TC-RPPO

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2018 IPPC Regional Workshops

(*Prepared by IPPC Secretariat*)

Background

1. From 2005, seven regional workshops on draft ISPM[[1]](#footnote-1) are annually organized, involving a large number of countries. In 2013, the content of these regional workshops changed as they covered a wider range of issues than the review of draft ISPMs with a view to strengthening the competences of the Contracting Parties on IPPC issues. In 2014, the CPM noted that the concept of workshops had evolved towards capacity-building in a wider range of the Convention activities.
2. In 2018, 222 participants from 141 countries attended the 2018 IPPC Regional Workshops organized in 7 regions[[2]](#footnote-2): Africa, Asia, Latin America, Near East and North Africa (NENA), Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (CEECA), Southwest Pacific and the Caribbean.
3. During its June 2018 meeting, the CPM Bureau discussed the organization of IPPC Regional Workshops. The Bureau acknowledged the importance of regional workshops and agreed on guidelines for their organization as detailed in Annex 1.
4. The Bureau indicated that the workshops should have a balanced agenda, with time allocated to commenting and discussion on the draft ISPMs sent for consultation, presentations from the IPPC Secretariat’s on projects and activities and issues of regional concern. It was agreed that more time should be devoted to formulating comments and discussions on draft standards and less time for presentations.
5. The Bureau noted that each region has different needs and that the Secretariat should remain flexible in its approach. The various regional organizing committees should provide inputs to the Secretariat on their requirements and, thereby, the agenda for each Regional Workshop should be balanced according to their needs.
6. Contracting parties (CPs) from some regions have indicated that they would prefer to manage the workshops as independently as possible, while other have requested a greater focus on commenting on draft ISPMs sent for consultation. The Bureau indicated that it was therefore important to arrange each regional workshop in collaboration with the regions and to not be too prescriptive about the content of the workshop.
7. Regarding the name given for the workshop, the IPPC Secretary indicated that these events offer the IPPC community an important opportunity to create awareness of its role in plant protection and trade facilitation, and it was critical that “IPPC” appears in the title of the workshop. The Bureau agreed that other institutions names could be included in the title to read “IPPC- joint institution Regional Workshop, when substantial financial support would be provided by this organization.
8. The Bureau also agreed to explore the possibility of having two or three regional workshops for the African region.

Organization and content of the 2018 IPPC regional workshops

1. In 2018 for the second year the IPPC Secretariat worked with established committees in each region. Committee consisted of regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) regional offices, cooperation institutions such as IICA and national hosts. It also comprised of Standard Committee (SC) and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) members of the region.
2. The agenda of the 2018 IPPC regional workshop was developed on the basis of suggestions from the TC-RPPO in 2017, the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) during its December 2017 meeting, the Standard Committee (SC) during its November 2017 meeting and the units of the IPPC Secretariat. The draft was then circulated to co-organizers of the workshops and finally discussed during a side meeting at CPM-13 in 2018.
3. FAO regional offices, RPPOs and other co-organizer institutions were given opportunity to present on their capacity development activities during the workshop.
4. All presentations for the 2018 IPPC regional workshops were shared with the co-organizers and posted in English[[3]](#footnote-3) on the IPP on the 5th of July with an announcement[[4]](#footnote-4). Other language versions were later made available on the IPP.
5. The updated version of the Online Commenting System (OCS) was used during each regional workshop, and a responsible person was in charge of checking comments prior to the workshop and using the OCS live during regional workshops for each region. This is a fundamental role to ensure that comments on draft ISPMs are appropriately shared and discussed.
6. A Standard Committee member was present at each of the seven workshops. The SC member presented the draft ISPMs and standard setting related topics.
7. Headline news have been published on the IPP for each workshop: Asia[[5]](#footnote-5), Latin America[[6]](#footnote-6), Near East and North Africa[[7]](#footnote-7), Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia[[8]](#footnote-8), Southwest Pacific[[9]](#footnote-9), Africa[[10]](#footnote-10) and the Caribbean[[11]](#footnote-11).
8. A welcome video was projected during the 2018 IPPC regional workshops “2018 IPPC regional workshop: Plant Health and Environmental Protection”[[12]](#footnote-12).
9. The content of the 2018 IPPC regional workshops and regional topics are available in Annex 2.

