

Funding criteria – IPPC International Symposium on Limiting the Spread of Contaminant Pests

The organisation that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to be able to attend.

If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, the Australian Commonwealth Department of Agriculture may provide funding assistance to attend the symposium. The allocation of funds is limited, therefore priority will be given based on eligibility against criteria below. It is expected that participants will attend all sessions of the meeting and those participants who plan to attend only part of the meeting will fund their own travel.

Funding assistance criteria

- Countries with low Gross National Income (GNI) and low GNI per capital – criteria used to categorise national financial resources based on World Bank data.
- Preference may be given to least developed countries.
- Consideration will be given to ensure balanced regional representation. Only one representative per country will be considered for funding.
- Nations that are active in international trade (break bulk, cargo, containers) will be prioritised for funding.
- Only applications received by the specified deadline will be considered eligible.

Commitment of Funded Participants

Funded meeting participants are subject to the following:

- Each funded participant will be required to sign a Statement of Commitment which will stipulate the attendance and participation requirements for that meeting. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory to receive financial assistance
- Attendance and participation for funded participants in the meeting will be recorded and provided to the Department of Agriculture.
- Funded participants who do not attend all sessions of the meeting identified in the Statement of Commitment, may be required to return portions of the funding (or total amount if there is no attendance) and will not be considered for funding in future events organised by the Department of Agriculture.

Methods used to assess financial resources of a country

The Gross National Income Level and size of the economy of the country in which a participant is employed will be used to help determine priority for, and the level of assistance provided.

Economic information about each nominating country will be used to determine the priority for which participants receive assistance and the amount of assistance provided. The World Bank data for Gross National Income (GNI) per capita is used to sort countries into general income levels (low, lower-middle, upper-middle and high). The Department of Agriculture will utilise this data to determine eligibility for levels of funding assistance including airfares, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance.

Exceptional Considerations

Exceptional considerations may be used in determining prioritisation of participants to receive assistance. For example, higher priority for funding may be given to participants with required expertise or to ensure broad geographical participation. In all cases the final decision of which participants will receive assistance, and at which level, will be determined by the Australian Department of Agriculture.