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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] The IYPH Chairperson, Mr Ralf LOPIAN, welcomed participants to the third meeting, highlighting the key points of the agenda. He also recognized the participation of Malaysia as the alternate for the FAO Asian regional group.
- [2] IPPC Secretary Mr Jingyuan XIA opened the meeting welcoming participants, thanking for their commitment under the leadership of the chairperson. He highlighted the importance of IYPH as a life-time opportunity, and recalled that FAO is very supportive of this initiative. He recalled the role of the IYPH Secretariat and its composition which includes the IPPC, AGP and PSP divisions, with the support of the OCC. He also informed that five FAO Regional Office representatives are invited as observers, attending the meeting via teleconference.
- [3] He shared the idea to hold a FAO seminar on the organization of the IYPH and possible staff contributions. He also highlighted that almost half a million US dollars is still lacking to cover the IYPH budget in 2020, mainly for developing communications materials and co-funding the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) in Finland.

2. Meetings arrangements

2.1. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] The IYPH ISC adopted the agenda as included in [Appendix 1](#) to this report.

2.2. Election of a Rapporteur

- [5] Ms Kyu-ock YIM was elected as Rapporteur.

3. Administrative matters

3.1. Logistical arrangements

- [6] The IYPH Secretariat explained logistical arrangements for the meeting.

3.2. Participants List (including members and observers)

- [7] The IYPH Secretariat circulated the participants list as included in [Appendix 2](#) to this report.

4. Backgrounds and Reports

4.1. Review of the IYPH action points arising from first IYPH ISC meeting

- [8] The IYPH Secretariat presented the list of actions undertaken since the first IYPH ISC meeting. The IYPH Secretariat had asked for new nominations to the ISC and noted the positive response by various Regional Groups and other constituencies, which provided representatives and alternate members in most cases.
- [9] The African regional group representative informed that we have an alternate for the African region, which is Ghana.
- [10] The IYPH ISC:
- *Noted* the update on IYPH action points arising from the second meeting.
 - *Adopted* the report of the second meeting.



- *Noted* the nomination of Ghana as alternate for the African regional group.

4.2. Update on IYPH ongoing initiatives

[11] The IYPH Secretariat provided an update on the IYPH ongoing initiatives on programme of events, communications and resource mobilization.

[12] The IYPH ISC:

- *Noted* the update made by the IYPH Secretariat.

5. IYPH Budget and Resource Mobilization

5.1. Report on current financial situation

[13] The IYPH Secretariat provided an update on the current financial situation.

[14] The European Commission confirmed their pledge of 300 000 EUR for IYPH, but clarified that this amount is to be co-funded, thus called on other donors to pledge funds to support the IPHC in Finland.

[15] It was clarified that the contribution by the United Kingdom already provided to the IPPC Multi-Donor Trust Fund would also be used to support the IPHC in 2020.

[16] One member noted the possibility to get RPPOs involved in the communications work, especially the communication officers, in view of reducing costs. Sharing the list of activities may encourage NPPOs to contribute in-kind.

[17] The IYPH Secretariat informed that at the last IPPC Strategic Planning Group meeting, the United States of America had pledged 50 000 USD towards IYPH for 2020.

[18] Two members informed that the issue of IYPH budgeting has been included in briefings with the African and Asian FAO Regional Groups.

[19] One member suggested to make contact with the African Union, the African Development Bank, IFAD and FAO members.

[20] Another member welcomed suggestions for targeted organizations.

[21] Another member welcomed the list of eight targeted organizations that was proposed by the Secretariat for resource mobilization.

[22] The ISF informed that there would be additional interaction with the IYPH Secretariat, which could contribute to funding specific initiatives and providing in-kind contributions.

[23] The IYPH ISC:

- *Noted* the report on the current financial situation and *stressed* the need to mobilize additional resources.
- *Thanked* the European Union, Republic of Korea, and United States of America for their pledges to contribute to the IYPH via the IPPC multi-donor trust fund.
- *Welcomed* the initiatives undertaken by the IYPH Secretariat to mobilize additional resources.
- *Agreed* to discuss possible funding for IYPH within FAO regional groups.
- *Asked* the IYPH Secretariat to contact the eight identified organizations and launch a call for contributions.



