Outcomes of the Focus Group discussion to develop the criteria for call for phytosanitary issues

Background information

1. In 2016, the CPM-11**[[1]](#footnote-1):**

* Agreed that a combined call for topics for standards and tools for implementation should be made, which would be reviewed with input from the SC and CDC, or its successor.
* Requested the SC and CDC to review and adapt the current process to allow the call to be made, including any changes to the assessment criteria needed.
* Agreed that any submission in response to a call for topics and tools should clearly define the problem needing resolution in sufficient detail to determine how it fits into the Framework of Standards and Implementation and the cost/benefit of the development of the standard or tool.

1. At its October 2016 meeting, the CPM Bureau[[2]](#footnote-2) suggested that, as recommended in the Report of the Focus Group (Establishment of a New Subsidiary Body for Implementation)[[3]](#footnote-3), the joint call for topics should be deferred until such time as the process for making the call and assessing proposals has been developed by the SC and new IC.
2. At its April 2017 meeting, the CPM Bureau**[[4]](#footnote-4)** highlighted once again the need for SC/CDC(IC) to work together on the criteria for a call for topics so that an SC/IC criteria and process for the joint call for topics could be presented to the CPM as soon as possible (a delay of up to one year is expected).
3. In 2017, the CPM-12[[5]](#footnote-5):

* Agreed that the call for topics be delayed so that a joint SC/IC call for topics for standards and issues for implementation can be held.
* Agreed that a priority task for the IC will be to develop criteria for the joint SC/IC call for topics and issues, in collaboration with SC.
* Agreed that until its dissolution, CDC starts work on these priority tasks of the IC.

1. In relation to delaying the Call for Topics, the CPM-12 agreed that the SC and IC should develop the criteria for the SC/IC joint call for topics and issues during 2017 and present them to CPM-13 (2018) for approval. The joint call would then be possible in 2018.
2. At its May 2017 meeting, the CDC[[6]](#footnote-6) discussed and made suggestions on the joint SC/IC call for topics for standards and issues for implementation reflected in the Report of the Preparatory Meeting for the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC). The suggestions cover the following aspects of the call:

* Justification and mechanism for the call including criteria for topics.
* General considerations for the Call.
* The Call.
* Analysis of submissions received.
* Follow-up actions.
* Work flow for the Joint call.

1. At its June 2017 meeting, the CPM Bureau[[7]](#footnote-7) underlined that:

* A joint call for topics for ISPMs and topics for guidance material, under the remit of the SC and IC respectively, is expected to create closer collaboration between the setting of standards and their implementation while improving and streamlining both processes.
* The Bureau decided that a focus group should work on developing joint criteria for this call which they agreed should be called a “call for phytosanitary issues” in order to avoid further delays in making the next call. It was decided that this focus group should meet as soon as possible.
* The “Focus Group to develop joint criteria for the call for phytosanitary issues” will meet on 9 October 2017 and will be composed of two representatives from each the SC and IC, one Bureau member (Corné VAN ALPHEN) and the Secretariat (at least on representative from SSU and IFU). The Focus Group should draft the criteria and process for a joint call and develop guidance for contracting parties on how to submit issues, taking into account the joint criteria and the Framework for Standards and Implementation.

Outcomes of the Focus Group (FG) meeting:

1. The FG met on 9 October 2017 at FAO Headquarters, Rome Italy. The list of participants is available in the annex 4.
2. The FG discussed the title, process and the criteria of the call:

* The FG thought that the title of the call should be ‘Call for topics: standards and implementation’.
* The proposed process of the Call for topics: standards and implementation to be followed is in the annex 1.
* The proposed criteria for the Call for topics: standards and implementation are outlined in the annex 2.
* The composition of the Joint Task Force to review the Call submissions and develop recommendations for the SC and IC is in the Annex 3.

