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The 30th Technical Consultation (TC) among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) - Summary Report

Agenda item 13.2

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1. The 30th Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (TC-RPPO) was hosted by the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN) in Lima, Peru, from October 29 to November 2, 2018.

2. This document is a summary of critical points. The full report¹ is posted on the IPP.

I. New TC-RPPO Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure

3. RPPOs recognized the need to improve coordination in tackling the global and regional common problems and in providing active support to the CPM and NPPOs. To formalize the way the RPPOs operate through the TC-RPPO, the representatives from RPPOs agreed to a Terms of Reference (TOR) and a Rules of Procedure (ROP) for the TC-RPPO.

4. The TOR and ROP, among other relevant items, identifies the main objectives of the TC-RPPO and the way it works to achieve a more consistent results and helps establish a method to agree on the agenda for the TC-RPPO meetings. The TOR and ROP commits RPPOs to develop a medium-term action plan to undertake activities and achieve the common RPPO objectives.

¹ The full report of the meeting is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/reports---tc-amongst-rppos/>



II. Work on the concept of an emerging pest

5. A document on emerging pests prepared by EPPO was revised. Representatives from RPPOs noted the relevance of the concept of an emerging pest in the IPPC context and integrated points from previous discussions. The meeting participants provided feedback on the criteria presented by EPPO to identify an emerging pest. The TC-RPPO agreed on joint activities to apply the scheme and will develop particular case studies during the 31st TC-RPPO meeting.

6. The role of the IPPC Secretariat and FAO to help address the global and regional issues related to emerging pests was emphasized.

7. The TC-RPPO agreed there was a need to prioritize issues and to mobilize resource, as well as the need to draft common datasheets on emerging pests.

III. OIRSA model to respond to emergencies

8. OIRSA presented a model to respond to pest emergencies in a timely and efficient manner stressing the need to address the following aspects:

- respond to emergencies in a different way from routine phytosanitary work;
- mobilize resources fast to declare an emergency;
- utilize different communication campaigns for emergencies.

IV. ePhyto

9. An update prepared by the Chair of the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group was given at the meeting, summarizing the key points on the actual status of the ePhyto project including the Hub and GeNs.

10. Representatives from some RPPOs stressed the potential role of the RPPOs to help to implement the Hub and GeNs as appropriate in each region, taking into account that not all RPPOs can follow up on the content of the strategic implementation plan 2019-2020.

11. The TC-RPPO recommended that the ePhyto steering committee should produce a report on the progress of the pilot countries with GeNs.

V. IPPC Regional Workshops and the OCS system

12. The IPPC Secretariat presented the updates on the IPPC Regional Workshops and the use of the OCS system. Representatives from some RPPOs made recommendations to improve the use of the OCS during the consultation period and recognized the significant advances in this regard. The IPPC Secretariat took note of the suggestions and will as much as possible implement them.

13. Regarding the IPPC Regional Workshops, it was suggested that flexibility be allowed for how the workshops are organized, on how agenda points are determined and in the attendance of IC and SC members from the region. It was also recommended to perform training sessions for specific items as suggested by the Task Force on how to prepare a submission for the Call for Topics and to include discussions on the emerging pests, as appropriate.

VI. Updates from RPPOs

Representatives from each RPPO presented an update on the activities of their RPPO. Presentations are all available on the IPP².

² Presentations of RPPOs during the 30th TC-RPPO <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/partners/technical-consultation-among-rppos/30th-tc-among-rppos/>

14. In general, RPPOs are interested in similar items, and there are opportunities to make stronger coordination on the following topics:

- emerging pests
- surveillance
- diagnostics
- pest risk analysis
- sharing training activities
- activities on sea containers
- activities on e-Phyto
- sharing factsheets/data sheets and formats
- improvement of implementation of specific ISPMs

VII. Implementation and Review Support System (IRSS) and role of RPPOs

15. The representative from CAHFSA presented an update on the virtual meeting of the IC Sub-group on IRSS. The TC-RPPO discussed priority topics and how they could be involved in the IRSS. Specifically, the TC-RPPO proposed that desk studies on emerging pests and emergency actions; and on dispute settlement and avoidance be conducted.

VIII. Sharing of vital information during the TC-RPPO by international organizations

16. Representatives from the International Potato Center (IPC) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) participated as observers.

17. The representative from the IPC underlined their activities related to pests, such as drafting pest risk assessments, undertaking risk modeling and researches on Next Generation Sequencing. The IPPC Secretariat invited the IPC and CGIAR to contact the IPPC Secretariat team in charge of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) to be involved in the 2020 celebration.

18. IICA presented relevant activities on plant health and related to the IPPC context.

IX. TC-RPPO action plan for 2019

19. The TC-RPPO agreed on an action plan for 2019 specifying a responsible person, timing and a description of each action. This action is annexed to the TC-RPPO report.

20. The 31st TC-RPPO is planned to be held in Nigeria from 21 to 25 October 2019, hosted by IAPSC.

21. CPM is invited to

1) *Note* the report.