Findings from the post-workshops survey

1. Participants to the 2018 IPPC regional workshops were asked to fill in the post-workshop survey. One hundred (100) participants completed the survey (Pacific, 8; Near East and North Africa 10; Caribbean 16; Latin America, 26; Africa, 12; Asia, 10; Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 18).
2. Participants considered the following elements as the most valuable from the 2018 IPPC regional workshops:
3. - Discussion on Fall Armyworm (Africa, NENA, Asia)
4. - Analyzing draft ISPMs (Africa) and discussions about comments (Asia, Caribbean, CEECA, NENA, Southwest Pacific)
5. - Exchanges and sharing of experience and countries feedback (Africa, Caribbean, CEECA, NENA, Southwest Pacific)
6. - Sharing of IPPC planned activities and other supports available to member states (Africa, Asia, CEECA, Southwest Pacific)
7. - Emerging issues and new topics in plant health (Asia, CEECA, NENA)
8. - Networking with other NPPOs (CEECA, Southwest Pacific)
9. Participants highlighted areas for improvement:
10. - Have more time, in particular for discussions (Africa, Asia, Caribbean, CEECA, NENA, Southwest Pacific, Latin America)
11. - Organize focus groups for discussions (CEECA)
12. - Have more time to discuss draft ISPMs compared with other topics (Latin America)
13. - Have a different dynamic to discuss topics not linked to ISPMPs to further stimulate discussion (Latin America)
14. - Splitting in 2 regional workshops, French and English group (Africa)
15. - Since there are always new participants, information about IPPC materials should be given in full details (Africa)
16. – More information sharing amongst CPs (Africa)
17. - For draft standards with technical aspects, good to have 1-2 technical experts to facilitate discussion instead of SC members (Asia)
18. - Follow-up to everything issued by the IPPC & support the project financial from members (Asia)
19. - Focus on the real problems of the region and find solutions together (Caribbean)
20. - Inclusion of 1 or 2 opportunities for a presentation of a success story by Parties (Caribbean)
21. - Explaining briefly what was in standard committee (NENA)
22. - Special session on the FAW (Fall Army Worm): establish a clear FAW action plans, to ovoid it introduction in the countries free of the pest and how to do when the FAWS is detected. Lessons learned from South America (NENA)
23. - Adding a practical activity in the field (NENA)
24. - Have ice-breakers in between sessions (Southwest Pacific)
25. - Include a session on the implementation of ISPMs in the country hosting the regional workshop (Latin America)
26. - Add additional topics relevant for the region (Latin America)
27. – Translate the OCS in Russian (CEECA)

Funding and participation to the 2018 IPPC regional workshops

1. Seven IPPC regional workshops could be organized thanks to the kind support of various organizations for which the IPPC Secretariat is very grateful. In each region, different co-organizers participated up to a different extent and according to different mechanisms. All arrangements are summarized in Annex 2.
2. The IPPC Project on Capacity Development under the Framework of FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme supported the IPPC regional workshop in Africa and National Reporting Obligations workshop in CEECA.
3. The TC-RPPO is invited to*:*

* *Note* the report.
* *Propose* topics for the 2019 IPPC regional workshops.
* *Consider funding options* for the 2019 IPPC regional workshops.

Annex 1 - Guidelines for IPPC Regional Workshops

*(Agreed by the CPM Bureau in June 2018)*

The objectives of IPPC regional workshops are:

1. To analyze and prepare comments on draft ISPMs;
2. To build phytosanitary capacity and raise awareness on various activities of the IPPC Community; and
3. To provide a forum to exchanging experiences and ideas at the regional level.

The workshop is normally for three days and the agenda includes the following:

1. IPPC Secretariat updates;
2. Discussion and formulation on draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) for first and second consultation;
3. Phytosanitary capacity and raising awareness on all activities related to the IPPC community and exchanging regional experiences.

Some regions may include additional day(s) for a field visit and/or to discuss issues of regional importance.

**General:**

Each IPPC Regional Workshop has organizational, logistical and funding peculiarities and efforts should be made to find a balance between addressing global and regional issues.

