



REPORT

Teleconference
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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

1. Opening of the meeting and update from the Secretary

[1] The Bureau Chair welcomed all Bureau members to the meeting and noted that the main purpose of this teleconference would be to confirm that procedures and activities for CPM-9 were progressing as planned. The Bureau reviewed the Provisional Detailed Agenda for CPM-9 in detail.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Review of the participants list and documents list

4. Information on the organizational arrangements for CPM-9

5. Discussion of the CPM-9 agenda and papers

[2] At this point the Bureau discussed the provisional agenda for CPM-9 in chronological order:

1. Opening of the Session

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 Provisional Agenda

2.2 EU Statement of Competence

It was noted that the New Zealand minister is interested in presenting a filmed address during the opening plenary session of CPM-9. The Bureau member of the South Pacific will follow up on this activity and make sure all necessary steps are taken. The Secretariat mentioned that the Director General will also be requesting that FAO Director General present an opening statement, although this responsibility may be carried out by another FAO Senior Official or the Assistant Director General.

3. Election of the Rapporteur

The report writer for CPM-9 has been selected and it was suggested that the Secretariat investigate the possibility of nominating the US Embassy's Laura Schweitzer-Meins, as Rapporteur for CPM-9, given the great job she had done at CPM-8.

4. Establishment of the Credentials Committee

5. Report by the Chairperson of the CPM

6. Report by the Secretariat

The IPPC Secretary will present his PowerPoint presentation about the work of the IPPC Secretariat

7. Governance

The Secretariat will present a paper on Partnerships (7.1) and the Process for Adopting Recommendations.

8. International standard setting

8.1 Report on the activities of the Standards Committee by the SC Chairperson

The SC Chair will provide a paper to discuss the progress from the recent SC meeting and other SC activities.

8.2 Adoption of International Standards

The Secretariat will provide advice about the process for the adoption of international standards and the three draft ISPMs approved at the SC for adoption by CPM (ePhyto draft standard, fruit fly host status, fruit

fly quarantine areas). The SC approved 8 treatments and there will be 2 diagnostic protocols to be noted by CPM, assuming there are no formal objections. French, Spanish and Chinese LRGs will be submitting documents. The Russian LRG is currently in abeyance following the retirement of the chair. The SC has asked the ePhyto Steering Group to develop a clear description of the procedures and management of e-certification that will be ready by mid-January and then presented to CPM-9; SC recommends that there be a side session on ePhyto at CPM-9.

8.3 Noting translation adjustments to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures adopted at CPM-8 (2013)

The SC noted that since the deadline for Russian translations for ISPMs was not met, CPM-9 will not be able to present these documents as was decided at CPM-8.

8.4 Framework for Standards

The Task Force for the Framework for standards will present a paper to CPM-9, but the final will be presented to CPM-10. The SC has also requested to have evening sessions looking at new concepts in standards from the SC. The SC recommends that the Framework go directly to CPM in the form of a “strategic discussion.”

8.5 List of Topics for IPPC Standards

The SC reviewed the existing list of topics and the thirty-four submissions received from the 2013 call for topics. The compiled submissions have been posted on the IPP.

The SC recommended nine new topics to be added on the List of topics: five topics on guidelines for treatments, a topic on the criteria for determination of host status for pests based on available information, a topic on guidance on pest risk management, a topic on authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform Phytosanitary actions, and a topic on the harmonization of descriptive elements in Phytosanitary certificates.

The SC recommended to remove the following topics from the list of topics: *Surveillance for citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri) (2002-001)*, *Systems approach for management of citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri) (2003-001)*, *Fruit fly treatments (2006-024)*, *Irradiation treatments (2006-014)*, *Soil and growing media in association with plants: treatments (2009-006)*, *Wood packaging material treatments (2006-015)*, and *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages (2008-004)*.

In addition, the SC recommended changing the priority from priority 3 to priority 1 for the following topic: *Revision of ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)*.”

8.6 International movement of grain

The SC approved the draft specification on the international movement of grain standards and it will now go to member consultation from 20 December until 20 February. A significant issue for the grain standard is intended use, and there will be a concept paper on intended use for the May SC meeting. Traceability, as it applies to Phytosanitary measures, should also be discussed and understood in greater detail.

8.7 Minimizing pest movement by sea containers

The sea containers paper for CPM, updated with new information, will explain why the survey on sea containers has not been conducted as planned. It will be submitted a bit late, but member consultation should be available and presented to CPM-9.

9. IPPC Strategic Framework and Resource Mobilization

9.1 Report of the SPG

The Chair of the SPG will present an update from the SPG meeting

9.2 Implementing the IPPC Strategic Framework and Resource Mobilization

9.2.1. There will be a paper on the Implementation Process, presented by New Zealand

9.2.2. A paper presented by the Secretariat on efforts and results of resource mobilization

as well as an update from the finance committee

9.3 Financial Report 2013-Budget and Operational plan 2014

The Chair of the Financial Committee will present the Financial Report to CPM-9 to adopt the 2013 Budget and the Operational plan for 2014. Need to have clear distinctions on financial aspects from technical aspects.

