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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Konan KOUAME, the SPG Chairperson, opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and highlighting the key topics to be discussed at the meeting.
- [2] Mr Jingyuan XIA, IPPC Secretary, welcomed the participants on behalf of the IPPC Secretariat and congratulated Mr KOUAME the new SPG Chairperson for the two year term. The IPPC Secretary underlined that this year's meeting was remarkable with 41 participants including representatives from over 20 countries, one international and two regional plant protection organizations, academia and the IPPC Secretariat. Although no funding was provided by the Secretariat for the contracting parties (CPs) representatives' travel, interest in joining the SPG meeting was remarkable.
- [3] The IPPC Secretary reiterated that the 2019 yearly theme is Plant Health and Capacity Development and we needed to think about its programme. He also emphasized that the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 will be presented to CPM-14 (2019) for endorsement, so it can be submitted for adoption in 2020 by the Ministerial Session of CPM-15. He informed the audience that the International Year of Plant Health is expected to be endorsed at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- [4] The IPPC Secretary also pointed out the need for more sustainable funding. Current actions taken include asking for more support through FAO regular programme and simplifying procedures for donors to donate to the IPPC Multi Donor Trust Fund.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1 Adoption of the agenda

- [5] Participants suggested that the following topics be added to the agenda:
- Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, suggested by the participant from the European Union (EU) to be discussed within the IPPC Strategic Framework agenda item.
 - Letter of COSAVE on financial support for members to participate in different IPPC meetings based on decisions taken in June 2018, suggested by Argentina to be discussed as an AOB agenda item.
- [6] Participants adopted the agenda with proposed changes (Appendix 01).
- [7] The order of items 9 and 7 were changed based on suggestions from the Bureau meeting.

3. Administrative Matters

- [8] All meeting documents are posted on the IPPC website. A questionnaire about the IPPC website to better understand user needs in preparation for restructuring the website was distributed and participants were requested to complete it.

3.1 Documents list

- [9] The documents list is attached to this report as Appendix 02.

3.2 Participants list

- [10] The participants list is attached to this report as Appendix 03.

3.3 Local information

Key local information was presented by the Secretariat and participants were reminded about the link to this information.

4. Update from Last SPG Meeting

- [11] The Chairperson listed the main points that were discussed at the SPG 2017. No further points or questions were raised by participants about the points and decisions made during the last meeting.

5. Update from the IPPC Secretariat

- [12] The IPPC Secretary updated participants about changes in the Secretariats' management team that aims to strengthen the technical capacities of each unit. He introduced Mr Avetik NERSISYAN as head of the Standard Setting team, Mr Brent LARSON as head of the Implementation and Facilitation Unit, and Mr Shoki AL-DOBAI as head of the Integration and Support Team. The IPPC Secretariat noted that the ePhyto team is expecting a new project manager.
- [13] Participants were briefed about the progress of the IPPC Secretariat's sustainable funding mechanism and the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) recommendation on the increased budget for the FAO-Regular Programme (RP); the historical agreement signed with the World Customs Organization (WCO) for cooperation in ePhyto, eCommerce, the Sea Container Task Force and Single window aspects; and enhanced resource mobilization – with an annual budget of nearly USD 6 million, 50% dependent on extra budgetary (EXB) funding. Staff costs represent 75% of the RP and 25% of EXB.
- [14] The Chairperson pointed out progress has been made on resource mobilization – increasing from USD 700,000 to over USD 1 million in two years. This is still not sufficient since contracting parties (CPs) continue to request more activities. Many activities have been put on hold for lack of funding.
- [15] A participant requested that the IPPC Regional Workshops in Africa be split into two separate workshops- one Anglophone and one Francophone/Lisophone. However, it was noted that some countries in the region did not want two separate workshops and that separate language groups were set up during the previous regional workshop. Regional agreement will need to be reached on the appropriate option and more resources will need to be mobilized to support two workshops.