The organization of the workshops include the following:

1. A regional workshop organizing committee should be established for each workshop and should be composed of the IPPC Secretariat, a representative from the Standards Committee (SC) and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and co-organizers which are representatives of RPPO(s), FAO regional and sub-regional offices, hosting country and any other relevant organizations supporting the workshop;
2. Each organizing committee and participant are encouraged to make efforts to help secure funding for their workshop;
3. These workshops will be named “IPPC Regional Workshop” for consistency and to help ensure the globally visibility of the IPPC. When other governments or institutions provide substantial financial support, their name may be inserted after IPPC, e.g. IPPC-[Institution’s Name] Joint Regional Workshop.
4. Efforts should be made to ensure that at least one SC and one IC member are present.
5. Workshops comments on draft ISPMs should be submitted through the Online Comment System (OCS).

**Roles and responsibilities of the different parties involved:**

***IPPC Contact Point:***

1. Nominates an individual(s) with the appropriate expertise to attend the workshop;
2. Mobilizes resources (full or at least partial) for the attendance of the designated participant;
3. Ensures that the participant selected to represent the NPPO in the workshop has analysed, before attending the workshop, the draft ISPMs and other documents and completed pre workshop exercises;
4. Ensures the NPPO’s comments on draft ISPMs are entered into the Online Comment System (OCS) before the workshop;
5. If applicable, after the workshop, provides additional NPPO’s comments on draft ISPMs to the IPPC Secretariat, by 30 September of each year or at least submits one general comment for each draft ISPM.

***Workshop participant:***

1. Mobilizes resources (full or at least partial) for his/her participation in the workshop;
2. Analyses draft ISPMs and other documents available and works towards agreed country comments, before attending the workshop;
3. Attends all sessions planned in the program of the workshop and participates actively in the discussions;
4. Provides comments on the draft ISPMs, and shares them within their region using the OCS before attending the workshop;
5. Practices using the OCS before attending the workshop. Guidelines on how to use the OCS are available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/online-comment-system>;
6. Conducts all pre-training activities and prepares all the requested information to be shared and discussed during the workshop;
7. Provides feedback to the workshop evaluation;
8. Shares information and results on the workshop within their NPPO after the workshop.

***Standard Committee Steward for draft ISPMs*** prepares a concise presentation on the draft ISPM explaining the key issues discussed during the development of the draft. This presentation should be provided to the IPPC Secretariat by the 15th of June.

***Standards Committee representative*** *is* designated to attend the workshop, as agreed by the SC. They deliver the presentations related to the draft ISPMs and participate in discussions related to the standard setting procedures.

***Implementation and Capacity Development Committee representative*** isdesignated to attend the workshop, as agreed by the IC. They deliver the presentation related to implementation and capacity development activities and exercises, and participate in discussions related to implementation and capacity development.

***A Chair and a rapporteur*** are to be elected by the participants. The role of the Chair is to facilitate discussions, the role of the rapporteur is to prepare the workshop report jointly with the Chair and the IPPC Secretariat. The report should be approved by the participants during or shortly after the meeting.

***Online Comment System (OCS) expert*** is selected by the organizing committee. They are responsible to ensure that contracting parties provide comments through the OCS prior to the workshop, present and/or demonstrate how to best utilize the OCS, gather comments during the workshop and provide support to countries to submit comments after the workshop.

***Co-organizer:***

1. liaises with contracting parties to comment on the draft agenda;
2. provides the facilities needed for the workshop;
3. provides additional logistical arrangements, as agreed with the IPPC Secretariat;
4. provides funds or help mobilize resources;

***Resource person:*** may be invited by theorganizing committees, these includes Bureau members, stewards or experts from their regions or other regions and they may participate in discussions. A resource person should not influence discussions on regional issues, particularly comments on draft ISPMs.

***Observer:*** the *o*rganizing committee may agree to invite observers from relevant international organizations and NPPOs outside the region. Observers should not influence discussions on regional issues, particularly comments on draft ISPMs.

***The IPPC Secretariat:***

1. Develops a draft agenda through a consultation process with the SC, IC and Technical Consultation of Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPOs). Subsequently, a draft agenda is circulated within the IPPC Secretariat and to all regional workshop co-organizers for further consultation;
2. Establishes an organizing committee for each workshop;
3. Establishes strong collaboration with co-organizers in the regions and discusses all logistical and financial arrangements well in advance;
4. Provides templates and prepares relevant presentations, training material and videos;
5. Coordinates the overall organization of IPPC Regional Workshops. This requires a consistent coordination at the IPPC Secretariat level including joint work between all units of the Secretariat, and between administrative and professional staff;
6. Organizes internal meetings for all IPPC Secretariat staff to become familiar with the regional workshops presentations, as well as training on the use of the OCS;
7. Drafts invitation letters; regions may wish to send their own invitation letter, if so, a copy of their regional letter should be sent to the Secretariat. In addition, a list of intended recipients should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat to help ensure that all contracting parties from the region are invited (regardless of whether they are funded or not);
8. Templates and publishes the report on the IPP up to two months after the workshop;
9. Develops and publishes a news item about the workshop on the IPP no later than 2 weeks after the workshop;
10. Develops and delivers a survey to collect feedback from participants to be used for improving the content and organization of the workshops;
11. Provides a summary of the workshops and information from the evaluation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures.

