

## IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION

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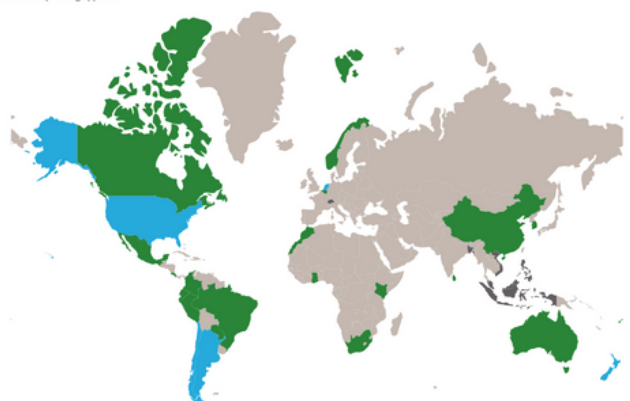
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## Project Overview

### IPPC EPHYTO HUB GLOBAL USE

Based on the February 2019 Report

Country registered to the Hub  
Country registered and in production through to the Hub  
Country registered but pending approval



### TOTAL NUMBER OF INDUSTRY CASE STUDIES

9

Involving: USA,  
Argentina, New  
Zealand, and the  
Netherlands.

### GENS PROGRESS



## ePhyto Progress and Future

We are in an exciting time for the ePhyto Project. 2018 saw some great achievements - starting with the 3rd IPPC Global Symposium on ePhyto in Malaysia, we saw the hub go live and now have 5 countries actively exchanging, [the G20 Agriculture Ministers](#) declared support for ePhyto, there was a successful workshop in Latin America and the year ended with an Asian Pacific workshop. Thanks to industry, participating NPPOs and the UNICC (our IT partners) for such success.

2019 promises to be very rewarding too - the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNs) is being tested by Ghana, Samoa and Sri Lanka (including successful testing with hub countries) we'll see it move into production and then other countries will start using it. The GeNs will be great for developing countries to improve regulation and trade facilitation. We will also see regional workshops in Africa/Near East, the Southwest Pacific and the Caribbean - further spreading the knowledge on ePhyto and also providing NPPOs with crucial information about how they can participate in ePhyto.

2019 will see the realization of a truly global ePhyto system as we head into 2020, the International Year of Plant Health. ePhyto will be a major achievement in the operation of a global plant health system.

Mr. Peter Neimanis, the ePhyto Steering Group (ESG) chair

## The Pre-Pilot Phase of GeNS in Sri Lanka

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) has planned to introduce the ePhyto Solutions to various countries in order to issue electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhytos) in lieu of paper certificates. Sri Lanka has been selected by the IPPC as one of the first countries for implementing this new system. In the near future, Sri Lanka will be able to introduce the ePhyto Solution and thereby expect the efficiency of exportation and importation of plants and plant products to increased with immense trade benefits.

The UNICC has developed a user-friendly web based system called the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) for creating electronic phytosanitary certificates. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has been conducted since November 2018 by Sri Lanka. Officers of entry ports are engaging in this pre-pilot phase of UAT, since they have practical knowledge on phytosanitary issuing process.

The first ePhyto trial was sent to USA through the Hub by Sri Lanka on the 11th January 2019. The UNICC is very responsive to our feedback and makes necessary changes. At present the ePhyto project team of Sri Lanka is planning to test the GeNS system with the private industry users who are the real beneficiaries of the ePhyto implementation project as key stakeholders in international trade.

Mr. M.P.M. Senarathne, Assistant Director of Agriculture (Development), National Plant Quarantine Service Katunayake, Sri Lanka

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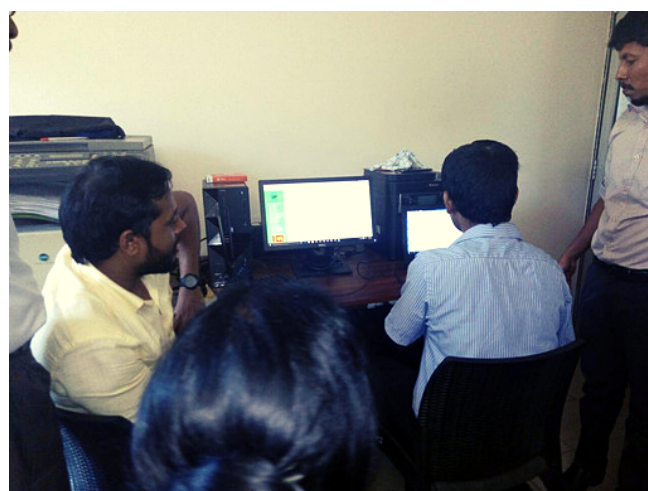


Image one: Hands on training for using UAT of GeNS conducted at PQS – Seaport, Colombo, Sri Lanka on 10th January 2019



Image two: Awareness program on UAT of GeNS conducted at NPQS Katunayake, Sri Lanka on 03rd January 2019



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## ePhyto Got Social

In mid February the ePhyto LinkedIn page and Twitter accounts (@ePhytonews) were launched. All updates, articles, interesting facts and news will be shared on these platforms. Do not miss out and make sure to follow them!

These platforms will help us increase engagement and improve understanding of the system ( both from a technical and policy perspective).

**As the ePhyto engaged community, we need your help!** We would greatly appreciate your involvement in sharing all types of ePhyto information to relevant parties. Whether it be this newsletter, or any other type of ePhyto content. If you work directly with ePhyto and attend events on this subject, we encourage you to share these experiences on social media and make sure to tag us (@ePhytonews) or use our hashtag (#ePhyto). Should you be interested to collaborate further with us in respect to our communication efforts, do not hesitate to contact us.

### *Continuous efforts in increasing engagement and knowledge*

In addition to to our new social media accounts we have recently released the [re-designed ePhyto Fact Sheets](#) and a brand new [Industry and ePhyto engagement document](#). Make sure to check them out by clicking on the links and share them with relevant contacts.

## Coming Soon

On the 1st of April 2019 a pre-CPM session specifically focused on ePhyto will be taking place at FAO, Rome. The exciting thing is that this session will include a live demonstration of the system!

To find out more [Click Here](#)

An ePhyto animated clip will be published soon! This is a short clip that outlines the benefits of ePhyto both for governments and industry. We are very excited to share it with you!



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