



CPM-11 side meeting on the IPPC Regional Workshops

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The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants and introduced the draft agenda of the 2016 IPPC Regional Workshops elaborated internally. The theme of 2016 workshop is “Enhancing food security through plant health”. Comments and suggestions would be gathered from co-organizers of the workshops, and the IPPC Secretariat would come back with a revised agenda. It was recalled that the objective of IPPC Regional Workshops are:

- To learn how to analyze draft ISPMs and to formulate productive comments using the examples of draft ISPMs for member consultation in 2016
- To build phytosanitary capacity and raise awareness on all activities related to the IPPC
- To exchange experiences at the regional level.

The IPPC Secretariat proposed that as done by the APPPC, contracting parties should use the Online Commenting System (OCS) to make their comments on draft standards before attending the IPPC Regional Workshops, so that the meeting is only dedicated to discuss substantial issues and comments. This represents a change for some regions which needs to be implemented as soon as possible. The funding of participants to attend the workshops should be contingent to the effective preparation and commitment to work on the draft standards prior to attending the workshops. Three draft standards are foreseen for 2016 workshop discussion. It was suggested that there should only be a focus on standards that may raise issues among contracting parties, the glossary not being considered as necessary to be discussed. As Standards Committee members usually attend the workshops, the IPPC Secretariat suggested to involve these members in developing presentations and in facilitating the dedicated session.

The IPPC Secretariat suggested that in the future, the workshops should be more regionally focused including FAO and RPPOs activities, in addition to IPPC agenda items. The form of delivery should also be changed and be more oriented toward facilitation, giving ample opportunities for participants to contribute.

Regarding facilitation exercises, the surveillance case studies provided by contracting parties in 2015 could be made use of, participants could also be engaged in providing their views on the needs for the implementation pilot programme on surveillance. Once the facilitation exercise has been designed, it will be shared with workshop co-organizers.

The participants discussed the fact that the duration of each workshop should depend on regions’ needs, from three to five days. Specific days dedicated to the regional discussions on priorities may be organized, as well as a field trip day. The timing for agenda items also needs to be carefully considered as in past experiences, workshops have run out of time.

Following the decision of CPM 11 (2016), the consultation period for draft standards is now 1 July to 30 September annually. Draft standards will be available by the 1 July in English, Spanish and French. Therefore, all workshops should be organized to occur in September, to allow for sufficient preparation

and for contracting parties to submit their comments following the workshop. The IPPC Secretariat advised that due to very high demand on its services it needed the maximum time to organise the materials for the workshop. It requested organizers to try to programme the workshops in the month of September in order to assist in this regard.

The IPPC Secretariat indicated that the exact figures of financial resources that can be contributed this year are still unclear. Co-organizers were therefore invited to consider finding funding in their regions for cost sharing. As CPM identified Africa as the priority for the organization of workshops in 2016, the budget will be lowered for other regions.

The following tentative dates and places, and considerations for financial resources were discussed:

Region	Tentative Date Venue	Financial aspects discussed during the meeting
Near East and North Africa	29 August-01 September Amman, Jordan or Tunis/Tunisia	To check with FAO NE
Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	5-9 September Belarus	EPPO could provide one or two resource people and translation into Russian for draft standards (and maybe presentation) services. Translation support is needed, as well as an official letter.
Asia	Planned in July in Republic of Korea. Date could potentially be changed to September.	Financed by the Republic of Korea and organized by the APPPC and the IPPC Secretariat.
Africa	2 nd week of September in Addis Ababa.	IAPSC to check with the African Union. The meeting could be broken in two (one workshop for French speakers, another for English speakers).
Southwest Pacific	TBC	IPPC Secretariat to check with PPPO.

As a conclusion, the final agenda of the 2016 IPPC Regional Workshops integrating co-organizers comments will be circulated at the end of April.