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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

<b>Seventh Session</b>
<b>Rome, 19 - 23 March 2012</b>
<b>Regional Workshops on Draft ISPMs</b>
<b>Agenda item 10.1 of the Provisional Agenda</b>

## I. Background

1. The Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) supported and attended Regional workshops to review draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) in 2011. The purpose of these workshops is to facilitate members to discuss and prepare their comments on draft ISPMs. These workshops have been held since 2000, with seven workshops per year for the past four years, covering all regions except Western Europe and North America.
2. Countries have noted the importance of these workshops and consider them an important forum for exchange of national perspectives on draft ISPMs. The workshops assist with sharing and consolidating national and regional positions on the standards during the member consultation period. They also help representatives of NPPOs to understand the draft ISPMs.
3. When possible, the IPPC provides funds for annual regional workshops in alternating regions. It has been increasingly difficult to attract funding for this activity, resulting in a reduction of direct support by the Secretariat for these workshops in recent years.

## II. Regions

4. A summary of the support for the 2011 workshops and the projections for 2012 (based on information received by the IPPC Secretariat) is as follows:

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Asia	The Republic of Korea has consistently provided financial support to host the workshop for the Asia region for many years. In 2011, Japan financed some of the participants. The 2012 workshop will be financed by Korea and organized by APPPC.
Africa	PANSPSO, an EU/AU initiative, has funded the last four regional workshops for Africa in collaboration with the IAPSC. PANSPSO will finance the 2012 workshop.
Caribbean	This workshop has been financed and organized in the past utilizing many mechanisms, including letters of agreement with the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), the <i>Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura</i> (IICA) and directly by the IPPC Secretariat.  WTO-SPS and IDB supported the 2011 short meeting.  The IPPC Secretariat will support the 2012 Caribbean workshop using a letter of agreement with IICA
Latin America	In 2011, IICA assisted in organising and providing top-up funding jointly with COSAVE and OIRSA . The 2012 workshop is expected to be financed and organized under the same mechanism, with reduced input from the IPPC Secretariat.
Near East	In 2011, FAO-RNE provided the main source of funding for the Near East workshop. For the 2012 workshop, the Secretariat is proposing to use funds coming from the IPPC Trust Fund.
Russian language	FAO-REU funded the third regional workshop in the Russian Federation in Russian language in 2011. EPPO supported the organization and coordination of the workshop,  For the 2012 workshop, the IPPC Secretariat is proposing to support the workshop with changes in terms of languages used (Russian and English) and geographical area of coverage (Central Asia-Eastern Europe -20 countries) to attend. FAO-REU and EPPO's support is expected for the organization of the 2012 workshop.
Southwest Pacific	Australia funded the 2011 workshop organized by the PPPO.  The 2012 workshop will be held and organized by PPPO with Australian financial support.

5. A summary of the details of each regional workshop held in 2011 is provided in Attachment 1 to this paper.

6. The IPPC continues to encourage regions to take ownership of financing and organizing their region's workshops. The Secretariat considers these workshops unique opportunities for members to discuss draft standards, as well as a forum for IPPC-related discussions, e.g. information exchange, implementation and capacity development. The Secretariat encourages more coordinated actions by participants and organizers, as proposed in the guidelines provided in Attachment 3 to this paper.

### III. Evaluation of 2011 Workshops

7. To evaluate the regional workshops the IPPC Secretariat asked participants at all workshops to complete a questionnaire provided on the IPP and 35 out of 195 participants responded of which 100 percent indicated that the workshops were beneficial for understanding the standard setting process and draft ISPMs.

8. Points of note arising from the workshop evaluations included:

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- a) *Active participation* - 94 percent of the respondents felt that they had participated actively in the workshop.
  - b) *Numbers of comments submitted* – There was a 41 percent increase in comments submitted in 2011 (3 635 comments) compared with 2010 (2 570 comments).
  - c) *Pre-workshop activities and achievement of objectives* – 70 percent of the respondents answered that they have performed pre-workshop activities in their country/region prior to attending the workshops and 94 percent were satisfied with the achievements of the workshop.
9. Further detail on the workshop evaluations is provided in Attachment 2 to this paper.
  10. The CPM is invited to:
    - 1) *Note* that sufficient resources are available to hold seven regional workshops in 2012, provided that funding commitments are maintained.
    - 2) *Encourage* contracting parties to contribute funding and to participate in the workshops in their regions.
    - 3) *Encourage* the regional workshop organizers to follow the Guidelines for the organizational arrangements for regional workshops to review draft ISPMs as presented in Attachment 3 to this paper.

