



21st March 2019

Virtual Meeting Report of the IPPC ePhyto project Technical Committee & IPPC ePhyto Steering Group

Present Participants:

Christian Dellis (US)
Peter Neimanis (AU, Chair)
Josiah Syanda (KE)
Younes Kabbab (MAR)
Craig Fedchock (IPPC Secretariat)
Laura Vicaria (IPPC Secretariat)
Venkat Venkateswaran (UNICC)

Participants not able to attend:

Walter Alessandrini (AR)
Chen Ying (CN)
Gianluca Nuzzo (UNICC)
Philippe Loopuyt (NL)

CPM- Craig

The Secretariat, clarified that the main event will be the demonstration of the ePhyto Solution on Monday 1st of April. In addition, the ePhyto Strategic Plan has also been made available and will be discussed later that week (which will be presented to the Bureau the week prior).

Following initial discussion regarding the demonstration, it was agreed that the countries shown will be USA and Antarctica (GeNS instance) and if possible USA and Ghana (real life example). It was agreed for Peter Neimanis to reach out to GeNs pilot country representatives that will be attending CPM to partake in the side session on the Monday, in order for them to provide comments. No specific presentation needed.

Based on recent meetings with Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA (The QUADS) The ESG was informed that New Zealand is preparing an intervention regarding the 5 year strategic plan, specific to the finance model. They would like to see the finance model progress in the next 12 months and for it to be taken for further review to the next CPM. All the QUADs agreed to this intervention.



The Secretariat recommended that a better approach than a financial committee would be to reach out to the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) and see if they would be willing to donate financial consultants to obtain a more effective and sustainable business approach.

In addition it was further re-iterated the need to complete the industry case studies to obtain numerical evidence on the positive impact on ePhyto.

Future ESG meetings (Mexico June?) – ALL

The ESG discussed potential dates when the next ESG meeting could take place. Several dates in June and July were suggested. It was decided for the Secretariat to send out a survey to the ESG to identify the preferred date.

Ghana Visit – Gianluca/ Josiah

Last week the Ghana workshop took place. There was very good participation and training from the NPPO staff (head of sections and operators) on the usage of the GeNS system. All the functions and applications were reviewed with them. Some issues and bugs were detected, which the UNICC took note of and will be modifying. They carried significant testing with the USA. They are ready to initiate the pilot phase. A report will be produced to share with other pilot countries.

Regular updates on Hub and Gens- UNICC

The final hydrations of the GeNS are left. These are mainly based on the look and feel of the system. In addition, it consists significantly on applying the feedback from the system. It was clarified that all external certificate request roles are completed and require testing. It was agreed, therefore, that GeNS pilot countries can be informed to identify industry participants.

The USA representative provided feedback on validation tool issues due to different version use. The UNICC will look into making the required changes. Following discussion it was agreed for the GeNS to be discussed in detail during CPM to provide feedback (among Christian, Craig and Venkat).

Zambia and Rwanda have shown interest to use the GeNS system. Their requests can be expected.

With reference to the development of training packages, Gianluca is preparing the material. This material will be shared in the coming weeks.

Work with Korea and Brazil is ongoing. Based on testing and discussion it is likely that they will be in production in the next 1-2 months.



PPPO workshop – Peter

Similar to other regional workshops, they are looking to organize a set of workshops in the South West Pacific Region with the PPPO. Currently there are 20 countries, with the objective to getting them up to speed on the system with a particular focus on the GeNS. Funding is likely to come from Australia and New Zealand. Potential dates: 22-23 August. The concept paper and agenda will be circulated when ready.

With reference to other regional workshops, the secretariat will reconsider the possibility of organizing the NENA workshop based on the funding that is available. Further email discussion on this to follow.

Secretariat project financing – Craig

The Secretariat anticipates that CPM generate an incentive for financial support for the project. The main priority is sustain the hub by itself. Further with regards to positions and structure, that is not yet under discussion.

Action Items:

Action Item	Owner	Status
Peter to inform GeNs countries to attend CPM side session.	Peter	
Test the possibility to use Ghana for the CPM demo	UNICC	
UNICC to apply changes to validation tool based on USA feedback	UNICC	
Pilot countries to identify industry participants for GeNS role testing	Peter	