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## 1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] The Chairperson welcomed attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The IPPC Secretary was requested by the chair to provide some introductory remarks.
- [2] The Secretary briefed the many milestones achieved during the past year as well as the importance of the meeting for the future of the IPPC and the additional milestones needed to take place in the lead up to 2020. He noted the historical importance of the meeting as it would be looking at significant issues related to the future of the IPPC, especially with regard to sustainable funding. He added that the next five years will be crucial for leading up to the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). He reiterated the five themes for the IPPC community, and importance of the relationship of the IPPC's activities in the future to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

- [3] The agenda was discussed. There was a proposal for agenda point 7.1 to include agenda item 10 sequentially. It was further suggested to add agenda item 8.1 to the overall discussion of 7.1 and the Kenya paper on an International Phytosanitary Conference to be added to agenda item 7.5 as well as a request to provide an update on ePhyto under 10.5.
- [4] The SPG modified and adopted the agenda (Appendix 01).

## 3. Housekeeping

- [5] Housekeeping items were discussed. List of documents (Appendix 02) and the List of participants (Appendix 3) are attached to this report.

## 4. Selection of a Rapporteur

- [6] The SPG agreed to have two Rapporteurs and the SPG elected Ms Mable MUDENDA (Zambia) and Mr Lucien KOUAME KONAN (Côte d'Ivoire) as Rapporteurs.

## 5. CPM Chairperson Update

### 5.1. CPM-11 meeting report and 5.2. Bureau June meeting

- [7] The CPM Chairperson, Ms Lois RANSOM, provided an update on CPM 11 and the June Bureau meeting. The Chairperson noted that it is time for the IPPC to change to a more unified organization. IPPC needs to plan how to bring the organization together into "One IPPC". She emphasized the importance of the SPG meeting to set the way forward for the future. The Chair noted the great progress made by the Secretariat in the budgeting effort and emphasized thinking outside of the box during the week. She also noted that the reports from the Bureau meetings are available on the IPP<sup>1</sup>.

## 6. Secretariat Keynote

### 6.1. IPPC contribution to achieving UN SDGs for 2030 agenda

- [8] The IPPC Secretary gave a keynote address which was warmly received by the members. The address focused on the IPPC contribution to achieving UNSDGs for the 2030 agenda. (see the link to the Power point presentation<sup>2</sup>)

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<sup>1</sup> The Bureau reports are available here: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/bureau/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/82911/>

## 7. Strategic Topics

### 7.1 IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

- [9] The SPG members were split into two groups during the discussion on the 2020-2030 strategic framework. The NZ representative introduced the paper on the IPPC Strategic Framework (SPG18), noting that for the most part, it was very similar to the previous strategic framework with the exception that a section on priority objectives have been recommended and the order had been slightly re-arranged. The two groups held discussions focusing on both Part B (Selecting Draft Strategic Objectives) and Part C (Selecting Priority Initiatives to deliver the Strategic Objectives) of the document. There appeared to be a consensus in the SPG that the strategic objectives in the document were acceptable. Both groups focused a significant amount of time reviewing priorities. One of the outcomes of these discussions was that both groups considered an enhanced role for RPPOs in capacity development and implementation to be of considerable strategic importance.
- [10] Only 5 priorities out of 16 listed in the draft document were considered as priorities by the SPG. Priorities 1 (Commodity standards to harmonize and simplify rules-based trade), 2 (Strengthened focus on Implementation of the Convention and ISPM's.), 4 (Enhanced communication & advocacy of the IPPC.), 5 (Electronic systems to facilitate trade (ePhyto & generic cert system)) and 16 (Monitoring global plant health and IPPC impact) were all considered to be the most significant, but the SPG also emphasized the need to prioritize these five due to limited resources. There was an additional suggestion that a part D be included in the document to accommodate the time line, to ensure implementation stages were clearly spelt out.
- [11] There were some comments from SPG participants that the document was too long and not specific enough. There was also a suggestion that the document should spell out what the strategic framework is intended to achieve. Regarding process, there was an additional recommendation for a technical consultation between 2018 and 2019 to negotiate the strategic framework and a financial mechanism in advance of a 2020 ministerial meeting. The SPG recommended that the drafters of the document prepare an updated version based on the conversations which took place and try to have it available by the December Bureau meeting.
- [12] The following time line was proposed:
- (1) 2017- provide first draft to CPM that reflects SPG thinking
  - (2) 2018-Big decisions(Technical consultation needed)
  - (3) 2019-CPM adoption. This will ensure it goes through in 2020
  - (4) 2020- adoption of the document at a Ministerial CPM