**Attachment 1****2011 Overview of IPPC Regional Workshops to Review Draft ISPMs**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Africa</b>	<b>Asia</b>	<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>Russian Language</b>	<b>Latin America</b>	<b>Near East</b>	<b>Southwest Pacific</b>
Date and venue place	13-16 Sep Libreville (Gabon)	19-23 Sep Busan (Republic of Korea)	26-29 Jul Bridgetown (Barbados)	11-15 Jul Bykovo (Russian Federation)	19-23 Sep San José (Costa Rica)	10-14 Sep Cairo (Egypt)	5-9 Sep Nadi (Fiji)
Organized by	IAPSC	APPPC	IDB/IPPC	FAO-REU/EPPO	IICA	NEPPO/ FAO-RNE	PPPO
Funding agency	AU through PANSPSO project	Republic of Korea	IDB/WTO-SPS	FAO-REU	IICA/COSAVE/OIRSA	FAO-RNE	Australia
CPs Total in Region	42	20	14	11	19	16	13
CPs represented (including other region's CPs)	16	17	12	10 (13)	16	12	10
Participants (including observers)	21	30	43	42	25	17	17
Workshop Evaluations	8	0	0	0	14	4	9
CPs sending official comments through the OCS	8	11	1	2	9	2	3
IPPC/FAO Cost	0	0	0	2167.64	0	1964.57	0

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**Attachment 2****Results of the Survey on the 2011 Regional Workshops****Table 1. Average relevance ranking** (*Scale: 1 = Not very relevant, 5 = highly relevant*)

Draft 1: Amendments for ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (1994-001)	4.6
Draft 2: Revision to Supplement No. 1 Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests (Not widely distributed) of ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (2005-008)	4.0
Draft 3: Annex 4 to ISPM 11: Pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests and consequential changes in core text of ISPM 11 (2005-001)	4.0
Draft 4: Revision to Annex 1 of ISPM 15: Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material (2006-011)	3.9
Draft 5: Annex to ISPM 27: <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> (2004-006)	3.0
Draft 6: Annex to ISPM 28: Vapour heat treatment of <i>Cucumis melo</i> var. <i>reticulatus</i> for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> (2006-110)	No response
Draft 7: Annex to ISPM 28: Heat treatment of wood packaging material using dielectric heat (2007-114)	No response

**Table 2. Average likelihood of national implementation** (*Scale: 1 = Very unlikely, 5 = highly likely*)

Draft 1: Amendments for ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (1994-001)	4.1
Draft 2: Revision to Supplement No. 1 Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests (Not widely distributed) of ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (2005-008)	3.0
Draft 3: Annex 4 to ISPM 11: Pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests and consequential changes in core text of ISPM 11 (2005-001)	3.4
Draft 4: Revision to Annex 1 of ISPM 15: Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material (2006-011)	2.6
Draft 5: Annex to ISPM 27: <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> (2004-006)	2.5
Draft 6: Annex to ISPM 28: Vapour heat treatment of <i>Cucumis melo</i> var. <i>reticulatus</i> for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> (2006-110)	No response
Draft 7: Annex to ISPM 28: Heat treatment of wood packaging material using dielectric heat (2007-114)	No response

**Attachment 3****Guidelines for the organization of regional workshops to review draft ISPMs**

- Participation and responsibilities
  - Invitations to the workshops should be drafted by the IPPC Secretariat and sent by the organizers to NPPOs in advance. This will allow sufficient time for the IPPC Secretariat to contact the selected participants and provide information prior to the workshop.
  - Participants are responsible to analyze the documents provided, collect and prepare national comments prior to attending the workshop and provide feedback on the workshop using the survey tool (available on the IPP).
  - Participants are asked to attend all sessions of the workshop and respect the established timeframes and participation conditions.
  - The IPPC Secretariat should contact the organizer well in advance of the workshop to discuss the programme and review the roles and responsibilities of those involved.
  - The workshop organizer shall be responsible for sending the invitations (following the letter of invite developed by the IPPC Secretariat), providing the facilities needed for the workshop and making all necessary logistic arrangements.
  - Regions may invite Bureau members, SC members or stewards from their region or from other regions as resource persons who may participate in discussions and help enhance a better understanding of the concepts of the draft standards, of the standard setting process and other IPPC related activities. These resource persons should be proactive in helping to facilitate workshop discussions. Participation of these resource persons is contingent on available financial resources.
- Agenda and report
  - The IPPC Secretariat shall provide a standardized agenda for the workshops.
  - The workshops could integrate other topics of regional concern or topics of specific interest for building national phytosanitary capacity or to obtain information on the implementation of standards. Any adjustments to the agenda should be agreed upon with the IPPC Secretariat. Adequate time should be allocated for a thorough discussion of the draft ISPMs.
  - The report of the workshop should be prepared during the workshop as a joint effort of the Chair, Rapporteur and IPPC Secretariat staff, approved by the participants during the meeting and posted on the IPP within two weeks.
- Evaluation
  - The IPPC Secretariat shall provide a summary of the workshop evaluation to the CPM, Bureau and SC, based on the results of the survey completed by the participants and the reports of IPPC Secretariat staff.
- Deadlines for presentations by stewards on draft ISPMs
  - The IPPC Secretariat prepares and makes the draft ISPMs available for member consultation via the Online Comment System (OCS) as soon as possible after the May Standards Committee (SC) meeting and no later than the 20 June.
  - The IPPC Secretariat provides a PowerPoint presentation template for use by the stewards. The stewards prepare an overview of the draft ISPMs in both a summary document and Power Point presentation. The presentation should summarize the main elements of the proposed draft standard. For the benefit of time and efficient use of resources, the presentation should be concise as it is not intended to replace the text of the draft standard. It should also explain key issues discussed at the SC. Stewards are requested to submit their summary document and presentation to the IPPC Secretariat no later than June 15. The Secretariat posts the summary documents and presentations on the IPP.
  - Organizers are requested to assist in translating the presentations into other languages as appropriate. All translated summary documents and/or presentations should be submitted to the IPPC Secretariat to also be posted on the IPP.