



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU) update to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

January, February and March 2026

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The twentieth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-20) Contact: [Sarah Brunel](#)

CPM-20 was held from 9 to 13 March 2026. Please find the updated information on each of the Implementation and Capacity Development activities discussed during the CPM in the following sections on this paper.

During CPM-20, the IFU organized two exhibitions: [Stories of successes and challenges: Innovation in implementing the IPPC instruments and tools](#) and the [Plant Health Innovation Fair](#). These sessions highlighted successful stories and innovative solutions, which were shared by National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs), academia and the private sector, in practical phytosanitary fields.

The CPM-20 report, all the meeting documents, recordings, and presentations for the sessions, including the [NPPOs orientation](#), are available on [this page](#).

Capacity development tools, ePhyto and the CPM Focus Group

Pest outbreak alert and response system (POARS)

Contact: [Camilo Beltran Montoya](#)

15 Jan and Feb 19. The goal of the **POARS Steering Group meetings** was to consolidate progress as the current SG's mandate nears its conclusion. Discussion points included ongoing calls for experts, follow-up on priority emerging pests, strategic guidance on the POARS communication approach and resources to sustain implementation. Members reviewed technical updates, agreed on next steps for developing pest-specific toolboxes, and provided guidance to refine the paper on resourcing considerations, to be presented at CPM-20. The SG also advanced work on the POARS implementation plan to ensure a smooth handover to the incoming SG. The POARS SG endorsed the Expert Working Group nominations and to continue preparations for engagements with RPPOs. The [POARS page](#), the [issued alerts](#), and the [latest pest reporting summary](#) can be accessed on the [International Phytosanitary Portal](#) (IPP).

Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

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During this period, the secretariat continued follow-up activities related to the PCE Improvement Roadmap, including coordination with facilitators and support to ongoing national and regional PCE-related initiatives. Efforts also continued to strengthen access to PCE learning resources through the IPPC Plant Health Campus.

CPM-20 (2026) was updated on recent progress and ongoing reflections regarding the future strategic development and sustainability of the PCE programme.

ePhyto

Contact: [Gianluca Nuzzo](#)

For the ePhyto updates, please visit the [IPPC ePhyto Solution - PROGRAMME UPDATES - March 2026](#). In addition, the CPM-20 recommended development of e-learning package to support implementation of IPPC ePhyto Solution as priority 1. The secretariat initiated the work on reviewing existing four (4) courses and developing one (1) new course.

Sea container e-learning course

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The secretariat, with technical input from the Sea Container Focus Group, initiated the development of an e-learning course *Sea container inspections: preventing pest risks at border*. This course is intended for officers of national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) who conduct border inspections, as well as third-party entities authorized by NPPOs to carry out inspections on their behalf.

One Health

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22 Jan. The CPM Focus Group on Plant Health in the Context of One Health met to discuss the progress of the preliminary study on plant health in the context of One Health, including methodology for gathering data from the IPPC community. CPM extended the focus group mandate for an additional year so that the study is more comprehensive and robust to address existing knowledge gaps on plant health within One Health. Additional primary source data will be integrated into the study analysis (semi conductive interviews) The findings of the study will inform the communication and advocacy strategy to promote the profile of plant health within One Health.

Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues

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20 Jan and Feb 26. The CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (FG-CCPI) met virtually to review progress and advance its technical work. The meeting focused on finalizing the Group's draft recommendations for integrating climate change considerations into Pest Risk Analysis (PRA), ensuring that the guidance remains scientifically sound, proportionate and consistent with existing IPPC frameworks. Members were informed that climate-related materials will be published on [the IPPC climate change landing page](#) rather than issued as stand-alone fact sheets. The FG-CCPI also discussed ongoing maintenance of the climate change web pages and encouraged continued cross-linking and updating of tools and resources.

IC Teams & Working Groups

Risk-based inspection guide

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18 Mar. The Working Group for development of IPPC guide *Risk-based inspection of imported consignments* met virtually to discuss the feedback received on last draft of the guide and discuss the progress on current draft. During the meeting, the group also discussed the use of Online Commenting System (OCS) for the review of the draft.

Contributed resources

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8 Jan. The IC Team on Contributed Resources discussed the results from the verification of links for contributed resources that are posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) and agreed to revise the verification procedure. The team also started reviewing submitted resources to determine their suitability as contributed resources to be posted on the IPP and shared within the plant health community. This review will continue until the end of April.

Communications

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Eleven (11) announcements were published to inform the IPPC community about the following: [launch of an EU project page](#); [collaboration with the Committee Linking Entrepreneurship-Agriculture-Development](#); launch of the [IPPC short survey on One Health](#); publication of [IC November 2025 report](#) and the [ePhyto Updates](#); new translations of guides and e-learning courses such as Guide to participating in the CPM ([Arabic](#), [Chinese](#) and [Russian](#)), Guide to regulation of wood packaging material ([Spanish](#)), National Reporting Obligations course ([Arabic](#) and [Spanish](#)).

In addition, two news items were published: “[IPPC highlights plant health’s central role in One Health at EU Committee meeting](#)” (235 views) and “[Getting ahead of emerging plant pests of global concern: How the Pest Outbreak and Alert Response System is taking shape](#)” (280 views), as at 30 April.

Upcoming meetings and events

Date	Events
11-15 May 2026	SC meeting
18-21 May 2026	SC-7 meeting
18-22 May 2026	IC meeting
16-19 June 2026	CPM Bureau meeting