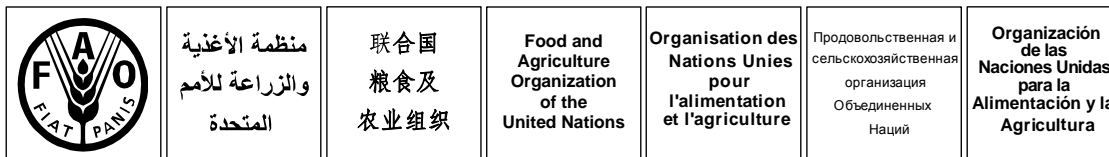


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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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Tentative Schedule of Side Events during the 7th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

1. A tentative schedule of Side Events, as at 29 Feb 2012, is provided herewith for information.

**LIST OF SUBMISSIONS FOR SIDE EVENTS DURING
THE 7th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

Given below is a tentative schedule for side events to be held during CPM-7. Side-events may be rescheduled in the interests of the official sessions of the meeting. This schedule does not include other meetings that may take place outside of the plenary such as regional coordination meetings, friends of the chair meetings, etc.

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Time	Room	Category	Organization	Summary
20th Tuesday, March				
13:15-14:45	Lebanon	Standard setting (English / French/ Spanish)	IPPC Secretariat	Title: Side Session for the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) Summary: The IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) was launched on 20 June 2011. Attend this side-session to learn more about the OCS, receive the latest updates and have the opportunity to have your questions answered. In English (13:15 to 13:45), French (13:45 to 14:15) and Spanish (14:15 to 14:45).
13:15-14:45	Mexico	Information management	Melvin Spreij Megan Quinlan Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)	Title: Building phytosanitary capacity: role and experiences of the STDF Summary: The objectives are to: (i) inform participants about STDF's new Medium Term Strategy (2012-2016) and rules/criteria for applications for projects and project preparation grants; (ii) provide an update on recent STDF work on cross-cutting SPS thematic areas; and (iii) share information on an on-going STDF-funded project, Beyond Compliance – an integrated systems approach for pest risk management in SE Asia. This will include consideration of project development issues, objectives, expected results, and progress made so far, notably in relation to a plan for enhanced application of ISPM

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				<p>no. 14 in the participating countries (Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and Philippines, with Indonesia as observer).</p> <p>Ms Quinlan and representatives of participating NPPOs will be presenting and fielding questions on the project.</p>
18:00-19:30	Lebanon	Pest surveillance Sustainable Crop Production Intensification	Hannah Clarendon Mike Robson FAO-RAF & AGP	<p>Title: Save and Grow</p> <p>Summary: To sensitise a CPM audience on the principles of the FAO publication “Save and Grow – a policy makers guide to sustainable intensification of crop production”, which has been launched in June 2011 (since the last CPM). Indicative topics to be covered cover could include the need for assessment of impact of pest on productivity and livelihoods, pest surveillance, options for control of pest outbreak with lower environmental impact (e.g., biological control), increasing resilience to pest and disease in production systems, etc. Chapter 6 of Save and Grow (on “Plant Protection”)in particular refers</p>
18:00-19:30	Mexico	Information exchange (Spanish / Russian)	IPPC Secretariat	<p>Title: Demonstration of the International Phytosanitary Portal</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this side event is to demonstrate the website of the International Plant Protection Convention (www.ippc.int). This brief session will provide an overview of the information that is available through the Portal, particularly information published by the IPPC Secretariat and the Contracting Parties in support of mission of the IPPC. New or improved features such as the donors area, calls, notifications, and partners will also be introduced during this session.</p> <p>Participants will also be given time to raise questions and to provide feedback regarding the website. This is providing an opportunity to work with the Secretariat to increase national usage of the IPP.</p> <p>This session will be in Spanish and Russian.</p>

21st Wednesday, March				
13:15-14:45	Lebanon	Standard setting: Phytosanitary certification	Nico Horn on behalf of the IPPC ePhyto steering committee, David Nowell, Rebecca Lee, Peter Johnston, Nico Horn	<p>Title: Electronic Phytosanitary Certification: principles, progress update of IPPC ePhyto working groups and demonstration</p> <p>Summary: Following an IPPC workshop in Seoul in 2011, working groups have developed further harmonisation of electronic phytosanitary certification. This effort is reflected in a draft Appendix 1 to ISPM12 that will be submitted to the SC to follow the process of approval within IPPC, including member consultation. In this side event these elements of harmonised ePhyto will be explained from the point of view of NPPOs touching on the IT elements involved, in a way that is understandable to thnon-IT people of NPPOs. Furthermore, the exchange of electronic phytosanitary certificates will be demonstrated live to show how it works. It will also be demonstrated that the electronic data can be printed in a format comparable with a common paper certificates, which may be useful in the process of import inspection or re-export. The objective of the side event is to increase the understanding of electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto): what elements are important in ePhyto, how it can be applied and what the benefits are. This will help the process of IPPC approval, including the member consultation of the draft Appendix 1 of ISPM12. Furthermore, this will help to achieve the wider implementation of ePhyto among member countries.</p>
13:15-14:45	Mexico	Standard setting	IPPC Secretariat	<p>Title: Sea containers</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this side event is to provide an overview of the work done to date and issues encountered by the Steering committee of the EWG on Minimizing pest movement by sea containers in international trade. The expert working group meeting for this topic is scheduled for May 28- June 1 2012. Participants at this session will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</p>

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22nd Thursday, March				
13:15-14:45	Lebanon	IRSS	IPPC Secretariat	<p>Title: Implementation Review and Support System</p> <p>Summary: This side session is intended to provide participants with an overview of the IRSS and the activities conducted during 2011. The session will give brief highlights of the main features of the IRSS website including soon to come functionality. There will also be a brief presentation of the main findings of the Pest Surveillance Surveys conducted and a very brief presentation of the Aquatic Plants and Internet trade in plants and plant products studies.</p>
13:15-14:45	Mexico	Plant pest diagnostics	Mariëtte Edema Wim van Eck	<p>Title: Q-Bank, a new database to share knowledge on quarantine organisms, reference collections and diagnostic tools.</p>

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			Plant Protection Service, Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority	<p>Summary: Q bank (www.q-bank.eu) consists of a dynamic open-access database of quarantine plant pests and look-alikes, including invasive plant species. The database is linked to curated and publicly accessible reference collections. The database contains sequence data, morphological data including photographs, nomenclatural and diagnostic data. Q-bank also includes different tools which can help diagnostic specialists. Polyphasic identification and digital keys for the identification of invasive plants can be used through Q-bank.</p> <p>Reference collections are an indispensable part of phytosanitary research and diagnostics. Access to these collections and identification of taxonomic specialists is often problematic. To keep up the quality of the phytosanitary work it is urgent to join forces to readily disclose relevant data. Q-bank is an interesting tool to connect reference collections in Europe and in that way to help the quality of phytosanitary diagnostics and research.</p> <p>Q-bank is a Dutch initiative. The database is supported by an international group of European curators. Through this side-event we hope to achieve further international recognition and participation, amongst curators and users of Q-bank, and in the management of the database. Only then Q-bank will become a valuable tool for phytosanitary purposes.</p>