



Project Title: Technical Assistance for Strengthening Sanitary & Phytosanitary Legislation in Barbados / PCE Barbados
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1. Project Profile	
Recipient Region(s)/ Countries	Barbados
Donor/ Resource Partner	Resource Partner – IPPC Secretariat (STDF 401)
IC Representative (if applicable)	N/A
IPPC Secretariat Representation (if applicable)	Sarah Brunel
RPPO Representation (if applicable)	N/A
Collaboration / Participating Organizations	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA, under an EU-funded SPS Project) and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO),
Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in-kind)	USD48,000 (TCP) PAHO LOA SCON2016-03791: Assistance for the development of food safety legislation (USD50,000); IICA/EU-SPS project – amount not known Government of Barbados – amount not known
Project Timing	2016-06 to 2018-06
2. Project Scope and Relevance to the IPPC	
<p>In 2015, Barbados was implementing a National Agricultural Health and Food Control programme as a precursor to the establishment of a National Agricultural Health and Food Control Agency (NAHFCA) to manage and coordinate sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues. Existing national SPS legislation was fragmented, some texts are outdated and those in force are not fully aligned with international standards and requirements. There was no legislation that provided a legal basis for the proposed National Agricultural Health and Food Control Agency (NAHFCA). Under a comprehensive programme that involved the OIE (Animal Health/Food Safety) and other partners, the IPPC Sec provided support for completion of three modules of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) under the TCPF project and subsequently the application of the full PCE under an ongoing global project (STDF 401).</p>	
3. Project Milestones and Deliverables [e.g. reports, manuals, workshops etc]	
<p>The Project prepared 7 pieces of legislation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Bill to amend the Plant Protection Act, Cap. 268. 2. Draft Plant Protection (Import) Regulations 3. Draft Plant Protection (Export) Regulations 4. Draft Food Safety Bill 5. Draft Seafood Regulations 6. Draft Animal Health Bill 7. Draft National Agricultural Health and Food Control Agency (NAHFCA) Bill. 	
4. Expected Goals, Outcomes and Outputs of the Project [e.g. linking to ISPMs and/or IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 priorities that the project will address]	
<p>Project output: three modules PCE completed: Module 2: National Phytosanitary Legislation; Module 10: Phytosanitary Import Regulatory System; and Module 13: Export certification, re-export, transit. Project Outcome: Full PCE conducted in Barbados (2017-2018) with the support of the IPPC Secretariat under project STDF 401 (http://www.standardsfacility.org/PG-401)</p>	
5. Project Team and related Expertise [e.g. names and expertise]	

<p>Ms. Vyjayanthi Lopez, Plant Production and Protection Officer, SLC (LTO)</p> <p>Ms. Sarah Brunel and Jeffrey Jones (IPPC Secretariat) provided technical guidance for 3 modules</p> <p>Mr. Fitzroy White supported by Sarah provided technical guidance for the full PCE for Barbados under the project STDF 401 (http://www.standardsfacility.org/PG-401)</p>
<p>6. Project Beneficiaries <i>[directly and indirectly (individual NPPOs, RPPO's, industry representatives, growing communities, exporters etc)]</i></p>
<p>Barbados NPPO; industry representatives, exporters and importers, Customs Officials, among others</p>
<p>7. Project Challenges and Successes</p>
<p>Despite some delays, the project prepared final drafts of the seven pieces of legislation (listed above).</p> <p>Due to unknown reasons, the NAHFS Programme was abruptly shut down by the then government in April 2018. A month later, elections were held, which the opposition party won. The new government is facing numerous challenges, as it tries to find solutions to bring the country out of a severe financial crisis and indebtedness, resulting in a restructuring of existing government and quasi-government entities. It is thus not the best time to approach the new government with a proposal to (re-)establish the NAHFS but the issue should be brought up with the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security in due course, once the situation has improved.</p>
<p>8. Project IPPC, IC, SC or IPPC Network Involvement <i>[e.g. possible project collaboration with the relevant IPPC committees, networks, task forces and working groups]</i></p>
<p>The IPPC Secretariat provided support for the preparation of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Three PCE modules under the TCP Facility project2. Full PCE under project STDF 401 (http://www.standardsfacility.org/PG-401)
<p>9. Project Supporting Materials and Attachments <i>[e.g. hyperlinks]</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>