### 7.2 Update on International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) 2020

- [13] Mr Ralph LOPIAN (Finland) provided an **update on the IYPH**. Most importantly, the SPG learned that the FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) had a side event on IYPH and the COAG endorsed the idea for the IYPH in 2020. The SPG urged the Secretariat to have additional side events at both the FAO Council in December and the FAO Conference in 2017. The SPG was informed that the IPPC has dedicated a page for IYPH.

### 7.3 Work plans on “plant health and trade facilitation (2017)” and on “plant health and environment protection (2018)”

- [14] The SPG discussed potential plans for the thematic years of 2017 and 2018. There was a suggestion to have each of the contracting parties provide information to the Secretariat on things they have done to support the thematic years in order to catalogue what has happened and present them to the CPM. Australia challenged other CPs to step up and report on what they are doing to the Secretariat. Another suggestion was to have a whole week of Twitter tweets about plant health and trade facilitation. The SPG noted that the plan for 2017 provided a good framework for future years.

## **7.4 Strategic issues related to CPM recommendations and NROs**

- [15] The SPG discussed the issue of CPM recommendations and NROs. The emphasis was on improving their categorization, etc. The criteria for recommendations was discussed and a suggestion was made to change wording in criteria 3 from “urgent” to “important”. A new procedure and criteria will be presented to the CPM for adoption.

## **7.5 Review of the global situation of plant health**

- [16] The SPG discussed the review of the global plant health situation. The discussion focused on the Kenya’s proposal for an International Phytosanitary Conference. Validating data was discussed in the context of it being very important. Having such a conference and publishing the proceedings may be the way to go, but the details need to be worked out. There was a consensus that the idea was welcome, but the details must be settled, and Kenya will submit a discussion paper for the next SPG on the details of the conference.

# **8. Sustainable Funding**

## **8.1. Immediate Funding for Emerging Issues**

- [17] The SPG discussed immediate funding for emerging issues. A suggestion was made that this process be from the bottom up, CPs bring an issue to the CPM, but follow certain criteria. The need to start small was emphasized as the IPPC is competing for limited resources. The need to prioritize what should be funded, and how to prioritize was also discussed. The SPG was informed that regional meetings have been collecting some of this information already. The SPG appreciated the inclusion of emerging issues and recommended that the topic of emerging pests continue as a standing agenda item to the TC-RPPO, as it may be best positioned to address this topic. It was noted that dealing with emerging pests has to be subject to emerging resources. However, the SPG wondered how the topic would fit within IPPC priorities. It was proposed that follow-up discussion be centered on what can be done in the short, medium and long term. It was noted that recommendations will remain the same as in the paper and longer term issues will be included in the strategic framework. The Bureau was asked to table the issue for now.

## **8.2. Short term funding between now and IYPH 2020**

- [18] The SPG discussed the topic of short and long term financing. The Secretariat provided an overview of the current budget situation. After a long discussion, the SPG determined that a short-term approach would be necessary in the course of the current meeting, while a longer-term approach needed more discussion. The SPG was reminded that the Bureau has been given authority to recommend budget cuts in the Secretariat budget. There was a strong recommendation to establish a voluntary assessed contribution mechanism. The SPG recommended that from the presented options this would likely to be the most feasible option, based on UN-scales for contribution levels. Other funding suggestions included: the introduction of a levy on phytosanitary certificates, using IYPH as a basis for soliciting funds and the use of a pay-as-you-go” approach. An example of “pay as you go” is when you come to a meeting with a project proposal along with the resources to support it.

## **8.3. Long term funding strategy – funding mechanisms**

- [19] This Agenda item was discussed under 8.2.

