

Regional Situation on Implementation of ePhyto COSAVE, OIRSA and CAN

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COSAVE, OIRSA and CAN

- COSAVE, OIRSA and CAN are Regional Plant Protection Organizations.
- Strategic Guidelines and Work Plans.
- COSAVE: Comité de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono SUR (Plant Health Committee of the Southern Cone).
- OIRSA: Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (Regional International Agricultural Health Organization).
- CAN: Comunidad Andina de Naciones (Andean Community of Nations)

Regional Situation – COSAVE, OIRSA and CAN



-  Countries without a Phytosanitary Certification System
-  Countries with a Phytosanitary Certification System but without an ePhyto System
-  Countries that are developing an ePhyto System
-  Countries that are currently exchanging electronic certificates

Regional Situation – COSAVE

Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina

- ✓ Similar situations
- ✓ Waiting for the development of the HUB to start to exchange ePhytos

Chile

- ✓ Chile is already exchanging ePhytos with The Netherlands and China.

Regional Situation – COSAVE (cont)

Peru

- ✓ Peru is implementing a Phytosanitary Certification System
- ✓ They are having problems with the implementation due to the lack of standardization in the schema, the contents and the exchange mechanism.

Uruguay

- ✓ Uruguay doesn't have an electronic Phytosanitary Certification System
- ✓ No plans for having one in the short term
- ✓ Interested in the Generic System

Regional Situation – COSAVE (cont)

Bolivia

- ✓ Bolivia is implementing a Phytosanitary Certification System, this year they are starting a test period.
- ✓ Next year they have plans of having the System working.
- ✓ The ePhyto System is planned as a later stage.



Regional Situation – OIRSA

El Salvador, Costa Rica and Belize

- ✓ These countries have a Phytosanitary Certification System but they do not have an ePhyto System.

Panama, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua

- ✓ These countries do not have an electronic Phytosanitary Certification System.
- ✓ No plans for having one in the short term.

Regional Situation – OIRSA(cont)

Mexico

- ✓ Mexico is implementing a Phytosanitary Certification System.
- ✓ This NPPO is having problems with the implementation due to the lack of standardization in the schema, the contents and the exchange mechanism.

Honduras and Guatemala

- ✓ These countries are exchanging certificates but not in XML. They are exchanging PDF certificates.

Regional Situation – CAN

Bolivia and Perú

- ✓ Already presented in COSAVE.

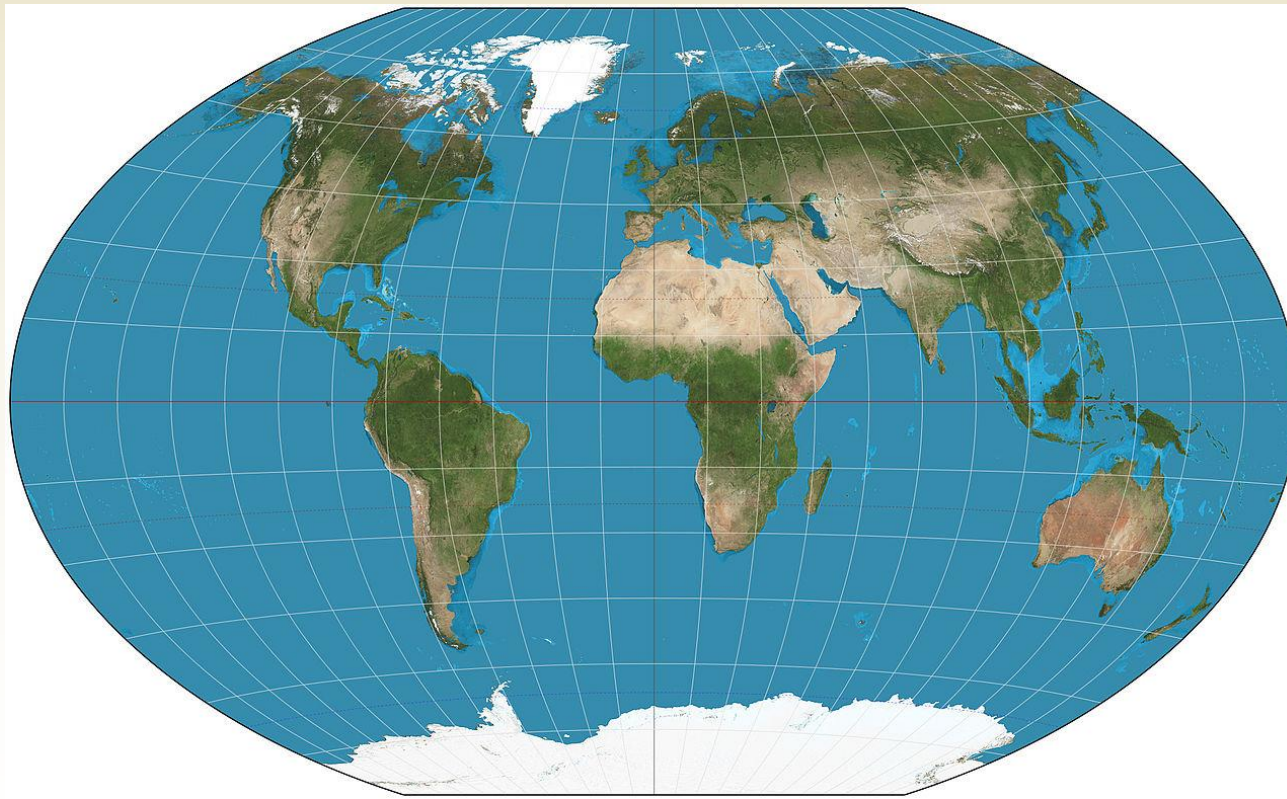
Colombia

- ✓ Colombia has a Phytosanitary Certification System but it does not have an ePhyto System.