Annex 2: content of the 2018 IPPC regional workshops and regional topics

Content of the 2018 IPPC regional workshops

1. The content of the three days regional workshops was the following:
   1. *General presentations:*

* Objectives of the workshop
* Updates from CPM-13 (2018) and sustainable funding
* IPPC Secretariat overview

1. Section 1: Reinforce the capacity of Contracting Parties to formulate productive comments on draft standards sent for 1st consultation The IPPC Online Comment System (OCS)

* 2018 Call for topics: Standards and Implementation
* Commodity and pathway ISPMs
* Discussion on draft ISPMs sent for 1st consultation (with presentation of the standard and focus on substantive and technical comments gathered prior to the workshop)
* Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions (2014-002)
* Revision of ISPM 8 Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)
* Requirements for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as phytosanitary measures (2014-006)
* 2018 Amendments to ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms) (1994-001)
* Review of general and substantive comments on the standards in second consultation
* 2 draft ISPMs: Requirements for fumigation treatments, 2017 Amendments to ISPM 5

1. Section 2: Implementing and raising awareness in the framework of FAO/RPPOs

* FAO phytosanitary capacity development activities Emerging issues in plant health
* RPPO activities

1. Section 3: Moving together from ideas to action (Facilitated sessions)

* Implementation of ISPM 38: *International movement of seeds*: IPPC Presentation, ISF Presentation and exchanges and discussion
* International Year of Plant Health
* The Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC): IPPC Presentation and discussion on the needs from the contracting parties
* National Reporting Obligations: Regulated Pests Lists - live demo and exercises
* Plant health and environmental protection
* Sea Containers Task Force Update
* IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

1. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) elaborated within the IPPC Secretariat to ensure a transparent and efficient process for the preparation of the IPPC regional workshops were implemented.

**Regional topics**

1. Regions hold specific presentations and discussions on the basis of their specific concerns. The presentations specific to a region are summarized in the below table and are available on the IPP.

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| **Region** | **Specific presentations** |
| Asia | * APPPC update * Commodity standards: Development of APPPC RSPMs-commodity phytosanitary standards (seed and mangoes) * Update developments in sea container cleanliness programme in the region * Briefing Fall Army Warm status in India and potential risk to the region |
| Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia | * E-Phyto update * EPPO update * EEC/EPPO Workshop 2018-06-6/8 Regulated pests: risk analysis and listing * FAO REU Phytosanitary activities for 2018 |
| Africa | * IPPC Project on Capacity Development under the Framework of FAO-China SSC Programme * Chinese initiative “One Belt and One Road” in relation to plant health * FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme and Its Role in Promoting Plant Health * IAPSC Programme Activities Report, 2017 * FAO Plant Health Capacity development activities in SADC region * FAO Plant Health Capacity development activities at SFE (EAC/IGAD region) |
| Latin America | * Concerns about the *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense*, tropical race 4 (Foc TR4) to the Latin America and Caribbean region * NGS or high throughput sequencing (HTS) being used for research by the International Potato Center, and the perspectives of use of these technologies in the regulatory context by the IPPC. * Surveillance systems – a case study from Colombia. * Successes and challenges in the fruit production and export chain – Brazilian case study. * ePhyto and electronic certification systems to facilitate trade. |
| Caribbean | * Trade Facilitation Agreement and the IPPC * FAO Phytosanitary Capacity Development Activities - 2018 * SPS/TBT notification alert system ePing |
| Near East and North Africa |  |

Annex 3: table of IPPC Regional Workshops held in 2018 per region with the date, venue, number of participants and of contracting parties and details on organizers and funding agencies.