## **8.4 Ministerial conference for 2020 – plan for the Ministerial donor conference**

- [20] The SPG discussed a potential donors conference and provided thoughts regarding putting such a meeting together. It was felt that holding a ministerial CPM and a donor’s conference at the same time may not work. The two would have different objectives. There was also a recommendation that FAO expertise should be consulted on how to organize such an event. The SPG endorsed both a ministerial and a donor’s conference for the IPPC, and encouraged the Secretariat to continue planning for both events in the future. Some participants suggested the need to have a clearly articulated outcome/goal for the meeting, the development of donor specific materials, focusing on how the IPPC can help specific

interests of the donors. It was noted that IPPC community members do a great job of talking to each other but not so good at talking to the rest of the world. The IPPC needs to link to the higher-level goals but in a very concise and clear way.

## **9. Implementation**

### **9.1. Review of ICDC TORs and outcomes from focus group meeting**

[21] The SPG received a report on the focus group for the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee, as well a review of the proposed terms of reference for the new proposed body. After discussion, the SPG recommended that:

- (1) CPM-12 express its appreciation for the good work of the members of the NROAG, TRG, and SBDS,
- (2) the NROAG, TRG, and SBDS be dissolved at the same time as the IC is established and the functions and procedures of these committees be transferred to the IC, and
- (3) the members of those bodies be requested to kindly continue to be available to assist the IC until the IC is able to determine how to deliver these new functions.

### **9.2. Review of the framework for standards and implementation**

[22] The SPG turned to a review of the framework for standards and implementation, which based on CPM directives should be reviewed by the SPG and then forwarded to the CPM for endorsement. The SPG had no comments on the Framework and forwarded the document to the CPM.

## **10. Strategic topics proposed by Contracting Parties**

### **10.1 Strategic issues on diagnostics**

[23] The SPG discussed a paper that was prepared by the EU on the strategic issues around diagnostics. The SPG proposed that the questionnaire on diagnostics done in 2014 be reviewed, updated and issued once again. It was further recommended that it be used as a tool to determine how useful DPs are and if they are used by NPPOs, as well as if there is need to translate them into all FAO languages. The IRSS would take this on.

### **10.2. Phytosanitary treatments**

[24] The SPG discussed a paper that was prepared by Australia on the importance of phytosanitary treatments. The SPG recommended that the SC and IC/CDC review current mechanisms for making phytosanitary treatments which are currently used and accepted for managing plant pests in traded commodities, available to all contracting parties through a searchable repository that will be available to the public. This should include treatments that have been adopted as international standards, with a link in the IPP. The SPG also recommended that, recognizing that phytosanitary measures may be required for any commodity standards that may be developed in future, the strategic initiatives relevant to the development and adoption of treatments and measures for the management of phytosanitary risks should be addressed in the strategic Framework 2020 – 2030.

### **10.3. Sea containers**

[25] On sea containers, the SPG recommended that 1) NPPOs be encouraged to share during CPM meetings and on the IPP the actions they are taking in their countries to support the recommendations on Sea Containers, 2) the Bureau and Secretariat to allocate a small amount of resources to communicate to contracting parties and encourage them to take action in their own countries, 3) The Secretariat continue efforts to secure funding for implementation of the complementary action plan for sea containers. The SPG also recommended that 4) future CPM recommendations should be supported by the development of strategic implementation action plans and, 5) The Secretariat should put together a proposal to change the recommendation process at CPM-12.

## 10.4. International research collaboration

- [26] Australia presented a paper that provides a conceptual proposal as to how the IPPC could enhance the prevention of international movement of pests of plants and plant products, and better control the introduction and spread of these same pests through greater international collaboration of research, development and extension (RDE). The SPG discussed the strategic opportunities and values offered by an RDE function for the IPPC for inclusion in the 2020-2030 strategic framework. SPG considered the development of a pilot project to test the concepts in this paper and concluded this issue should be considered as an addition for the 2020-2030 strategic framework document.

## 11. Strategic Partnerships

### 11.1. International Cooperation

- [27] The SPG discussed a new matrix for International cooperation. The intention was to provide a clearer picture of the relationships the IPPC has with other organizations. Some SPG members noted that the list exists as a first draft which needs to be edited and improved, and that the list should be amended so that only organizations in the UN system will be listed. It was further suggested that Industry organizations be listed separately. Additional concerns were also expressed and the Bureau was tasked to continue a discussion to attempt to identify a format that would be suitable. The SPG felt that an Industry Advisory Group would be useful, would have strategic value and therefore encouraged the Secretariat to work on developing some criteria, ToRs, etc. in coordination with the Bureau, with an anticipated additional in-depth paper for discussion for SPG 2017.

