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Review of Capacity Development Committee (CDC)

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1. This paper gives an overview of the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) evaluation process and provides the outcome of the discussions held related to the evaluation. This paper proposes that the CDC is extended in its mandate until the new oversight subsidiary body to the CPM is established and active. The final report of the CDC Review is available on the IPP¹.

I. Background

2. CPM-7 (2012)² established the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) as a Technical Committee to provide a guidance on IPPC capacity development (CD) activities for the implementation of IPPC and its tools (including ISPMs). It was agreed that after two years the CPM would review the function of the CDC including deciding whether to establish a subsidiary body.

3. CPM-9 (2014)³ noted the Bureau's October 2014 decision⁴ that the review of the CDC will be presented to CPM-10 (2015) instead of CPM-9 (2014). The evaluation would cover the initial two-year period of the CDC activities, with the CDC continuing its activities in the meantime.

¹ Final Report of the CDC Review : <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/capacity-development-committee/>

² 2012-March CPM 7 Report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/928/>

³ 2014-March- April CPM 9 Report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2513/>

4. At the CPM-10 (2015), the Secretariat presented the paper⁵ and informed the CPM that regrettably, the evaluation of the CDC had not been completed in time for CPM-10 (2015). As a result, the CPM was invited to discuss possible next steps in the evaluation and how to address the results. It was suggested to take into consideration the materials developed in the evaluation exercise so far.
5. CPM-10 (2015)⁶ supported an extension of the functioning of the CDC, under its current mandate for one year, and to have a different person to produce an evaluation report for consideration by the Bureau in June 2015. The Bureau would then present the outcome of the evaluation along with the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation report to CPM-11 (2016) for decision.
6. The CPM Bureau⁷ at its June 2015 meeting, discussed results of the CDC Review and the recommendations. The overall results of the review were that there was high appreciation and recognition of the work of the CDC.
7. The review recommended that the CPM abolishes the current CDC and establishes an oversight committee, named “Implementation Committee”, which will oversee all capacity development activities, including IRSS and those related to implementation. It also recommended that the current member selection process, language regime and committee size should be retained. The individuals interviewed in the CDC review wished to keep the focus on results and therefore wished to retain an informal working environment with as few formal procedures as possible.
8. At the Bureau June 2015 meeting, the Secretary stressed the need to recall the recommendations of the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation and noted that actions suggested from the CDC Review should be considered along with the recommendations from the Evaluation. Consequently, several Bureau members felt that a new committee should be formed only once the Implementation unit had been formed in the Secretariat so that it would be clear what activities should be considered by this committee.
9. The Bureau June 2015 meeting noted the draft report on the CDC review and agreed that the comments would be incorporated and shared with the SPG at their meeting in October 2015 for input to the discussions.
10. At the SPG October 2015 meeting⁸ the Secretariat explained that the processes for implementing the recommendations from the CDC Review will depend on the structure of the Secretariat. The currently proposed structure of two units (Standard Setting Unit, SSU, and Implementation Facilitation Unit, IFU) will allow the CDC to expand its role, as suggested by the review, to include other implementation areas.

II. Recommendations from the CDC 7th meeting

11. The CDC considered⁹ the CDC Review report at its 7th meeting held on 30 November – 2 December 2015, in Rome.
12. The CDC discussed the possible name of the new committee and stressed the importance of keeping “capacity development” and proposed that the new committee be called “Implementation and

⁴ 2014-October Bureau meeting report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2664/>

⁵ CPM 2015/25 and CPM 2015/INF/17: <https://www.ippc.int/en/cpm---previous-years/cpm-10-2015/>

⁶ 2015-March CPM 10 Report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81242/>

⁷ 2015-June Bureau meeting report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81307/>

⁸ 2015-October SPG 4 Report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81716/>

⁹ 2015- November-December CDC 7th Report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/>

Capacity Development Committee”. It was highlighted that Capacity Development encompasses a wide range of activities and is broader than implementation. Some CDC members warned that the word “implementation” incorporated into the name of the new committee could be understood as a body in charge of providing financial resources and implementing the Convention at the national level.

13. The CDC felt that there is a need for the CDC to continue functioning under its current mandate until the replacement body is established and active, so that the current members of the CDC and the members of a newly established committee could meet to allow for continuity of the activities related to capacity development.

14. The arrangements and procedures for the creation of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee is further detailed in the CPM 2016/18

15. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *Discuss* the recommendations of the CDC Review.
- 2) *Agree* to the extension of the CDC until a new oversight committee is established and active.
- 3) *Thank* the members of the CDC for their continuous commitment and productive work in support of IPPC capacity development.