6. Update from CPM Bureau

- [16] The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Chairperson reported on the good progress made in Commodity and Pathway Standards through an established focus group; and the IPPC 5-year investment plan with USD 2 million for 5 consecutive years for a total of USD10 million.
- [17] The CPM Bureau, including the FAO permanent representative from Australia as the champion of this initiative, has asked the COAG to reallocate more regular FAO programme funds towards sustainable funding solution for the IPPC Secretariat. The COAG supported this initiative.
- [18] There is a need to clarify how the IPPC community should address emerging pests such as the Fall Armyworm (FAW). It was highlighted that some CPs expect the IPPC to give guidelines and take the lead in these cases. However, this cannot be done without adequate resources. On FAW specifically, relevant countries in Latin America and Africa should share their experiences in responding to the pest.
- [19] There is now a standardized structure for the IPPC Regional Workshops (RW) which still leaves room for regional issues to be discussed. It was suggested that the IPPC RW workshops be moved to August to allow more time for national comments to be prepared. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed at the Bureau meeting.
- [20] The IPPC website is being redesigned and restructured. Similar to the arrangement with Codex, FAO has allowed the IPPC Secretariat to retain its own branding although it will be under an FAO domain.

7. IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030

- [21] The drafters of the IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 introduced the document and reminded participants that a formal consultation among CPs took place during 2018. They mentioned that a high level of engagement resulted in 850 comments being received which were reviewed by the authors and largely accepted for inclusion in the document. Participants were reminded that the Strategic Framework is basically an advocacy document and aims at communicating the work of the IPPC community and providing guidance to the CPM, CPs and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs). It is vital to use language that a wider audience can understand without resorting to a glossary.

- [22] Decision: Include case studies that focus on 3 to 4 high impact pests and show examples of when the IPPC community has made a difference. The drafters will choose which pests to include.
- [23] It was clarified that Strategic objectives say why we do something and Core activities show how we will do it. It was decided that capacity development should not be a separate strategic objective since it is a core part of all activities.
- [24] Decision: it was decided not to include SDG 14. The main relevant SDGs are 1, 2, 5, 13 and 17.
- [25] There was some discussion on the goal of the IPPC. It was considered important to keep the word “prevent”.
- [26] Decision: The goal should be phrased as follows: All countries have the capacity to implement harmonized measures to prevent pest introductions and spread, and minimize the impact of pests on food security, trade, economic growth, and the environment.
- [27] Decision: Keep vision statement as it is.
- [28] Decision: keep Commodity and pathway standards in the Strategic Framework.
- [29] Regarding authorization of third party entities, it was suggested that the SPG should further discuss the draft ISPM on the Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions (2014-002). It was mentioned that the authorization of third party entities remains controversial. The main concern was that it could be perceived as reducing the authority of the National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and RPPOs if the IPPC promotes it. It was proposed to change the current wording to clarify that the IPPC is not promoting the use of third party entities, but is only providing guidance to improve quality and harmonize actions in cases when NPPOs decide to authorize third parties. NPPOs remain the main authority to ensure authorization is transparent and effective.
- [30] Some countries noted that they regularly authorize third parties to carry out operational work (for example – fumigation) but the NPPOs retains expertise and checks the quality of the work.
- [31] Decision: The section on third party entities will be rewritten to clarify that the IPPC Strategic Framework is not promoting authorization, but highlighting that authorization is a viable alternative for NPPOs, and that the IPPC Strategic Framework provides guidance in situations when NPPOs choose this option.
- [32] Next steps: A one page summary of the IPPC Strategic Framework will be prepared. This is essential for sharing the essence of the revised framework with ministers and other officials who might not have time to read the whole document. The summary needs to be short, focused and compelling.
- [33] Decision: The SPG invited the drafters (Mr Ralf LOPIAN and Mr Peter THOMPSON), in cooperation with the Secretariat, to finalize the document based on the SPG comments. The Bureau will submit the final version of the framework to CPM-14 (2019) for endorsement, prior to the final adoption by CPM-15 (2020).

8. The International Year of Plant Health in 2020

8.1 Progress of the International Year of Plant Health proclamation

- [34] Participants were updated about the progress of the proclamation process; and the programme of the activities and budget that has been developed by the IPPC International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) Steering Committee (StC). The official tabling of the IYPH 2020 to the UNGA Second Committee will take place on 17 October 2018 and countries can provide comments and already indicate if they intend to sponsor it. Co-sponsorship is supporting the idea and decision of the proclamation and does not imply funding but may lead to funding. The UN embassy of Finland will organise a reception after tabling. As soon as it is tabled, Mr Ralf LOPIAN”, Chairperson of the StC, will send a link to all contracting parties.