### 11.2. Relationship with the WCO

- [28] The Secretariat provided a verbal update to the SPG on the IPPC relationship with the WCO, noting that there is significant interest in cooperating on the sea container issue, the single windows effort, as well as signing an MOU. There was a suggestion to collaborate on the ePhyto issue, have them present to the CPM as to how they see the relationship with the IPPC and why it is important to them. One additional comment was that it would be important to work with WCO on their code development. The Secretariat was encouraged to make this relationship a priority by the SPG.

## 12. Other Business

- [29] The SPG received an update on the ePhyto project. The Secretariat noted that despite some obstacles placed in the way by one specific country, thanks to resources provided by other CPs, the ePhyto project work has begun. Australia offered a review of their cost recovery system as a possibility when considering funding for the hub once established, and others offered to contribute to the discussions. The SPG thanked the steering group for the work that has been done.
- [30] One participant suggested that the IPPC Strategic Framework should be improved by the recommendations of SPG, then posted for a consultation by CPs and stakeholders period, then followed by a workshop. Implementation is not enough on its own. There should be other activities, and based on the framework. This participant suggested that all countries must (as opposed to should) establish a national planning committee for IYPH 2020. On other issues, there was a consensus that an industry advisory group is a good idea for the IPPC, and the SPG requested further development of the proposal for discussion at next year's SPG.
- [31] Finally, the SPG was informed of the upcoming departure of David Nowell from the Secretariat after many years of service. The SPG expressed its sincere appreciation to David for his many years of service to the IPPC.

### 12.1 IRSS Triennial Review Group

- [32] The SPG was provided information on the IRSS Triennial review group. The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the IRSS was coming to a close and the report was being prepared. A list of the activities conducted has been provided, and the SPG noted the report will be presented to CPM.



### **13. Next Meeting**

[33] The SPG was informed that the tentative dates for the next SPG will be from 10-12 October 2017.

[34] The SPG Chairperson thanked the participants and the Secretary for their contributions to the discussions, the Secretariat for their support, and the Rapporteurs for their help in taking down notes from the discussions and decisions from the meeting. He closed the meeting.

## Appendix 01 – Agenda

### Theme: IPPC CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING UN 2030 SDGS

04 - 06 October 2016 (9:00 – 17:00)

FAO, Rome, Italy (Philippines room, C277)

Agenda item	Presenter	Document number
<b>1. Opening of the Meeting</b>	XIA/TRUJILLO	
<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b>	TRUJILLO	01_SPG_2016_Oct
<b>3. Housekeeping</b>		
3.1 Documents list	FEDCHOCK	02_SPG_2016_Oct
3.2 Participants list	FEDCHOCK	03_SPG_2016_Oct
3.3 Local information	FEDCHOCK	<a href="#">Link to the local information</a>
3.4 Previous meeting of the SPG (October 2015)	FEDCHOCK	<a href="#">Link to Oct 2015 SPG report</a>
<b>4. Selection of Rapporteur</b>	TRUJILLO	
<b>5. CPM Chairperson Update</b>		
5.1 CPM-11 meeting report	RANSOM	<a href="#">Link to CPM-11 meeting report</a>
5.2 Bureau June meeting	RANSOM	<a href="#">Link to Bureau meeting report</a>
<b>6. Secretariat Keynote</b>		
6.1 IPPC contribution to achieving UN SDGs for 2030 agenda	XIA	17_SPG_2016_Oct
<b>7. Strategic Topics</b>		
7.1 IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030	THOMPSON/LOPIAN	18_SPG_2016_Oct 19_SPG_2016_Oct
7.2 Update on IYPH 2020	LOPIAN	Oral update
7.3 Work plans on “plant health and trade facilitation (2017)” and on “plant health and environment protection (2018)”	FEDCHOCK / SOSA	16_SPG_2016_Oct
7.4 Strategic issues related to CPM recommendations and NROs	LARSON/NOWELL	10_SPG_2016_Oct
7.5 Review of the global situation of plant health	LOPIAN/FEDCHOCK	
<b>8. Sustainable Funding</b>		
8.1 Immediate Funding for Emerging Issues	RANSOM/ FEDCHOCK	05_SPG_2016_Oct
8.2 Short term funding between now and IYPH 2020	RANSOM/ XIA	11_SPG_2016_Oct
8.3 Long term funding strategy – funding mechanisms	FOREST / LOPIAN	11_SPG_2016_Oct
8.4 Ministerial conference for 2020 – plan for the Ministerial donor conference	FEDCHOCK	12_SPG_2016_Oct
<b>9. Implementation</b>		
9.1 Review of ICDC TORs and outcomes from focus group meeting	RANSOM / SOSA	04_SPG_2016_Oct
9.2 Review of the framework for standards and implementation	XIA / FEDCHOCK	13_SPG_2016_Oct

