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**Virtual Meeting Report of the IPPC ePhyto project Technical Committee
& IPPC ePhyto Steering Group**

Present Participants:
Peter Neimanis (AU, Chair)
Younes Kabbab (MAR)
Laura Vicaria (IPPC Secretariat)
Gianluca Nuzzo (UNICC)

Participants not able to attend:
Walter Alessandrini (AR)
Heqin Yang (CN)
Christian Dellis (US)
Venkat Venkateswaran (UNICC)

Shane Sela (IPPC Secretariat)
Josiah Syanda (KE)
Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat)
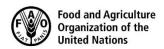Nico Horn (NL)

1. Hub update – UNICC

A new version of the hub was published. The UNICC commented that at this stage the focus is on announcements and bug fixes. Attention has been given to the PUSH feature that is yet to work. Work is also ongoing with the development of the XML validation tool. Input from the ESG at the Dublin meeting on this feature will be essential. The UNICC proposed an idea to develop a system to provide an official source for the codes and product description to be posted on the Hub, and for countries to use and collaboratively continuously review this version. This idea will be discussed further at the ESG meeting in Dublin.

Further to the collaboration tool, it was recommended that comments posted should highlight what organization the commenter represents.

The UNICC, will provide a short list of discussion items they wish to cover at the Dublin meeting.

2. GeNS update – UNICC

With the recent wireframes used at CPM it is evident that there has been encouraging progress. Dublin meeting will include more visuals with further understanding of the functional aspect of

the program. The UNICC expects to have ready the NPPO perspective to present in Dublin, but it will not be ready to connect to the hub at that stage.

Clarification was given; while the validation tool is being developed countries wishing to join the hub in production will receive help from countries such as the USA and Argentina to ensure that their XML is correct. It was further suggested that a dummy country could be used to carry out these tests. It was noted however that further clarification needs to follow with respect to the process that countries need to follow, such as a UAT plan where it requires countries to eg. Send 5 messages to X country, send 3 withdrawal message ect. With this suggestion it was recommended to modify the onboarding document to include this "test plan". This will ensure that all countries follow the same process. Further to this, is the recommendation of a pre-onboarding document. It was clarified that this document does being developed and currently in draft mode. It will be distributed to ESG for input.

3. CPM feedback – Craig
CPM draft report to be distributed when ready
4. Next ESG face-to-face meeting – Peter
Agenda has been distributed to ESG for input. Currently no feedback at this stage. We expect to finalize the agenda by the end of the week and prepare a relevant document list.

Action point	Owner	Due Date
Short list of discussion topics	UNICC	4.5.2018
Modify Onboarding document to include test plan	UNICC	
Pre-onboarding document to be distribution.	Laura	
CPM report to be distributed		
Send Dublin Agenda feedback	All	