- [35] In the first week of December, a report of the second committee with the decision will be sent to the UNGA plenary for official declaration.
- [36] Countries were requested to establish an IYPH coordination committee and issue a press release once IYPH 2020 has officially been declared.

8.2 Strategy on International Year of Plant Health

- [37] It is expected that FAO will establish an international IYPH 2020 steering committee and the IPPC Secretariat will be the lead division of the year and provide technical advisory. The IPPC Secretariat will ensure that the current IYPH StC will be maintained as an advisory body for the FAO steering committee; and the IYPH StC Chairperson and vice-Chairperson be members of the FAO steering committee.
- [38] FAO will create an IYPH 2020 trust fund and excess funds can go into FAO activities. Setting up an IPPC trust fund will ensure that any excess funds will go to IPPC Secretariat activities.
- [39] A skeleton programme with six global flagship events has been developed by IPPC Secretariat and IYPH StC with estimated budget of USD 650,000 of which USD 265,000 has already been secured. FAO estimated the cost of past International Years to be USD 1.5 to 2 million.
- [40] It was noted that CPM-15 (2020) will include a ministerial level meeting.
- [41] The Secretariat encouraged CPs to contribute to the IYPH Programme and to declare their financial and in-kind contribution before or at the CPM-14 (2019).
- [42] IYPH StC Chairperson invited everyone to send comments about the IYPH programme to the IPPC Secretariat or StC Chairperson. He added that we need dates for CPM-15 (2020) soon so that ministers can set aside the time to attend.
- [43] The FAO corporate handbook on communication will contain IYPH key messages, the logo and how it can be used, visual identity, key messages, plans – in order to harmonize messages and visual identity. The Communications strategy developed by IYPH StC will be the basis of this handbook. Contracting parties can use this handbook for their own domestic purposes to make sure messages are harmonised. NPPO, RPPO and IPPO should have own IYPH StC where they decide on the best strategy for their own country. Many different types of stakeholders should be involved.
- [44] An International Plant Health Conference will be organized, most likely in the second half of 2020 and Finland will most likely cover associated costs (EUR 300,000). However, countries are urged to contribute to travel costs.
- [45] Korea supports the conference and is looking for funds to support participation from Asia. Indonesia supports the IYPH programme of activities, the International Plant Health Conference and will work to have a big national programme. At CPM 14 (2019) there will be a coordination meeting to bring all partners together to establish an IYPH 2020 calendar and share their programmes.
- [46] The SPG noted the activities undertaken to promote the IYPH declaration, provided feedback on the agenda for International Plant Health Conference and further suggestions may be shared with the IYPH StC Chairperson. The SPG recommended CPs establish national IYPH committees and start mobilizing resources and partners.

9. Commodity and Pathway Standards

- [47] Ms Lois RANSOM (Focus Group Chairperson) noted that the CPM-13 (2018) requested the Bureau to develop Terms of Reference and select experts for the Commodity and Pathways Standards Focus Group.¹ This is because CPM-13 identified the need for further analysis on the purpose, benefits and

¹ The Focus Group on Commodities and Pathway Standards' Terms of Reference, membership and the provisional agenda of the 2018-10 meeting can be found at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/event/709/>

use of commodity and pathway standards to guide the efforts of the IPPC Standards Committee (SC) in developing them, and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) in implementing them.