Ecuador

- ✓ Unknown

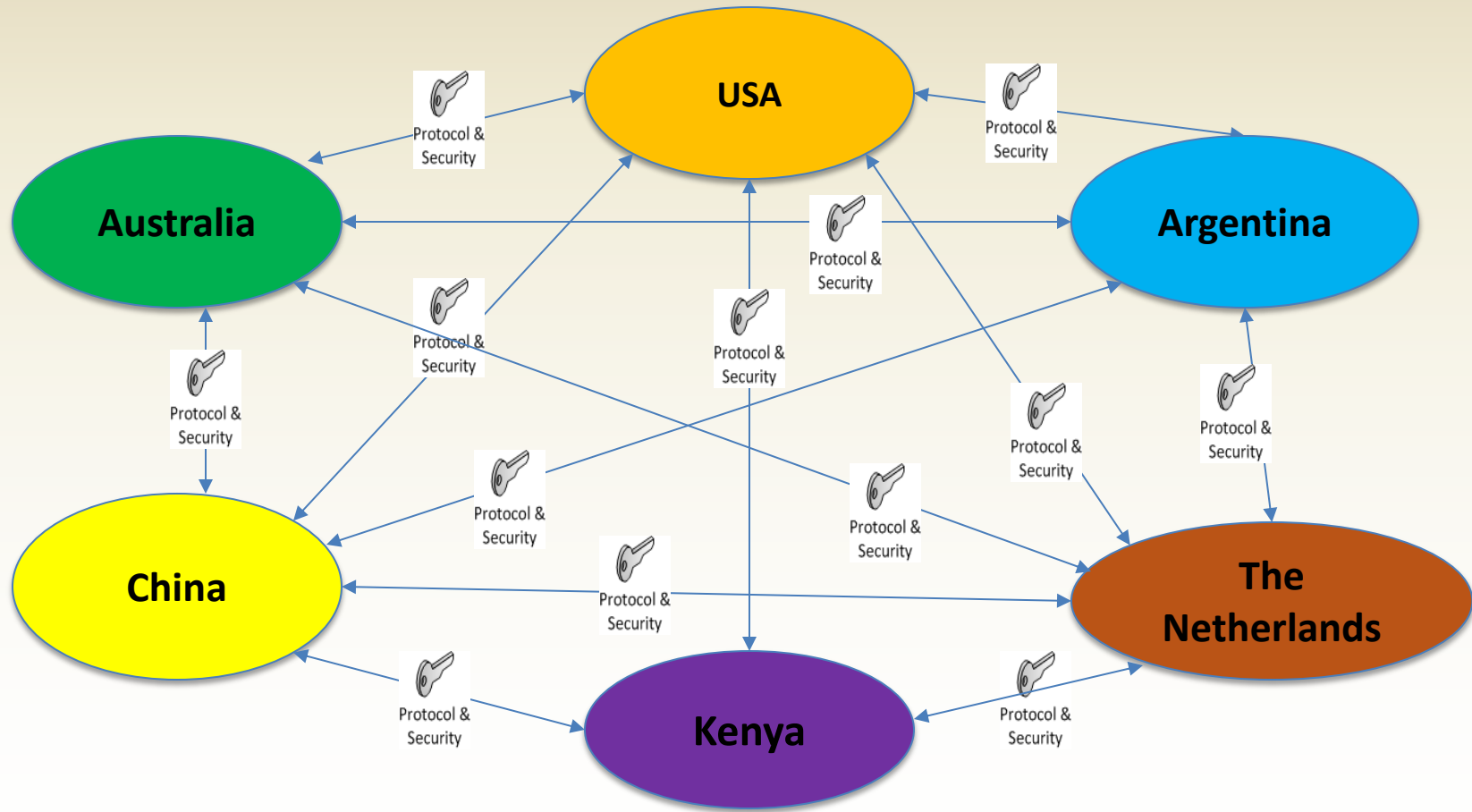
Regional challenges...and global solutions



Challenges to Implement an ePhyto System

- Countries in the region are not willing to consume too much resources (human and financial) to set up an ePhyto System.
- Exchange ePhytos with multiple countries without the need to establish a distinct bilateral agreement with each new trading partner.
- Money saving

