention

1. The delegate uses the **desktop console to signal** that they wish to make an intervention.
2. The delegate **waits for the chairperson** to give them the floor.
3. The microphone **will be turned on automatically** after the chairperson has identified the delegate to speak.
4. The delegate should **speak clearly** to facilitate interpretation to the other FAO languages.





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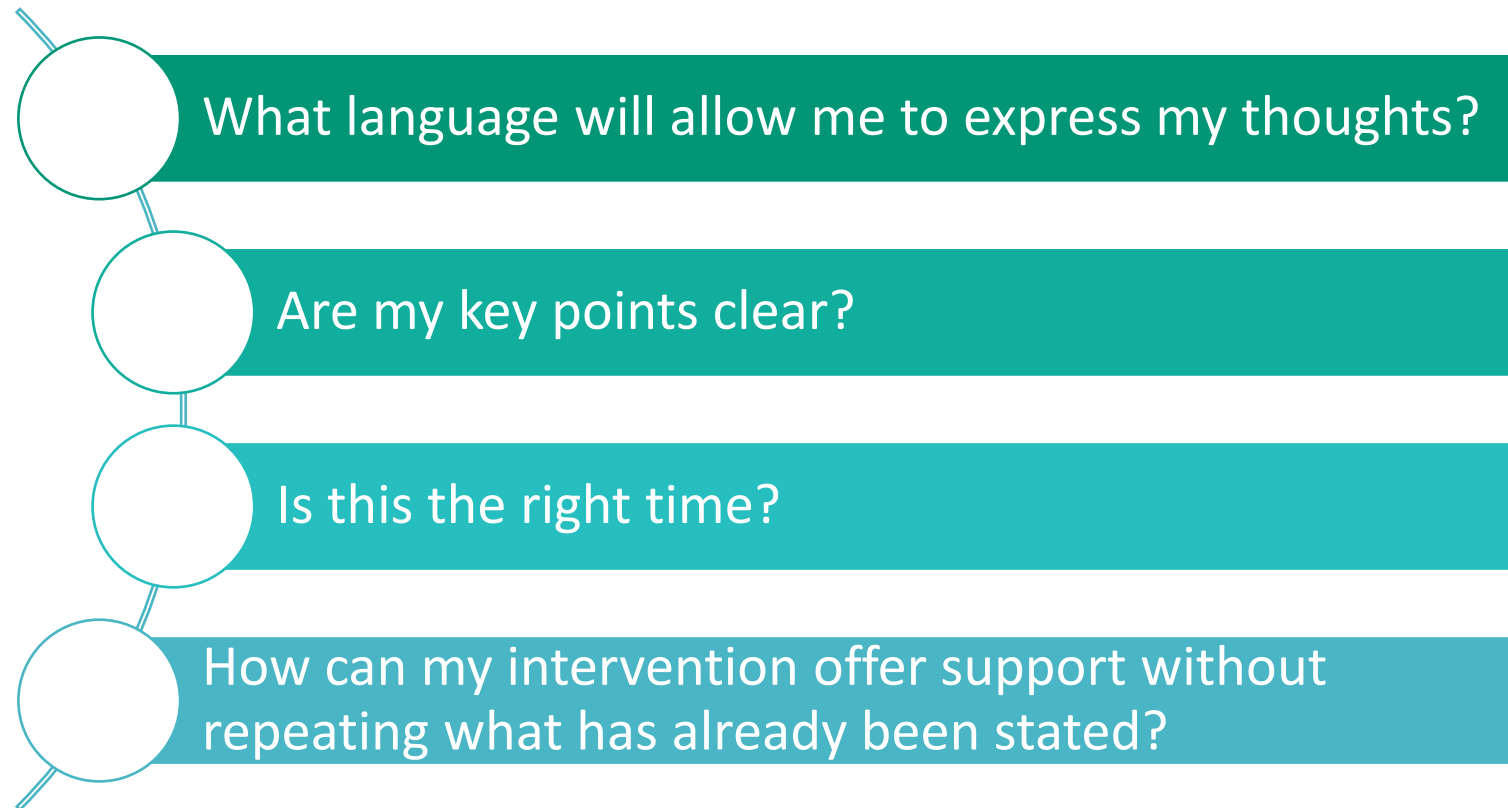


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Making effective interventions





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Friends of the Chair (FOC) meetings

- ✓ The chairperson invites a smaller group of contracting parties to meet outside the plenary to find a way forward.
- ✓ Used to help resolve an issue that may have reached an impasse in the plenary.
- ✓ Regional plant protection organizations are often invited to FOC meetings.
- ✓ Other parties may exceptionally be **agreed by the chairperson**, on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ Results of FOC meetings are reported to the chairperson and shared with the CPM.



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Rapporteurs and drafting the CPM report

The main functions of the rapporteur are to:

- ✓ Taking detailed notes to ensure that the draft report prepared by the IPPC Secretariat is an accurate record;
- ✓ Assist the secretariat in reviewing and finalizing the draft report throughout the CPM week (evenings);
- ✓ Clear the draft report before it is presented to the CPM;
- ✓ Help to clarify points of doubt that arise during CPM review and adoption of the report; and
- ✓ Review editorial amendments to the adopted report after CPM.



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Review and adoption of the CPM report

- ✓ As per the CPM rules of procedure, CPM must approve the meeting report before closing the meeting.
- ✓ The draft CPM report will be available electronically in all FAO languages on Friday morning.
- ✓ All CPM participants should review the draft report carefully, identify any paragraphs for which an intervention may be necessary and prepare their written interventions.
- ✓ It is important to make concrete suggestions on how to improve the text.
- ✓ It is not necessary to identify typographical or translation errors.

CPM-20 side sessions & events



**Africa Phytosanitary
Programme (APP)**
Tuesday 13:00-14:45



Commodity Standards
Wednesday 13:00-
14:45



Sea Containers
Thursday 13:00-14:45



**Opening Poster exhibitions (FAO atrium):
Tuesday 18:00-20:00 to Thursday 18:00**



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IPPC Plant Health Innovation Fair
13 March 2026 Rome, Italy



3. Following up after CPM

- ✓ Share the outcomes from CPM
- ✓ Remain up-to-date on IPPC activities
- ✓ Participate in IPPC events
- ✓ Plan for future CPM meetings

CPM meeting

- Report is adopted by CPM on last day of CPM meeting

8 weeks after CPM meeting

- Adopted CPM report is published on IPP in all FAO languages

8 weeks after CPM meeting

- Adopted ISPMs are published on IPP in all FAO languages



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Preparing for future CPM meetings

- ✓ Participate actively in IPPC Regional Workshops;
- ✓ Submit comments during IPPC consultations;
- ✓ Participate in the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting or read the reports;
- ✓ Read reports from CPM Bureau, SC and IC meetings;
- ✓ Propose topics for CPM side sessions or the next CPM agenda; and
- ✓ Consult national and regional stakeholders prior to CPM.

Stage 1.

Preparing to participate in a CPM meeting

1. selecting delegates to attend the CPM meeting;
2. registering for the CPM meeting and obtaining credentials;
3. arranging travel and logistics;
4. reviewing the agenda and other CPM documents;
5. consulting with national and regional stakeholders;
6. strategizing in preparation for the CPM meeting; and
7. arranging meetings on the margins of the CPM meeting.



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Thank you

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