- [48] The Focus Group, was convened from 3 to 5 October 2018 immediately before the 2018 SPG meeting. The Focus Group analyzed and defined the strategic value and purpose of commodity and pathway standards, by capturing principles and criteria for their development and use with reference to practical examples. They also assessed processes used to develop and use them. They noted that processes would be adjusted since the development and maintenance of Commodity and Pathway Standards would need to be supported by IPPC governance processes and require resources.
- [49] Regarding evaluating the role of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA), the Chairperson of the Focus Group mentioned that integrating Pest Risk Analysis into commodity standards analysis is a challenge and it would be useful to develop a flow chart of where commodity standards fit into the normal risk analysis process. Furthermore, importing countries have the sovereign right to set standards, and normal bilateral negotiations should not be overturned.
- [50] A Bureau representative attending the Focus Group, Mr Greg WOLFF, introduced a document² with key outcomes from the Focus Group on Commodities noting that a full report on Commodity and Pathway Standards meeting was being developed. It was mentioned that the Focus Group had agreed on the importance of Commodity and Pathway Standards for facilitating safe trade, harmonizing measures, using resources more efficiently, providing support and assistance to developing countries, and its relevance to the IPPC.
- [51] It was noted that obligations will not be imposed on importing countries and that it only seeks to provide contracting parties with options for measures to use against regulated pests. It was suggested that a list of pests that are regulated by at least one contracting party and for which a PRA is publicly available should be included as an annex but it will be necessary to decide on a process to make sure the list can be updated promptly. However, including a list of pests does not give a country a right to regulate all those pests. Another participant suggested that information on effective treatments could be included. Korea noted that they may adopt regional standards for fresh fruit and peppers seed to be used as an example for a commodity standard.
- [52] There is a need for an overarching standard to guide how more specific commodity standards will be developed. Furthermore, new governance processes will be required, including the creation of technical panels, and a somewhat flexible transition period will be needed.
- [53] The SPG thoroughly discussed the document on Commodity and Pathway Standards, welcomed the approaches taken by the Focus Group, and approved it. Indeed, earlier concerns raised by SPG participants were addressed by the Focus Group. It was suggested that the Bureau agree to a side session on this topic to be held during the CPM-14 (2019). This will help raise awareness and address concerns from contracting parties.
- [54] SPG recommended to the Bureau to continue the work on Commodity and Pathway Standards as a priority.
- [55] The SPG:
- 1) *supported* the proposed principles and criteria, next steps, processes, governance processes developed by the Focus Group, with a view to presenting the following key decisions to CPM-15 (2020):
 - agree to send draft concept standards for consultation in 2020;
 - prepare an initial list of proposed topics for commodity standards;

² 18_SPG_2018_Oct: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/86544/>

- establish recommended governance arrangements (including requesting the Bureau to finalize the ToRs for the proposed Technical Panels); and
 - allocate required resources to transition towards, and establish, the new approach (with reference to the Strategic Framework).
- 2) *recommended* that the Bureau continue to advance this work as a priority and develop related information for CPM-14 (2019).
- 3) *noted*:
- that Commodity and Pathway Standards have been identified as a development goal in the strategic framework;
 - that the questions raised in various fora have been addressed by the Focus Group; and
 - the Focus Group's view that there is significant strategic value in continuing to develop the approach for commodity standards.

10. Trade Facilitation

10.1 Trade facilitation action plan

- [56] The SPG was updated on the IPPC Trade Facilitation Action Plan that encompasses all IPPC trade related elements, such as ePhyto, eCommerce and the Sea Container Task Force. It is also linked to the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) that has been approved by 84% of WTO members. Concerns were raised related to the resources, how the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee was involved and other technical issues but it was agreed that these issues would need to be worked out as this proposal progresses.
- [57] It was pointed out that there is ongoing work on reaching an agreement with the World Bank on ePhyto and related capacity development for developing countries. This would support countries' efforts to utilize electronic certification and help countries that wish to have access to the ePhyto hub.
- [58] It was suggested that TFA should be the focus of a side session or special topic session at CPM-14 (2019).
- [59] SPG decided to propose the Trade Facilitation Action Plan for adoption by CPM-14 (2019).

10.2 ePhyto five-year plan

- [60] The ePhyto project currently has 18 countries in its hub and more countries want to join.
- [61] ePhyto needs more funds for sustainability. The Hub will require USD 500,000-700,000 per year to sustain Hub operations. Additional resources are necessary for capacity development and implementation of the web-based generic system. Resources will most likely run out by the end of 2019. The strategic plan for ePhyto calls for the establishment of a sustainable funding mechanism within the IPPC Community for operation of the Hub. At the same time, in recognition of the challenges facing the IPPC Secretariat to raise sufficient funding for capacity development, the plans proposes partnering with the World Bank to aid in developing country implementation.
- [62] It was noted that many countries do not have the legal basis or capacity to do ePhyto certification, and the development work necessary to implement electronic certification exceeds the usual amount of resources available to the IPPC Secretariat.
- [63] There is a need to examine various business models. One participant suggested that countries pay an annual charge or a per certificate charge. However there is a need to develop capacity first. It was suggested that a Focus Group that can come up with long term funding solutions be established.