Current – eCert via Bilateral agreements



IPPC proposed solution

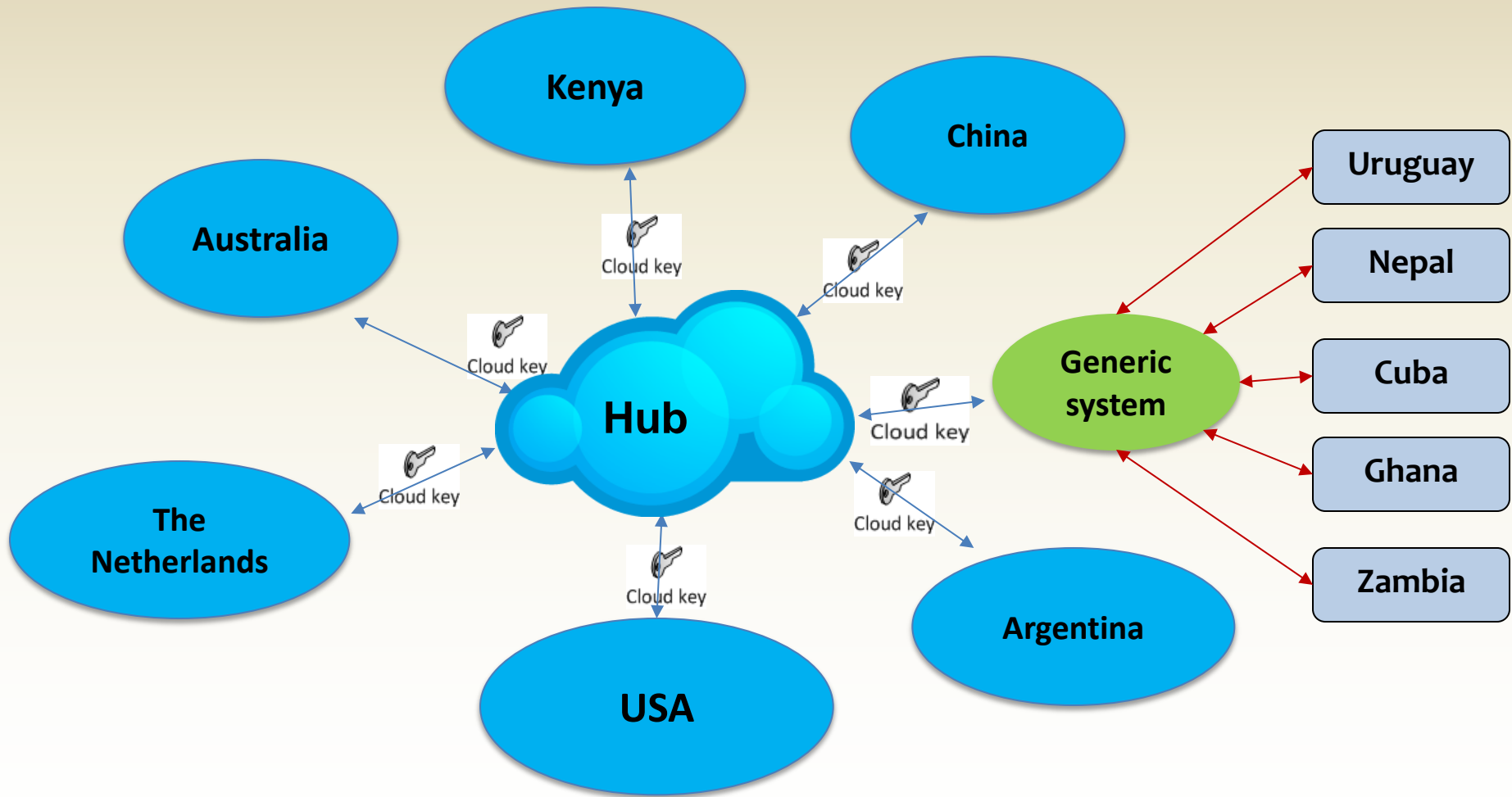
STDF Project Proposal (3 key elements)

- ePhyto HUB (for exchange)
 - No need for bilateral agreements
- Generic system (for production ePhytos)
 - Accessibility to all countries
- Training for both systems

UNICC (United Nations International Computing Centre)

- Non profit
- 35 UN agencies
- Security
- Opportunities for collaboration

ePhyto via The HUB



Proposed approach

- Collaboration with other organizations
 - International Standard Setting Bodies (Codex, OIE)
 - CITES
 - World Customs Organization (WCO)

- Engagement with industry

Benefits of cost sharing, exchange of expertise, information sharing

(e.g. This Symposium)

Expected benefits – realization plan

- ✓ Participation of developing countries
- ✓ Simplified trade and reduced delays
- ✓ Improved clearance by NPPOs
- ✓ Reduction of potential fraudulent activities
- ✓ Improved security in the transmission of documents
- ✓ Reduction of delays in receiving replacement phytosanitary certificates
- ✓ Maximized investments by building on existing initiatives

Summary

➤ Recapture of the key elements

- Several countries, different approaches
- Harmonization is critical
- ePhyto HUB and generic system is the solution

➤ Why now is the right time?

- A lot of experience is available = lessons learnt
- Possible to expand to other types of certification
- A harmonized ePhyto system is more cost effective than bilateral agreements

Thank you

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