

## Comments on the revision of the Strategic Framework 2020 - 2030

At CPM-13 many contracting parties made substantial comments on the draft strategic framework (SF 2020-2030) presented during this meeting. Attached is a revision of the strategic framework, which took account of almost all of the comments made. In order to allow delegations to track the changes in the revised strategic framework, based on the report of the CPM on the issue, the following explanations can be provided:

1. *Some CPs highlighted that the mandate of the IPPC to protect global plant resources must be emphasized in the SF*

The protection of plant resources has been kept strong in the SF 2020-2030. Several additions in the Development Agenda provide additional emphasis.

2. *Prevent a confusion between “system approaches” and management systems or integrated pest management.*

In the strategic objectives A and B changes were made to avoid confusion.

3. *Clearly indicate the ownership of the SF 2020-2030 and remove the “our” in the documents vision, mission and goal.*

The SF 2020-2030 has been edited and most of the “we” and “our” terms have been removed. The only place where this has not been done are the introductory two chapters. Reason: these two chapters are more a description of the SF 2020-2030 for the CPM. The introductory chapter “Purpose” clearly indicates ownership.

4. *Align language of the SF 2020-2030 with previous frameworks.*

Done

5. *Cooperation with international organizations should be clearer in the document and should focus on weaknesses of developing countries, such as technical capacity.*

In “Core Activities” the last chapter on “Communication and International Cooperation” has been largely rewritten to take account of better cooperation and to specifically point out that technical capacity be advocated in this cooperation.

6. *Indicate that implementation of the activities proposed in the draft SF 2020-2030 require support of RPPOs.*

The chapter “Purpose” has been amended to give a clearer ownership of the SF 2020-2030 and to include RPPOs in there. Also in strategic objective A text was added in the chapeau chapters to increase the role of RPPOs. In addition a provision was included in strategic objective A: “*RPPOs may be able to undertake specific tasks in implementing this strategic framework on behalf of the Commission*”. Throughout the document, the role of RPPOs has been made more visible.

7. *Replace references to “NPPOs” with “Contracting Parties” in Key Result Areas of Strategic Objective C, (C1 and C2) in the document (after revision these are now key result areas B1 and B2)*

Done

8. *Indicate that strengthening of pest outbreak response systems needs resources to be made available to respond to such events.*

In chapter 5 of the Development Agenda a last paragraph has been added which reads: *“The benefits can be substantial, however, resources needed to establish and maintain such a system will overtax current IPPC capabilities. For that reason this activity must go hand-in-hand with the creation of an international donor initiative to finance it”*.

9. *Do not limit the scope of the vision statement to the spread of pests through “human interaction” only, as this did not include all other means that pests are spread.*

Done, the “through human interaction” has been deleted from the Vision statement.

10. *Capacity building should be reflected as a strategic objective, as contained in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2012-2019.*

This is the only comment from CPM-13, which has not been taken up. Reason:

The Mission, Vision and Goal of the SF 2020-2030 are the most important messages of the strategy. Strategic Objectives, Development Agenda and Core activities are based on the Mission, Vision and Goal of the SF 2020-2030. The Goal of the CPM is described as the following: *“All countries have the capacity to implement harmonised measures to reduce pest spread and minimise the impact of pests on food security, trade, economic growth, and the environment”*. This already puts the highest focus on capacity building. In addition, in two of the core activities capacity building is very strongly reflected. Furthermore, the strategic objectives try to convey what the IPPC and CPM is all about: protection against pests. The IPPC is not a capacity building convention. However, capacity building is used to achieve plant protection – consequently it is a tool to reach the strategic objectives, but not a strategic objective in itself.

11. *The order in which the strategic objectives were drafted should be amended to indicate that food and nutritional security is of greater importance.*

As strongly indicated during CPM-13 the order has been changed to indicate food security, environmental protection and trade, respectively.

12. *CPs suggested that more discussion and clarity regarding commodity and pathway specific ISPMs was required before it could be included in the Development Agenda.*

The Development Agenda item on commodity and pathway specific ISPMs has been revised in order to allow first for a clear development of structure, format content and implementation issues before criteria for the selection of commodities are developed.

13. *The importance of audits was highlighted, and that phytosanitary audits should be included.*

The development agenda item on commodity and pathway specific ISPMs includes now a provision that guidance concerning audits and verification could be included.

14. *The development agenda should not be limited to the development of two commodity standards, and that flexibility should be allowed to respond to future needs as they may arise.*

This has been addressed in the form that two standards are only identified as a pilot project and that as soon as criteria for prioritizing topics have been developed a work programme should be adopted.

15. *The Development Agenda should include climate change.*

A completely new Development Agenda item 6 “Assessment and Management of Climate Change Impacts on Plant Health” has been developed and incorporated.

16. Combine, “Strengthening Pest Outbreak Response Systems” and “Global Pest Alert Systems” into one Development Agenda item.

Done – the new Development Agenda item is called: “Strengthening Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems”.

17. *To include international research cooperation into the Development Agenda.*

Done – the part of the Strategic Framework which was deleted at SPG 2017 was reintroduced.

18. *The SF 2020 – 2030 should better reflect forestry.*

Throughout the text forestry references have been added. Especially the new Strategic Objective B has been amended to read: “*Protect forests and the environment from the impacts of plant pests*”. This is intended to clarify that in many cases forestry is a mixture between deliberate cultivation and environmental ecosystem.

19. *Integrate the proposed item “New Phytosanitary Treatments” into the item “Commodity and Pathway Specific ISPMs”.*

This has been done.

20. *Various other points raised in written contributions by COSAVE or the EU*

The points submitted by COSAVE and the EU in writing at CPM-13, which had not been addressed above, were incorporated into the new strategy

Throughout the document smaller, editorial changes were made to improve consistency of the text.