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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] The IPPC Secretary welcomed the CPM Bureau (hereafter “Bureau”) members to the virtual meeting and opened the meeting.
- [2] The following Bureau members participated in the meeting:
- [3] Ms Kyu-Ock YIM (Republic of Korea), Mr Corné VAN ALPHEN (The Netherlands), Mr Diego QUIROGA (Argentina), Mr John GREIFER (USA) and Ms Lois RANSOM (Australia).
- [4] The following Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:
- [5] Mr Jingyuan XIA (IPPC Secretary), Mr Craig FEDCHOCK (IPPC Coordinator), Ms Ana PERALTA (Capacity Development Officer), Mr David NOWELL (National Reporting Obligations Officer), Mr Brent LARSON (Standards Officer), Mr Marko BENOVIC (Finance and planning associate) and Ms Eva MOLLER (Report writer).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The CPM Bureau adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).

3. Approval of IPPC Work Plan and Budget

- [6] The Secretariat introduced the revised IPPC Secretariat Work plan and budget, as requested by the Bureau in October 2015¹. He explained that the Secretariat had followed the recommendations made by the Bureau, October 2015, and had updated the work plan and budget format with clear deliverables for each pillar and with a paragraph on the “worst case scenario” for the IPPC Multi-donor trust fund.
- [7] The Bureau members felt the format and information provided a very good overview of the IPPC Secretariat activities for 2016 but also that it would be essential to clearly communicate what was encompassed in the activities. The Bureau appreciated the paragraph on contingency planning but agreed that this should be reflected in the budget tables.
- [8] The Bureau noted that capacity development projects funded by sources other than contracting parties were not included in the tables, although some of these were mentioned in a paragraph in the explanatory section. This funding had not been included in the overall budget tables due to the fact that these funds were for projects with set times for deliverables. The Bureau felt it would enhance clarity and transparency if these funds were added to the overall budget (either in the Implementation Facilitation table, or in a separate table) to also clarify the outputs from these projects, which impact the overall outputs of the Secretariat, and asked the Secretariat to modify the tables accordingly. In this context, the Bureau also agreed that the “Capacity Development project fund”, which had been omitted from the tables, should be included.
- [9] The Bureau approved the IPPC Secretariat work plan and Multi-donor TF budget for 2016 as modified in this meeting noting that further adjustments by the Secretariat would be made to reflect recent decisions (e.g. from the Standards Committee), and noted the IPPC Secretariat regular programme budget for 2016.

4. Agenda for CPM-11 – any further points on the detailed agenda, including outcomes of the Capacity Development and the Standards Committees

- [10] The Bureau discussed the agenda for CPM-11 (2016)².

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² 02_Bureau_2015_Dec

- [11] Keynote speeches. The Secretary suggested including keynote speeches on “IPPC towards 2020” and “Plant health and food security”.
- [12] The Bureau agreed with the idea to have a keynote speech, supportive of the fact that it would be a way to profile the yearly themes.
- [13] However, some Bureau members felt that it would be more productive focusing the CPM session on only a few topics. In this context, it was recalled that it had been agreed previously that the side events would focus on surveillance, and that there would be a special topics session on sea containers.
- [14] Other Bureau members supported a keynote speech on “plant health and food security”. They felt that it would be important to exploit the CPM momentum to highlight “Plant health and food security” with a purpose to start gaining a common understanding, which could lead to a CPM recommendation or similar in the future.
- [15] The Capacity Development Officer explained that on a previous occasion the Secretariat had tried to identify an appropriate speaker and suggested that focus of the key note should be on “food security” alone to bring a common understanding of that and to be able to set the grounds for further consideration of the linkages with Plant health.
- [16] The Bureau agreed that CPM-11 (2016) should have one keynote speech on “plant health and food security” and that elements on “IPPC towards 2020” should be included in the Secretary’s report to the CPM. The Bureau acknowledged that there may be potential difficulties in finding a speaker with plant health and food security expertise and suggested that when identifying possible speakers, focus should be on food security but that the expert should try to shape the presentation to address the IPPC community.
- [17] The Bureau suggested inviting Ms Louise Fresco for her experience in food security but noted she was being considered for the key note speaker for the special topics session. The Bureau also suggested to contact the Committee on Food Security to identify a potential speaker, and invited Bureau members to identify other speakers. The Bureau agreed that speakers should be identified by 30 January 2016.
- [18] Structure of the CPM agenda. The Bureau agreed to adjust the CPM-11 agenda according to the new Secretariat structure and discussed where various agenda items (such as “enhanced collaboration between CDC and SC and New roles and functions of RPPOs) should be placed.
- [19] The Bureau agreed to approve the modified agenda via email by 15 December 2015.

4.1 Selection of topics for CPM discussions on implementation issues related to draft and/or adopted ISPMs

- [20] The Secretariat introduced a paper outlining proposals from the Standards Committee (SC) for the selection of topics on implementation issues related to draft or adopted ISPMs³.
- [21] Regarding the proposals related to adopted standards, the Bureau felt that the CDC and IRSS should be involved in the review of the implementation challenges of adopted standards and that the CPM should discuss these challenges in a different setting, for instance under the “successes and challenges session”.
- [22] As to the “certificate of non-compliance”, some Bureau members were concerned that the CPM would not be able to discuss such a complex issue, which has wide strategic ramifications, in a profound enough manner, and that the issue should be analyzed by another body in detail before presenting it to CPM.

