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IPPC Pre-CPM11 training session

### **Profile of the speaker for the Pre-CPM11 training session**

The Pre-CPM11 training session will discuss gaps and challenges of the implementation of the ISPM 32. At the same time, participants will have an opportunity to follow a presentation on Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk – COSAVE experience. Ms Maria Ines Ares will deliver the presentation.

Ms Maria Ines Ares is a Uruguayan agronomist. She has extensive expertise on phytosanitary issues (with emphasis on pest control) and other related aspects of plant health. She has worked in the NPPO of Uruguay for 38 years in planning, organization and supervision of phytosanitary control programs, plant quarantine, phytosanitary campaigns and biological control programs. She has also had a hand in planning, organization and supervision of phytosanitary certification systems for export of plant products.

In the past 15 years, she has participated in bilateral phytosanitary negotiations for the import and export of agricultural products. Regionally, she has participated in technical groups of COSAVE, was president of that organization in 2012-2013, and interacted with other RPPOs at the level of the Technical Consultation of RPPOs. She has contributed to the technical groups under the Inter-American Plant Protection Group (GICSV) as well as in the Plant Health Commission of MERCOSUR. She has represented Uruguay in the CPM of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) as well as contributing to several of its expert groups and the strategic planning group of that organization.

From May 2015, she joined the Seed Association of Americas (SAA), an organization of the National Seed Associations of North and South America, as a phytosanitary advisor as well as to coordinate its working group phytosanitary issues.