- [64] Another participant requested clarification on country implementation in relationship to the proposed World Bank partnership in Paragraph 25 in the plan to be presented to the CPM-14 (2019) for approval.
- [65] It was noted that Mr Shane SELA, Project Manager for ePhyto was resigning in mid-October 2018. This position was provided by Canada as an in-kind contribution. The SPG thanked Canada and Mr SELA for this contribution.
- [66] It was decided that the ePhyto five-year plan would be presented for approval at CPM-14 (2019).

10.3 Project based proposal on e-Commerce

- [67] The chairperson invited the SPG to discuss the revised work plan and budget for the Project based proposal on e-Commerce. The SPG had no comments to improve the project and agree to submit it to CPM-14 (2019)
- [68] Decision: The SPG agreed to present the Project based proposal on e-Commerce to CPM-14 (2019).

11. Emerging Issues

11.1 Concept of an IPPC emergency

- [69] It was pointed out that there is a need to gain consensus on what an emergency is in relation to IPPC activities and regulating emerging pests, if appropriate, is already part of the IPPC's mandate.
- [70] Participants cautioned that the IPPC Community should not raise expectations about what it can deliver in plant health related emergencies as it does not have adequate resources nor a quick response mechanism.
- [71] Decision: It was decided to pursue further CPM discussion on the concept of an IPPC emergency and to update the draft SPG paper on this subject for presentation to CPM-14 (2019) for further discussion.

11.2 Emerging pests

- [72] The Bureau meeting in June 2017 suggested that to qualify as an emerging pest, a pest had to meet the following criteria: had made a continental jump; have a wide host range where hosts are widely distributed; have a large potential for damage and economic loss across continents; show evidence of a shift in the risk; have an impact on natural environment as well as on production; and have an ability for crop destruction and the ability to eliminate entire production areas.
- [73] However, it was not clear how many of the criteria listed would have to be met for a pest to qualify as an emerging pest. It was proposed to include "if a pest is threatening more than one continent" in the list of criteria. It was suggested that PRA be used as a response rather than for defining measures.
- [74] The IPPC Secretariat highlighted that the IPPC Community's role is prevention and it is not its role to intervene directly in emerging pest situations and control actions such as the spread of Fall Armyworm, as other FAO divisions are responsible for doing this. The IPPC Secretariat can only work within the scope of the IPPC and within available resources.
- [75] However, one participant suggested a stronger involvement of the IPPC Community in plant health emergencies but the CPM will have to agree to have a broader mandate for its activities. It was suggested to rebrand the IPPC Secretariat as the World Plant Protection Organization. This could be presented as a white paper at the ministerial-level CPM-15 (2020).
- [76] Some participants said that the scope of IPPC activities can be reconsidered.

11.3 Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)

- [77] A representative from the FAO Task Force on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) gave a presentation on AMR. She pointed out that trade and travel spread AMR. There is an increasing trend of using Anti-Microbial products in controlling plant pests. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is

increasingly focusing on preventive measures instead of using anti-microbials to combat animal diseases and that the IPPC Community should play an important role in preventing the further development of AMR. The Chairperson suggested that a paper should be drafted for CPM-14 (2019) with recommendations to gauge the extent that the IPPC Community should be involved in AMR. Another participant suggested to get more concrete examples related to plant health.

- [78] Decision: The SPG agreed that Mr Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA (Bureau member from Latin America and the Caribbean) would work with the IPPC Secretariat to draft an appropriate paper on this subject for CPM-14 (2019).

11.4 Fall Armyworm (FAW)

- [79] Mr Shoki Al-Dobai gave a presentation on the Fall Armyworm (FAW) as a threat to global food security. He called attention to FAO's response to the management of this pest; and to resources such as the FAMEWS mobile app, and the FAW food insecurity risk map which helps identify additional hotspots. He highlighted the need for phytosanitary measures to prevent FAW from spreading into pest-free countries – especially since its eradication is impossible once it has established itself in an area. He listed the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) that can contribute to preventing and controlling the spread of FAW.
- [80] It was noted that the IPPC Secretariat has limited resources for dealing with emergency actions related to pests such as FAW. The IPPC Secretariat could play an important role in information sharing and providing technical information. However, its role when dealing with these types of emergencies and emerging pests needs more clarification.
- [81] It was noted that the IPPC Secretariat's primary role is to share information and perhaps could extend to coordinating activities if resources were available. It was suggested that emerging pest related information from FAO should be communicated through IPPC Secretariat channels. The FAO South-South cooperation mechanism is also useful for exchanging know-how between countries.
- [82] It was stressed that efficient coordination and collaboration among NPPOs is needed to face this pest. RPPOs can also play an important role in fostering cooperation and the exchange of know-how and information between different continents. Participants were reminded that FAO is playing a significant role in helping to address this issue as well.