The SPG is invited to:

* *Discuss* the proposed title, process and criteria for the Call for topics: standards and implementation

**Annex 1 – The proposed process of the Call for topics: standards and implementation**

(The Call to be issued once in three years)

**Legend:**

**JTF** - Joint Task Force

**IC** - Implementation and Capacity Development Committee

**SC** - Standards Committee

**CPM** - Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

**IPP** – International Phytosanitary Portal

JTF

IC

CPM

SC

IC

SC

JTF

As needed

Secretariat compiles topics submissions and posts on IPP

Conducts initial review and recommends

Conducts in-depth review and recommends

Discuss SC and IC outcomes and determine next steps

Revises/minor changes and agrees on the recommended topics

Finalise paper for CPM

Adopts topics

November

February

May

June

June-Aug

November/December

December/

January

March/April

Annex 2 - Possible criteria for the call

Priority will be given to topics with the largest global impact.

Core criteria (must provide information. It is expected that all submissions meet the following core criteria):

1. Contribution to the purpose of the IPPC as described in article I.1.
2. Linkage to IPPC Strategic Objectives (SOs) and Organizational results demonstrated.
3. Feasibility of implementation at the global level (consider ease of implementation, technical complexity, capacity of NPPO(s) to implement, relevance for more than one region).
4. Clear identification of the problems that need to be resolved through the development of the standard or implementation resource.
5. Availability of, or possibility to collect, information in support of the proposed standard or implementation resource (e.g. scientific, historical, technical information, experience).

Supporting criteria (provide information as appropriate)

Practical

1. Is there a regional standard and/or implementation resource on the same topic already available and used by NPPOs, RPPOs or international organizations.
2. Availability of expertise needed to develop the proposed standard and/or implementation resource.

Economic

1. Estimated value of the plants protected.
2. Estimated value of trade including new trade opportunities affected by the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. volume of trade, value of trade, the percentage of Gross Domestic Product of this trade) if appropriate.

Environmental

1. Utility to reduce the potential negative environmental consequences of certain phytosanitary measures, for example reduction in global emissions for the protection of the ozone layer.
2. Utility in the management of non-indigenous species which are pests of plants (such as some invasive alien species).
3. Contribution to the protection of the environment, through the protection of wild flora, and their habitats and ecosystems, and of agricultural biodiversity.

Strategic

1. Extent of support for the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. one or more NPPOs or RPPOs have requested it, or one or more RPPOs have adopted a standard on the same topic).
2. Frequency with which the issue to be addressed, as identified in the submission emerges as a source of trade disruption (e.g. disputes or need for repeated bilateral discussions, number of times per year trade is disrupted).
3. Relevance and utility to developing countries.
4. Coverage (application to a wide range of countries/pests/commodities).
5. Complements other standards and/or implementation resources (e.g. potential for the standard to be used as part of a systems approach for one pest, complement treatments for other pests).
6. Conceptual standard and/or implementation resource to address fundamental concepts (e.g. treatment efficacy, inspection methodology).
7. Urgent need for the standard and/or implementation resource.

**Annex 3 - The composition of the Joint Task Force to review the call submissions and develop recommendations for the SC and IC:**

* SC Chair
* IC Chair
* Two members of the IC
* Two members of the SC
* The CPM Bureau representative

Annex 4 – The participants list of the FG meeting

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1. CPM 11 report - <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/07/Report_CPM-11_2016-07-19_withISPMs-revised.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CPM Bureau October 2016 meeting report - <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/11/Report_Bureau_2016_Oct_2016-11-9.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Report of the Focus Group (Establishment of a New Subsidiary Body For Implementation) meeting - <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/10/Report_Focus_Group_on_Implementation_0hRd42X.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. CPM Bureau April 2017 meeting report - <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/04/Final_Bureau_Report_2017_April-2017-04-27.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. CPM 12 report - <https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/05/CPM-12_Report-2017-05-30_withISPMs.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Report of the preparatory meeting for the implementation and Capacity Development Committee - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/06/IC\_Preparatory\_\_Meeting\_Report\_2-17\_May\_EWryz2U.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
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