- *Asked* the IYPH ISC chairperson to contact national plant protection organizations.

6. Communications

[24] The IYPH Secretariat provided an update on IYPH key messages. They informed that there would be generic, overarching messages, followed by messages targeting specific audiences.

[25] The IYPH ISC engaged in reviewing the seven generic key messages.

[26] One member commented that the use of “pests” should be consistent across the messages.

[27] **Message 1: Keep plants healthy to achieve Zero Hunger and the Sustainable Development Goals**

- No comments were made on the first message.

[28] **Message 2: Keep plants healthy to protect the environment and biodiversity**

- One member commented that there second sentence seems as stand-alone phrase, so it should be rephrased to bridge the various concepts. “The use of environmentally friendly methods” should explain what for.
- One member asked to include “human” prior to the environment and biodiversity.
- One member noted that it should be “the use of healthy plants”, but it was not agreed.
- One member noted that the private sector’s contribution is lacking.

[29] **Message 3: Protect, manage and restore terrestrial and marine environments to keep plants healthy**

- One member noted that this message does not link to the IYPH as a stand-alone message. This has to have a link to pests.

[30] **Message 4: Invest in plant health organizations and research and development**

- One member of the IYPH secretariat noted the need to keep “and development”.
- Two members noted the need to include the IPPC and other international actors.
- One member noted the possibility to include “and outreach”.
- One member noted that the private sector is lacking. The IYPH Secretariat noted that the private sector is one of the target audiences, and will consider how to include the private sector in this message and possibly others.

[31] **Message 5: Be careful when bringing plants and plant products across borders**

- One member noted the need to delete “Ordinary” after citizens.
- One member recommended to replace the phytosanitary certificates with the import phytosanitary requirements.
- Add “environment”.
- Citizens should take care when buying plants and plant products online.
- There are no other references to other pathways like sea containers, wooden pallets, etc.
- One member noted that the idea of education is missing.
- One member highlighted that “Be careful” sounds too light. Citizens, farmers and others should also be made aware (this message should include more actors).





- One member suggested to replace “be careful” with “Use caution”. At the beginning of the second sentence, start with “caution should be used when...”
- Add “in line with existing regulations”.
- One member highlighted that this should not only target citizens, but different audiences.
- Emphasis to change from fruits to plants (plants should come first).
- Focus on movement of plants in trade.
- Include harmonization of propagation material, affecting trade (maybe in another key message on trade, or in more specific message).
- Re-insert the old key message about trade, not to have to deal with trade any more in this message.

[32] Message 6: Strengthening monitoring and early warning systems to protect ~~plants~~ and plant health

- One member asked to rephrase this as follows: preventive and adaptive measures will help keep plants healthy.
- Another member suggested removing “and plants” from the title.

[33] Message 7: Comply with international plant health standards

- One member commented that the IPPC must come before FAO, because this is what is the focus that we wish to give to the IYPH. The IPPC sets standards, then FAO supports with various areas. There must be reference to RPPOs, which set and support the implementation of regional standards. Change “lower” to “reduce” the risk of spreading pests.
- One member suggested having a more holistic approach to include the private sector, referencing to standards like seed testing.
- One member noted that the focus of IYPH is on IPPC and IPPC standards. He recalled that the CPM adopts standards, not FAO, as recognized by the WTO SPS agreement.
- Another member agreed with the comment that the IYPH focus should be placed on IPPC. She asked to include “standards, especially those set by the IPPC”.
- The IPPC Secretary noted that the IPPC is the world’s standard setting body for plant health as recognized by the WTO SPS agreement. He also asked to include RPPOs and NPPOs, focusing the message on IPPC’s work.
- One member noted that it is all about what we understand about plant health. With the current scope, the focus should be placed on IPPC.
- Another member suggested including the socio-economic impact in this message.
- One member commented that focus should be kept on ISPMs developed under the IPPC and focusing on pesticides should be avoided.
- If we talk about key messages, there should be real clarity of the focus, which is on IPPC work and activities.
- Another member supported the comment to keep messages high-level. He supported having IPPC first in the sentence, then FAO on the understanding that the focus of the IYPH is on IPPC.
- AGP noted that FAO work is sustaining plant health in various ways other than preventing the spread and introduction of pests.