³ 03_Bureau_2015_Dec

[23] Other Bureau members considered the CPM would have an important role in giving guidance on whether the IPPC community wishes to proceed with this type of certificates. They felt CPM discussions would help the development of the standard.

[24] The Bureau agreed to consider the matter on collaboration between SC and CDC further at their June 2016 meeting and decided to not include the topic on implementation issues related to draft or adopted standards at the upcoming CPM-11 (2016) but would put in place a process for identifying a topic to be included on the CPM-12 (2017) agenda.

5. Speakers for special topics session

[25] The Secretariat presented the interesting and comprehensive programme tentatively planned for the Special topics session on sea containers⁴, for which the planning is well advanced and briefed the Bureau on the selected speakers and considerations for a key note speaker.

[26] The Bureau noted that there were still many controversial issues related to the development of the standard on sea containers. It was hoped that this session would help to provide a better understanding of the need (or not) for the standard and help guide the CPM to decide if a standard should indeed be developed, acknowledging that the CPM has given this standard priority 1.

[27] The Bureau agreed that the Secretariat should prepare a CPM document outlining the critical issues on this topic, with links to the summaries of the presentations, to allow for the CPs to prepare for the session. Clear recommendations, outlining the possible options should be presented to the CPM for their consideration and possible decision by the CPM.

6. Side events

[28] The Capacity Development Officer briefed the Bureau on the positive progress on the arrangements of the side sessions and training sessions. Experts were being invited and information was being collected. She expressed enthusiasm especially about the side session on “Plant health in the 21st Century”, which would include a presentation on a number of new surveillance applications. She also informed about the second contest for pictures and on the training session on Sunday, related to ISPM 32 and Trade facilitation.

[29] The side sessions that were being arranged for, and which the Bureau confirmed were:

- ePhyto (1 session)
- Emerging issues in Plant Health (Xylella and Ants)
- Surveillance related topics (5 sessions):
 - . diagnostic protocols and surveillance
 - . standard setting and surveillance
 - . emerging issues in plant health
 - . Plant Health in the 21st Century: use of drones, Apps, smart phones (2 sessions)

7. Any other CPM related activities

[30] The Bureau asked the Secretariat to issue a call for “Reports of successes and challenges of implementation of the IPPC and its standards” soonest.

8. Progress with papers so far and timetable for posting

[31] The IPPC Coordinator noted that development of CPM papers was progressing well. The IPPC Secretariat Annual Report would be drafted in January 2016 because of the amount of work from all units necessary to complete the report and the graphic design layout.

⁴ 04_Bureau_2015_Dec

[32] It was clarified that the NRO Officer will be responsible for coordinating and following up on papers and that the deadline for submission of papers was 15 December 2015. The deadline for posting English versions of documents (and sending them for translation) was 15 January 2016.

[33] The Secretary explained further on the administrative arrangements for the organization of the CPM.

9. Actions stemming from the October Bureau meeting

[34] The Secretary updated the Bureau on progress of actions coming from the Bureau October 2015 meeting highlighting that four important events had taken place:

1. Technical Consultation amongst Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs) held in USA, 2-6 November 2015,
2. Second Global Symposium on ePhyto held in the Republic of Korea, 9-13 November 2015;
3. Standards Committee meeting held at FAO HQ in Rome, 16-20 November 2015, and
4. The meeting of the Capacity Development Committee being held at FAO HQ, from 30 November to 4 December 2015.

[35] As to progress on the implementation of the Enhancement Evaluation Recommendations, he explained that the Secretariat was working with FAO Senior Management to obtain final approval of the restructuring of the Secretariat, envisaged to be obtained by the end of 2015.

[36] Regarding the International Year of Plant Health in 2020 (IYPH 2020), the Secretariat was working closely with Mr Ralf Lopian, and currently trying to ensure information on the IYPH at the 25th meeting of the Commission on Agriculture (COAG), 26-30 September 2016.

[37] With regards to the “Review of CDC”, he noted that the CDC meeting in December 2015 would be discussing options for a proposed new body to replace the CDC.

[38] Lastly, he informed the Bureau that the Secretariat had informally invited the EU to attend a future IPPC Financial Committee meeting and that the EU had expressed interest in attending.

10. Other business

[39] The Bureau discussed possible Bureau member participation in the International Workshop on Biodiversity, organized by the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) and to be held 8-12 February 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Secretary invited the Bureau members to identify possible representatives of national plant protection organizations who would be available to participate due to the importance of profiling IPPC in the specific context.

[40] The Bureau noted that the European member of the Advisory Group for National Reporting Obligations (NROAG) had changed to Mr Federico SORGONI (Italy).

[41] The nomination letters for the CPM bodies had been sent out by the Secretariat and the Bureau encouraged the Bureau members to solicit timely nominations.

[42] The Bureau also encouraged the Bureau members to consider possible names for the Rapporteur role at CPM-11 (2016).

[43] The CPM Chairperson closed the meeting.