12. Sustainable Funding

12.1 FAO-COAG decision on increasing IPPC funding from FAO Regular Programme

- [83] The Bureau in cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat prepared an information paper for the FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) on the Successes and Challenges of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The paper shed light on the importance of the IPPC and challenges that it is facing in terms of resources. It solicited the support of COAG for increasing annual funding from the FAO Regular Programme from the current level of approximately USD 3 million to USD 6 million. This would significantly increase the capacity, capability and sustainability of the IPPC Secretariat to meet the needs of Contracting Parties. COAG at its meeting (1– 5 October 2018) recommended that FAO should ensure sustainable funding for the IPPC Secretariat, including from the regular programme budget.
- [84] Mr Jingyuan XIA added that ideally the IPPC Secretariat should have USD 6 million a year of stable funding. Currently, half of its funding comes from FAO regular programme funds and the rest from extra budgetary funding which fluctuates continuously.
- [85] Mr Ralf LOPIAN, the participant from Finland, pointed out that Finland will make a recommendation to increase IPPC Secretariat funding at the ministerial meeting at CPM-15 (2020).

12.2 CPM Chairperson's letters to ministers of contracting parties regarding donations to the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund

- [86] The letter of the CPM Chairperson was presented. The letter will request ministers to contribute to the Multi Donor Trust Fund.
- [87] Participants were asked to give their feedback on the proposed text.
- [88] It was suggested that the letter be very concise as ministers will not read long letters. It should also ask them to support IYPH 2020. The letters should be further reviewed by the Bureau who will make the decision on the way forward.
- [89] Decision: The SPG agreed that the letter should be sent to the ministers through the IPPC Contact Points and not by the IPPC secretariat. A copy should be sent also to the CPs' FAO permanent representatives.

13 Five-year Investment Plan of the IPPC Secretariat

- [90] The Five-year Investment Plan of the IPPC Secretariat was presented and it was noted that this plan is an advocacy tool and an attempt to flesh out how much it would cost to implement the IPPC Strategic Framework (2020-2030). It was suggested to add an executive summary to the plan which includes the scope of the five-year investment plan. It was noted that the plan would need to be accompanied by a sustainable funding strategy. The plan should be owned by the Bureau (Financial Committee) who can review it regularly.
- [91] Decision: The Five-year Investment Plan will be submitted to CPM-14 (2019) to be noted.

14. IPPC Annual Theme for 2019

- [92] The Secretariat presented the plan to promote the annual theme of Plant Health and Capacity Development. This includes a keynote speech, a special topic session and a side session at CPM-14 (2019); an IPPC seminar; a dedicated page on the website; and a factsheet. A message will be prepared for all the IPPC Regional Workshops as well. The SPG was requested to provide suggestions for the plan.
- [93] Australia: we should showcase existing resources on capacity development, including guides and training materials and the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool.
- [94] Finland: outreach to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement (SPS) Committee to be done during the year, particularly concerning the next ten years of capacity development in the IPPC context (e.g. through a seminar in October 2019 at the SPS Committee meeting).
- [95] Cameroon: proposed to organize a video conference allowing CPs to participate, during which there can be a presentation on case studies, followed by an exchange of views on some major issues.
- [96] The SPG Chairperson invited all CPs to submit ideas and any materials developed on the theme (CD).

15. Review and Adjustments to Framework for Standards and Implementation

- [97] The document on the Framework for Standards and Implementation was presented and the SPG was requested to review and recommend the updated Framework for Standards and Implementation for endorsement by the CPM-14 (2019).
- [98] A SPG participant suggested adding a one or two page summary to explain the objectives of the Framework.
- [99] Decision: SPG agreed to have the Framework for Standards and Implementation submitted to CPM-14 (2019) for endorsement.