[34] The order of key messages was also discussed. One member commented on the importance to bring the importance of the IPPC at the front, and affirmed that it is appropriate to have monitoring and early warning as the last point.

[35] The ISC discussed that the current seventh message should be moved up as key message n. 4; the current message n. 5 should become 2 in view of its importance; the current third message should be deleted, replaced by a message on trade.

[36] It was also considered that the reference to the IPPC should be included in the key message n. 1.

[37] The IYPH ISC:

- *Reviewed* the IYPH key messages and provided suggestions for edits.
- *Recommended* that the focus of IYPH key messages is kept on IPPC and its work, and FAO's work in sustaining the IYPH key messages.

[38] The OCC briefed on the World Food Day and the Ambassadors, and noted it would share ideas and procedures after the 2019 World Food Day, on whose basis proposals could be developed.

[39] She noted that 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of FAO and the United Nations, so there is expectations that the WFD in 2020 may incorporate broader concepts than just plant health.

[40] The IYPH ISC chairperson informed that anyone being able to communicate the message of plant health to a wide audience could be proposed as an IYPH ambassador, and the FAO Director-General would take a final decision.

[41] The IYPH ISC:

- *Agreed* to submit proposals for IYPH ambassadors by 18 October 2019.

7. IYPH Action Plan

7.1. Finalization of the IYPH Action Plan

[42] The IYPH Secretariat presented the revised IYPH Action Plan presented to the IYPH ISC. The Secretariat noted the following changes compared to the previous version: inclusion of additional wording after the CPM definition; updates in the IYPH ISC membership; exclusion of key messages, currently under development; inclusion of two suggested global events by AGP on Fall armyworm and the banana fusarium wilt TR4; deletion of the 2019 table of activities (as this is a plan on the way forward).

[43] One member of the IYPH Secretariat also suggested to remove the IYPH definition as developed by CPM, in view of a more inclusive approach towards the implementation of the Year.

[44] It was noted that the activities proposed by AGP, once confirmed by the ODG, would be funded by FAO and other partners.

[45] One member noted that APPPC is scheduling a conference on emerging pests, and synergies may be developed with the proposed AGP events.

[46] Another member suggested including *Xylella fastidiosa* as another pest of concern to be addressed in the proposed conferences, if resources allow.



- [47] In relation to the definition of plant health, one member noted that the need to keep the definition of as adopted by CPM. He noted that this has been worked on under this for five years with the overarching support of IPPC contracting parties.
- [48] Another member noted that decisions taken by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures as a well-respected body should be followed.
- [49] One member noted it would be strange to completely remove the definition. He highlighted that countries supported the proclamation of IYPH after consultation of relevant authorities in their country based on the CPM definition.
- [50] One member highlighted that plant health is difficult to summarize in a definition, and a perfect one is difficult to make. However, it is not possible to develop an action plan without a definition.
- [51] Another member agreed on the need to keep the definition of plant health.
- [52] It was noted that it would be very awkward if a reporter asked an IYPH ISC member what plant health is about, and he/she would not be able to come up with a consistent response. The IYPH ISC concurred that the current definition has been agreed by 183 phytosanitary experts around the world, and it would be extremely difficult to review it now.
- [53] They also agreed that the same definition should be included in all documents and on the IYPH website.
- [54] One member highlighted that countries agreed to the IYPH based on the CPM-approved definition.
- [55] Another member highlighted the need to maintain the current definition, which has been approved following lengthy consultations.
- [56] CIHEAM informed that research organizations are interested in coming up with joint initiatives are being foreseen. They also informed about an upcoming conference in October 2019, and will launch a call for young researchers.
- [57] The IYPH ISC chairperson reminded that NPPOs were invited to establish national IYPH coordinating committees, involving various stakeholders including academia and research organizations.
- [58] Two members suggested launching a drawing or painting contest to visualize the impact of pests, possibly to be presented at the IPHC in Helsinki.
- [59] One member noted that the budget is to be updated in light of recent evolutions.
- [60] The IYPH Secretariat suggested considering moving the key facts under the background or alternatively in the communications plan. One member suggested making it a box, because key facts are important and quite illustrative.
- [61] The IYPH ISC:
- *Emphasized* that the current IYPH definition as adopted by CPM-11¹ should be maintained in the IYPH Action Plan as the underlying approach and focus for the IYPH, and it would be too late to change it at this stage.

