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National Plant Protection Organization of Kenya –
Successful Experiences / Challenges In Implementing IPPC**

Agenda item 13

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I. SUCCESSES

A. Center of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE).

1. COPE was officially launched in October 2010 and since then has trained 538 stakeholders from Kenya and beyond. COPE was established with the rationale that African countries lack effective systems for managing phytosanitary measures at the national level and also lack good regional co-ordination of the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention – International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs); hence the need to build phytosanitary capacity of African countries from existing strengths within National Plant Protection Organizations like Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS). Efforts have been made by COPE to meet aspirations for training on phytosanitary issues, produce quality standards and Pest Risk Analysis (PRAs) & pest listing for a number of crops. KEPHIS through Centre for Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE) have a training manual and are currently undertaking the training not only in Kenya but in East and Central Africa.

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B. Plant Import and Quarantine Regulatory System(PIQRS)

2. PIQRS is an import electronic system that enables to track, trace and manage plant imports into the county. This has replaced the manual import regulation that less efficient and time consuming.

C. Recognition of KEPHIS plant health Laboratory as a COMESA Regional Reference Laboratory for Plant Health

3. Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS) Muguga laboratory was named as the COMESA Regional Reference Laboratory for Plant Protection. From this laboratory, KEPHIS among other things assists in monitoring the compliance with regional plant disease and pest requirements by member countries, and oversee appropriate certification processes.

D. International Phytosanitary Conference in Africa

4. KEPHIS has planned to hold an International Phytosanitary Conference in Africa from 12th to 16th September 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya whose theme is 'Phytosanitary regulation for improved food security and trade facilitation. The conference will create an opportunity for participants from the NPPOs and those in agricultural trade to share their success as well as challenges encountered.

5. Kenya therefore wishes to inform members during the side session of the upcoming International Phytosanitary Conference in Africa.

E. CHALLENGES

Notifications :

6. KEPHIS faces the challenges of meeting our Reporting obligations. This is due to the bureaucracy in the government structure. KEPHIS sends Notifications to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MOALF). MOALF then forwards the Notification to the NNA which is the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Trade.