16. Strategic Topics from IPPC Contracting Parties

- [100] The participant from Zambia presented the paper to call attention to a new threat “Maize lethal necrosis” that affects maize - its staple food. It was highlighted that NPPOs usually come on board at the end and serve as fire fighters rather than being able to put in place preventive measures. A common problem in most countries is that most of the money goes towards reacting to pest and plant health emergencies rather than preventing them.
- [101] The participant from the European Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) noted that they are also trying to promote a surveillance and contingency programme.
- [102] It was noted that Contingency planning could be a call for topics.
- [103] The participant from Cameroon suggested that actions should be backed up by campaigns in local languages and suggested that the IPPC community come up with diagnostic tools for emerging pests.

17. Any Other Business

- [104] There was concern from some participants about the CPM Bureau (June 2018) decision not to follow the IPPC criteria for funding and not provide financial support for participating in some meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat that was agreed to at CPM-13 (2018). They explained that late in the year, it is not easy to get funding from alternative national or regional sources.
- [105] The Chairperson of the Finance Committee highlighted that the Bureau and Financial Committee had not proposed cancelling funding but instead limiting funding to participants needed to secure a quorum. Priority would be given to funding participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs).
- [106] The participant from Cameroon suggested preparing new criteria to allow more participants from developing countries to attend meetings and the CPM. Invitations should be sent at least 2-3 months before the meeting to allow participants to try to find other sources of funds to cover their travel.
- [107] Decision: SPG suggested that Bureau should look into this matter and make the appropriate response.

18. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

- [108] The SPG will be held from 8-10 October 2019 at FAO-HQ.

19. Close of the Meeting

- [109] The Chairperson thanked the participants for their input and closed the meeting.

Appendix 01 – Agenda**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP (SPG) MEETING***9:00 - 17:00, 09-11 October 2018**FAO HQs, Rome, Italy**German Room (C229)*

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting		XIA/KOUAME
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda	01_SPG_2018_Oct	KOUAME
3.	Administrative Matters		
3.1	Documents lists	02_SPG_2018_Oct	ALDOBAI
3.2	Participants list	03_SPG_2018_Oct	ALDOBAI
3.3	Local information	Link to the Local Information	ALDOBAI
4.	Report of last SPG Meeting	Link to the 2017 SPG Report	KOUAME
5.	Update from IPPC Secretariat		XIA
6.	Update from CPM Bureau		TRUJILLO
7.	IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030	16_SPG_2018_Oct 17_SPG_2018_Oct	LOPIAN/THOMSON
8.	IYPH in 2020		
8.1	Progress of IYPH proclamation	15_SPG_2018_Oct	LOPIAN/MONTUORI
8.2	Strategy on IYPH: - Programme of activities - Ministerial-level CPM - International Conference - Funding	15_SPG_2018_Oct	TRUJILLO/ALDOBAI
9.	Commodity and Pathway Standards	18_SPG_2018_Oct	WOLFF/RANSOM
10.	Trade facilitation		
10.1	Trade Facilitation action plan	14_SPG_2018_Oct	RANSOM
10.2	ePhyto five-year plan	12_SPG_2018_Oct_Rev_01	FEDCHOCK/SELA
10.3	Project based proposal on e-Commerce	08_SPG_2018_Oct_Rev_01	BRUNEL/RANSOM
11.	Emerging issues		
11.1	Concept of an IPPC emergency	07_SPG_2018_Oct	BRUNEL /WOLFF
11.2	Emerging pests	11_SPG_2018_Oct	BRUNEL /EPPO
11.3	Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)	13_SPG_2018_Oct	LARSON
11.4	Fall armyworm		ALDOBAI/KOUAME
12.	Sustainable Funding		
12.1	FAO-COAG decision on increasing the IPPC funding from FAO Regular Programme		TRUJILLO/RANSOM
12.2	CPM Chairperson's letters to ministers of contracting parties regarding donations to the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund	09_SPG_2018_Oct	TRUJILLO

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
13.	Five-year Investment Plan of the IPPC Secretariat	04_SPG_2018_Oct	RANSOM
14.	IPPC Annual Theme for 2019 on Plant Health and Capacity Development	10_SPG_2018_Oct	XIA/LARSON
15.	Review and Adjustments to Framework for Standards and Implementation	05_SPG_2018_Oct	FEDCHOCK/ RAMSOM
16.	Strategic Topics from IPPC Contracting Parties	06_SPG_2018_Oct	ZAMBIA
17.	Any Other Business		KOUAME
18.	Next Meeting		KOUAME
19.	Close of the Meeting		KOUAME