9.4 IPPC Secretariat Transition to the Assistant Director General's Office

This will be covered in the Secretariat Report (agenda item 6)

9.5 Implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs

9.5.1 Status of ISPM 15 Implementation

The Secretariat will present a paper on the ISPM 15 adoption and reimbursement process. The FAO Legal office will make a presentation about the technical elements of this process. The Secretariat reported that letters for reimbursement have been sent out to NPPOs but the high level letter from the Director General is still undergoing the formal clearance process.

9.5.2 ePhyto and ePhyto Hub Feasibility Study

The Secretariat will present a paper to the CPM on the progress of the ePhyto Hub Feasibility Study. The preliminary draft has been prepared and the final study is expected to be ready by mid-January. There was a proposal for a demo of ePhyto as a part of the ePhyto discussion in plenary, after consultant's presentation, to show how developing countries might initiate the process from the beginning. This would obviate the need for a side session on ePhyto.

9.6 Implementation Review and Support System

9.6.1 General ISPM Implementation information IRSS Survey Results

The Secretariat will present a paper with updates on IRSS.

9.7 Successes and Challenges of Implementation

It was also noted that it could be helpful to issue a call to invite members to provide brief presentations on experiences in implementation of ISPMs, tools, PCE, etc. The Secretariat agreed to provide members with clear guidance and clear format for these presentations.

10. Capacity Development

The Capacity Development Committee will provide its written update in the Secretariat Report

10.1 Regional workshops on draft ISPMs

The CDC will provide an update on the regional workshops, emphasizing the progress made with the production of manuals, procedures, and training kits.

10.2 Next steps for the CDC

The CDC will provide a list of experts to evaluate the CDC work plan and progress; the results from this evaluation will be presented at CPM-10 for review.

The CDC proposes three scientific sessions: fast-track PRA, developing countries' experiences with ePhyto, and new technologies for inspection. The CDC proposes that extended time for capacity building side sessions that will take place on Sunday (3-6pm) before the commencement of CPM-9 as well as during extended lunch sessions (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 12:30-3). The Sunday session will be a mandatory session for the developing country participants that are being funded by the EU via the IPPC Secretariat to attend CPM to discuss more effective methods of participating in the CPM. The Bureau noted that they will need to get clearance from the interpreters in respect of the length of the lunch break.

This proposal would require plenary to begin at 9:30am, end at 12:30 pm, and reconvene for the afternoon session at 3pm until 6pm.

CDC side sessions that will take place in the evenings will cover Phytosanitary emergency response, emerging pests, and systems approaches tools.

11. National Reporting Obligations

11.1 Report of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group

11.2 Contracting Parties' National Reporting Obligations

12. Communications

12.1 Results of the Needs Assessment

The IPPC Communications Needs Assessment Proposal with the company “Green Ink” has been approved and the needs assessment survey will be launched within this week. It follows a strict timeline that will allow results and analysis of the needs assessment survey to be ready to be presented to CPM-9.

12.2 The IPPC Communications Work Plan

13. Liaison and partnership of the IPPC and Cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations

13.1 Report on promotion of the IPPC and cooperation with relevant international organizations

This report will be covered in the Secretariat Report.

13.2 Summary Report of the 24th Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations

The Chairperson of the TC-RPPOs will present a paper (Inf. paper) based on the 24th session TC report (posted) and should be distributed as a CPM paper.

13.3 Report of the Observer Organizations

The Bureau mentioned that it should be clarified CPM-9 that observer organization reports are submitted and noted by CPM but this does not constitute their endorsement or adoption.

13.3.1 Report by Secretariat of the SPS

13.3.2. Report by the Secretariat of the STFD

13.3.3. Report by the CBD Secretariat

13.3.4 Report from other organizations

14. Recommendations

14.1 Proposals for new IPPC Recommendations

The two recommendations for CPM approval - aquatic plants and internet trade- will be presented during this agenda item. Countries will be also be invited to propose new ideas for recommendations.

15. Effective dispute settlement systems

15.1 Report by the SBDS Chairperson

15.2 Review of the SBDS

16. Scientific Sessions

16.1 The CDC has suggested that Canada present the session for new inspection technologies.

16.2 The Scientific session on PRA techniques can be presented by NAPPO and EPPO, they will provide specific names shortly.

16.3 The session on ePhyto experiences can be presented by Chile and China, as long as China is invited well in advance. It was agreed that the science session to be held on Wednesday afternoon. (Post meeting note – the Secretariat considered this and recommended keeping the Science session on Thursday given the logistics of preparing the CPM report – Bureau members agreed)

17. Membership and potential replacements for CPM subsidiary bodies

17.1 Standards Committee

17.2 Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement

18. Election of the Chair, Vice Chair and other Bureau members (2012-2014)

19. Other business

20. Date and venue of the next session

21. Adoption of the Report

6. Other business

- [3] The Bureau agreed that a full list of the proposed side sessions should be sent out by the Bureau Chair for final decision-making by the Bureau. The deadline to apply to participate in side sessions will be January 15th.
- [4] Flexibility and informal guidelines and principles regarding the Friends of the Chair meeting are being drafted.

7. Next Meeting

- [5] The Bureau discussed that dates for the next Financial Committee and Bureau meetings. The Bureau will meet on Wednesday and Thursday of the week before CPM and the Financial Committee meeting will take place on Friday. The Triennial Review Group will meet on Saturday before CPM.

8. Closing

- [6] The Bureau Chair thanked all members (physically and via teleconference) for participating in the teleconference meeting.