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| **Region** | **Date and venue** | **Nb persons** | **Nb contracting parties** | **Co-organizers** | **Funding[[13]](#footnote-13)** | **Tentative next date and venue** |
| Southwest Pacific | Nadi, Fidji, 20-22/08 | 33 | 13 | PPPO, the NPPO of Australia. | NPPO of Australia | TBD |
| Near East and North Africa | Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 17-20/09 | 45 | 18 | FAO Near East and North Africa Office, NEPPO, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman | FAO regional office (USD 35.000), IPPC Secretariat (USD 15.000), in kind contributions by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Oman. | 08-11/09, Lebanon |
| Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia | Moscow, Russia, 03-07/09 | 24 | 17 | FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC), European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) and Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (NPPO) and the All-Russian Plant Quarantine Center (VNIIKR). | IPPC Secretariat (USD 8000), FAO REU (USD 7000), FAO SEC (USD 1500) and in kind contributions from EPPO and the Russian NPPO and VNIIKR. | 3-7/09, Moldova |
| Asia | Seoul, Republic of Korea, 10-14/09 | 18 | 32 | Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC), Republic of Korea | FAO Bangkok, Republic of Korea | 02-06/09, Seoul Republic of Korea |
| Latin America | Natal, Brazil, 28-31/08 | 32 | 18 | [Comunidad Andina (CAN)](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/regional-plant-protection-organizations/comunidadandina/), [Comite Regional de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur (COSAVE)](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/regional-plant-protection-organizations/cosave/) and [Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/regional-plant-protection-organizations/oirsa/), [Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)](http://www.iica.int/es), Brazil’s National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) (MAPA) | CAN, OIRSA, COSAVE and in kind contributions from IICA and MAPA Brasil | 02-06/09, Colombia |
| Caribbean | Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 17-19/09 | 25 | 14 | FAO Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean, [Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA)](http://www.cahfsa.org/), [Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)](http://www.iica.int/es), Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago | FAO Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean (USD 30.000), in kind contributions from IICA, CAHFSA and Land and Fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago | TBD |
| Africa | Antananarivo, Madagascar, 11-3/09 | 45 | 29 | [Inter-African Phytosanitary Council](https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/regional-plant-protection-organizations/interafricanphytosanitarycouncil/) (IAPSC), FAO Office for Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles, NPPO of Madagascar. | IAPSC (10 participants), IPPC Secretariat through the China SSC project (USD 80.000), in kind contributions from the FAO Office and the NPPO Madagascar | TBD |

1. IPPC Regional Workshops: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2018 IPPC Regional Workshops: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2018-ippc-regional-workshops/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 2018 IPPC Regional Workshops <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2018-ippc-regional-workshops/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. ## Protecting plants from pest in the Pacific Islands: A 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop

   https://www.ippc.int/en/news/protecting-plants-from-pest-in-the-pacific-islands-a-2018-ippc-regional-workshop/ [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. ## Facilitating trade, while protecting plants: The APPPC Regional Workshop

   <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/facilitating-trade-while-protecting-plants-the-apppc-regional-workshop/> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. ## Boosting plant health and protecting plants from pests – the 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop for Latin America

   <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/the-2018-ippc-regional-workshop-for-latin-america-countries-boosting-their-capacities-on-plant-health-standards-and-environmental-protection/> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. ## Working together to protect plants from harmful pests in the Near East and North Africa: 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop

   <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/working-together-to-protect-plants-from-harmful-pests-in-the-near-east-and-north-africa-2018-ippc-regional-workshop/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. ## IPPC boosts Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries' capacities in National Reporting Obligations

   <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/ippc-boosts-central-and-eastern-european-and-central-asian-countries-capacities-in-national-reporting-obligations/> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. ## Protecting plants from pest in the Pacific Islands: A 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop

   <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/protecting-plants-from-pest-in-the-pacific-islands-a-2018-ippc-regional-workshop/> [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. ## Working together to protect plants and the environment in Africa: A 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop

    <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/working-together-to-protect-plants-and-the-environment-in-africa-a-2018-ippc-regional-workshop/> [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. ## Protecting plants and the environment in the Caribbean: a 2018 IPPC Regional Workshop

    <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/protecting-plants-and-the-environment-in-the-caribbean-a-2018-ippc-regional-workshop/> [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. # 2018 IPPC regional workshop: Plant Health and Environmental Protection <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F55cHD5IMjE&list=PLzp5NgJ2-dK4T7GE2fsGujftlxSX1rCTC>

    [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)