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1. The purpose of this document is to provide an update on the IPPC Secretariat Resource mobilization activities and achievements for 2018, led by the IPPC Secretariat Task Force for Resource Mobilization (TFRM), which was established in 2015 and renewed in 2018 by the IPPC Secretary.
2. In 2018, the TFRM met 4 times to plan, operationalize and implement resource mobilization activities of the IPPC Secretariat in order to assist the IPPC Secretary in ensuring sustainable and sufficient funding for fulfilling IPPC strategic objectives.
3. In 2018, the IPPC Secretariat presented and updated the Bureau, Financial Committee (FC) and the CPM on the challenging financial situation for the IPPC Secretariat to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the CPM. The TFRM acted and managed to mobilize a higher amount of IPPC Multidonor Trust Fund (MDTF) contributions. The funds are mainly voluntary and unpredictable donations which limits the medium term planning of the IPPC activities and projects.
4. With regard to the simplification of the contribution mechanism for the IPPC MDTF, CPM-13 adopted a decision that simplified the way contributions are made to the IPPC MDTF. Contracting parties are no longer required to go through a lengthy FAO process to sign agreements with FAO in order to contribute to the IPPC MDTF. A simple bank transfer is enough. Processing times for receiving new contributions were cut from 1-2 months to 1-2 days.
5. With regard to sustainable funding, progress was made at COAG-26 where an information paper was presented titled: "Successes and challenges of the IPPC". Under the leadership of Australia, COAG-26 strongly urged FAO to increase its Regular programme allotment to the IPPC Secretariat. Contracting parties are invited to make more efforts in 2019 in the FAO Governing body meetings,

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including FAO Programme Committee, FAO Finance Committee, FAO Council and FAO Conference to ensure favourable decisions. The aim is that FAO increases its Regular Programme allotment to the IPPC Secretariat for 2020-2021 biennium. The final decision will be made at FAO Conference in June 2019.

6. With regard to the IPPC MDTF, 2018 marked a record amount of contributions to the MDTF for a total of over USD 1.1 million, which is a 2.4% increase compared to 2017 and a 73% increase compared to 2016. The following Contracting Parties contributed to the MDTF: Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, USA/NAPPO, Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland. This fund will contribute to the 2018 IPPC work plan and its specific initiatives, such as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH), the Sea-Containers Task Force, Emerging Pests, ePhyto and many other activities. The detailed list of the IPPC Multi-donor trust fund contributions is included in the 2018 Financial Report (CPM 2018/13, IPPC Secretariat Financial Report for 2018).

7. With regard to IPPC Projects in 2018, the IPPC Secretariat has been managing six projects, out of which two were obtained (or renewed): the EU-funded project to support the 3rd cycle of the IRSS (GCP/GLO/877/EC, 2018-2021) and the STDF-funded project "Rolling Out a Systems Approach Globally (MTF/INT/336/STF, 2018-2021). The other four projects are: the STDF-funded ePhyto project (MTF/GLO/688/STF, 2016-2019), the project funded by the EU to support the implementation of the IPPC (GCP/GLO/725/EC, 2017-2019), the FAO-China funded project to strengthen the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the IPPC (GCP/INT/291/CPR, 2017-2020), and the project funded by Japan to support cooperation for the development of the ePhyto solution (GCP/GLO/827/JPN, 2017-2020). The total value of the current projects is over USD 6 million. The detailed list of the IPPC Projects is included in the Financial report 2018 (CPM 2018/13, IPPC Secretariat Financial report for 2018).

8. With regard to IPPC in-kind contributions in 2018, the IPPC Secretariat received approximately USD 1 million of contributions to support meeting organization, study tours, the work of experts, training and similar activities. The contributions mainly came from over 35 international, regional and national organizations as well as industry (CPM 2018/13, IPPC Secretariat Financial Report for 2018).

9. For 2018, the TFRM prepared an Annual Work Plan that is composed of five main work areas: the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund, IPPC Projects, IPPC in-kind contributions, sustainable funding and optimization of working mechanism. The objectives for 2019 are: further progress with the Bureau, FC and CPM on the sustainable funding initiative; consolidate the relationships with traditional donors, improving relationships with potential donors as well as approaching new donors; coordinating ongoing projects and exploring new opportunities for global and regional projects; coordinating in-kind contributions from international, regional and national organizations.

10. It is important to note that International Year of Plant Health will be celebrated in 2020. At least a USD 1 million should be mobilized in 2019 and 2020 to allow all the planned activities to be performed at the minimum level. Contracting parties are strongly encouraged to contribute to the IPPC MDTF in order to ensure that IYPH 2020 reaches its intended impact.

11. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the resource mobilization activities and outcomes of the IPPC Secretariat in 2018.
- 2) *encourage* CPs to make continuous financial support to the IPPC Work Programme.