**Strategic Framework for Standards**

*(Prepared by IPPC Secretariat)*

The Framework for Standards Task Force (STF) meeting was convened in Ottawa, Canada from 18 – 20 September 2013. The meeting was organized by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat and hosted by the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO).

One of the decisions of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-7 (2012)) on improving the standard setting process[[1]](#footnote-1) was as follows: “A task force should be formed to develop a Framework for Standards, funded by extra budgetary resources.” In early June 2013, extra budgetary money was secured to hold this meeting and it was also felt that the timing would have to be prior to the 2013 October Strategic Planning Group (SPG) meeting so that the outputs from this IPPC STF could feed into the SPG.

The report form the Framework for Standards Task Force meeting can be found on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at the following link: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/framework-for-standards-task-force>. It will be presented to the next meeting of the Standards Committee (SC) (18-22 November 2013).

The TF made several recommendations in the report which are listed in Section 7: The Task Force recommendations.

1. The SPG is invited to:
* *Note* the Framework for Standards Task Force meeting report
* *Provide* strategic inputs to the SC in the view of their future discussion on this topic
* *Consider* the Framework for Standards Task Force meeting report in their deliberations on implementation.

1. CPM-8 (2012) report, Appendix 4, CPM Decision 15: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/governance/cpm> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)