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Agenda item	Presenter	Document number
<b>10. Strategic topics proposed by Contracting Parties</b>		
10.1 Strategic issues on diagnostics	EUROPE	15_SPG_2016_Oct
10.2 Phytosanitary treatments	AUSTRALIA	06_SPG_2016_Oct
10.3 Sea containers	NEW ZEALAND	07_SPG_2016_Oct
10.4 International research collaboration	AUSTRALIA	08_SPG_2016_Oct
<b>11. Strategic Partnerships</b>		
11.1 International cooperation	FEDCHOCK	14_SPG_2016_Oct
11.2 WCO	WCO	
<b>12. Any Other business</b>		
12.1 IRSS Triennial Review Group	SOSA	09_SPG_2016_Oct
<b>13. Next meeting</b>		

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**Appendix 02 – Documents list**

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_SPG_2016_Oct	02	Provisional agenda	2016-10-03
02_SPG_2016_Oct	03.1	Documents list	2016-10-03
03_SPG_2016_Oct	03.2	Participants list	2016-09-23
04_SPG_2016_Oct	09.1	IC paper for SPG	2016-08-16
05_SPG_2016_Oct	08.1	Emerging Issues	2016-09-09
06_SPG_2016_Oct	10.2	Future needs for Phytosanitary Treatments	2016-09-09
07_SPG_2016_Oct	10.3	Sea container complementary action programme	2016-09-09
08_SPG_2016_Oct	10.4	International research collaboration	2016-09-13
09_SPG_2016_Oct	12.1	Triennial review group of the IRSS	2016-09-14
10_SPG_2016_Oct	07.4	Strategic issues related to CPM recommendations and NROs	2016-09-20
11_SPG_2016_Oct	08.2; 08.3	Establishment of short and long-term financial support	2016-09-16
12_SPG_2016_Oct	08.4	Ideas for a 2020 Donor's Conference	2016-09-16
13_SPG_2016_Oct	09.2	Review of the Framework for Standards and Implementation	2016-09-16
14_SPG_2016_Oct	11.1	Matrix for International Cooperation	2016-09-19
15_SPG_2016_Oct	10.1	Strategic issues associated with pest diagnosis – EU paper	2016-09-27
16_SPG_2016_Oct	07.3	Building and structuring a Thematic Year for Plant Health and Trade Facilitation (2017)	2016-09-27
17_SPG_2016_Oct	06.1	IPPC contribution to achieving UN SDGs for 2030 agenda	2016-09-29
18_SPG_2016_Oct	07.1	IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030	2016-09-30
19_SPG_2016_Oct	07.1	Proposal to establish an IPPC format for a regular phytosanitary conference: the "International Phytosanitary Conference"	2016-10-03
LINKS		AGENDA ITEM	
Link to the local information: <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81577/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81577/</a>		03.3	
Previous meeting of the SPG (October 2015) <a href="#">Link to Oct 2015 SPG report</a>		03.4	
CPM-11 meeting report <a href="#">Link to CPM-11 meeting report</a>		05.1	
Bureau June meeting <a href="#">Link to Bureau meeting report</a>		05.2	
IPPC Mid-Year report <a href="#">Link to IPPC Mid-Year report</a>		12	

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