Appendix 02 – List of Documents

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_SPG_2018_Oct	02.1	Provisional agenda	2018-10-08
02_SPG_2018_Oct	03.1	Documents list	2018-10-08
03_SPG_2018_Oct	03.2	Participants list	2018-10-08
04_SPG_2018_Oct	13	Draft Investment Plan	2018-09-11
05_SPG_2018_Oct	15	Updated Framework for Standards and Implementation	2018-09-11
06_SPG_2018_Oct	16	Strategic Topics from CPs - Zambia	2018-09-11
07_SPG_2018_Oct	11.1	Draft role of the IPPC in relation to Plant Health emergencies	2018-09-11
08_SPG_2018_Oct_Rev_01	10.3	IPPC e-Commerce Project WP and Budget	2018-09-25
09_SPG_2018_Oct	12.2	CPM Chairperson's letter to ministers of IPPC contracting parties regarding contributions to the IPPC multi-donor trust fund	2018-09-19
10_SPG_2018_Oct	14	IPPC Thematic Year of Plant Health and Capacity Development	2018-09-19
11_SPG_2018_Oct	11.2	Emerging Pests	2018-09-21
12_SPG_2018_Oct_Rev_01	10.2	ePhyto Strategic Implementation Plan	2018-09-26
13_SPG_2018_Oct	11.3	Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)	2018-09-27
14_SPG_2018_Oct	10.1	Trade Facilitation Action Plan	2018-09-28
15_SPG_2018_Oct	08.1; 08.2	International Year of Plant Health in 2020 (IYPH 2020)	2018-09-28
16_SPG_2018_Oct	07	IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030	2018-10-02
17_SPG_2018_Oct	07	Notes on Strategic Framework for 2020-2030	2018-10-03
18_SPG_2018_Oct	09	Key outcomes from Focus Group on Commodities and Pathway standards – October 2018	2018-10-08

LINKS	AGENDA ITEM
Link to the Local Information	03.3
Link to SPG 2017 Meeting Report	04.

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Appendix 04 – Action points

Action	Lead	Deadline
IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 to be presented to CPM-14 (2019) for endorsement.	Secretariat	CPM-14
Ask for more support through FAO's governing bodies and simplifying procedures for donors to donate to the Multi Donor Trust Fund.	Secretariat	As soon as possible
Regional agreement to be reached on the appropriate option and more resources to be mobilized to support two workshops IPPC Regional Workshops in Africa.	Bureau and Secretariat	CPM-14
IPPC RW workshops to be moved to August to allow more time for national comments to be prepared - the issue to be discussed at the Bureau meeting.	Bureau	December Bureau meeting
Countries were requested to establish an IYPH coordination committee and issue a press release once IYPH 2020 has officially been declared.		As soon as possible
At CPM 14 (2019) to organized a coordination meeting to bring all partners together to establish an IYPH 2020 calendar and share their programmes.	Secretariat	CPM-14
Bureau to agree to a side session on Commodity and Pathway Standards to be held during the CPM-14 (2019)	Bureau	December Bureau meeting
The document on Commodity and Pathway Standards, Bureau should continue to advance this work as a priority and develop related information for CPM-14 (2019)	Bureau	By CPM-14
Forward the proposed Trade Facilitation Action Plan for adoption by CPM-14 (2019)	Secretariat	CPM-14
ePhyto five-year plan to be presented for approval at CPM-14 (2019).	Secretariat	CPM-14
The project based proposal on e-Commerce to be present at CPM-14 (2019).	Secretariat	CPM-14
To update the draft SPG paper on IPPC concept of emergency to be presented at CPM-14 (2019) for discussion.	Greg WOLFF/ Secretariat	February 2019
To draft an appropriate paper on Anti-Microbial Resistance for CPM-14 (2019).	Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA/ Secretariat	February 2019
Letter regarding donations to the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund to be sent to the ministers	CPM Chairperson/ Secretariat	December 2018
The Five-year Investment Plan to be submitted to CPM-14 (2019) to be noted.	Secretariat/ Bureau	February 2019
Bureau to look into IPPC criteria for funding and make the appropriate response	Bureau	December Bureau meeting