¹ Ref. https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/03/34_CPM_April_2016-IYPH_planning-2016-03-10.pdf and https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/07/Report_CPM-11_2016-07-19_withISPMs-revised.pdf: For the purpose of the International Year of Plant Health “Plant health is usually considered the discipline that utilizes official or legislative approaches to prevent pests and disease causing organisms to spread into endangered areas, especially through human interaction such as international trade”.

- *Recommended* considering to launch a drawing or painting contest.
- *Asked* to update the IYPH budget in accordance with latest evolutions.
- *Agreed* to move the key facts to the first paragraph as a box.
- *Endorsed* the IYPH Action Plan as available in Appendix 3 and *recognized* the opportunity to amend it if needed.

7.2. IYPH launch events

- [62] The IYPH Secretariat presented on the status for the IYPH launch events in Rome and New York.
- [63] The IYPH Secretariat informed that the IYPH launch event in Rome is pending final clearance by the FAO Director-General. He presented a tentative programme inclusive of an opening, panel discussion and reception.
- [64] Regarding the exhibition, it was noted that the Irish NPPO had proposed shipping plant health exhibition materials to FAO headquarters, and the IYPH Secretariat has requested to provide additional details in view of assessing its possible use for the launch event. The IYPH ISC chairperson noted that, because the Irish Minister would be invited to participate in the launch event, it would be appropriate to include the exhibition in the programme.
- [65] One member proposed inviting a London-based group of Maori dancers. He noted that their performance could be linked to the issue of indigenous people, and may relate to plant health. He further noted that it is one of the most spectacular human acts that one can witness. Another member supported initiative and noted that multi-cultural performances are usually held at the start of an event. He also noted that the performance could be held at the opening and during the reception.
- [66] It was also felt that there is a need to create ambiance. As an alternative, the FAO choir could be invited.
- [67] The IYPH ISC considered that the reception may be plant-based, or meat-free, showing the food chain.
- [68] Another member suggested bringing plant health dogs and sniffer dogs at the entrance of the reception, inspecting attendees.
- [69] The IYPH ISC:
- *Requested* the IYPH Secretariat to confirm the organization of the IYPH launch event to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome on 2 December 2019.
 - *Proposed* inviting a London-based group of Maori dancers prior to the start of the meeting, to be tailored in a way to be a welcoming and possibly a goodbye performance. Alternatively, *proposed* inviting the FAO choir at the start and end of the ceremony in the Sheikh Zayed Center.
 - *Proposed* including the Irish exhibition in the programme of the Rome launch event.
 - *Requested* the IYPH Secretariat to consider with the FAO catering how the reception could be linked to plant health.
 - *Asked* the IYPH Secretariat to request the Italian NPPO inviting phytosanitary inspectors and possibly sniffer dogs for the launch event in Rome.
 - *Proposed* to hold the IYPH launch in New York on 2nd December or at a later appropriate date, inclusive of a 1.5 hour session on plant health, followed by a reception.

7.3. Update on planned events in 2020

- [70] The IYPH Secretariat briefed the ISC about the planned events in 2020 and referred to the calendar on the IYPH website, inviting IYPH ISC members to share respective planned events.

- [71] He further recalled the status of the ministerial declaration on plant health, and requested IYPH ISC members to investigate the possibility to endorse the ministerial declaration by FAO permanent representatives.
- [72] The IYPH ISC chairperson informed that the CPM-15 would be held on 30 March to 3 April. He noted that the opening would include speeches by the FAO Director-General and other high-profile personalities, with a ministerial segment to be held on 2 April.
- [73] The IYPH ISC discussed about the programme of the ministerial segment. It was noted that ministers in attendance should be able to speak.
- [74] One member noted that this would depend on the number of confirmed ministers in attendance. She also suggested having a second part allowing for interaction.
- [75] One member reminded of the possibility to purchase commemorative two-euro coins produced by Belgium and the Dutch Royal Mint for ministers in attendance. Another member proposed to consider offering different gadgets.
- [76] The IYPH ISC chairperson informed that he had booked the conference venue for the IPHC, with an expected participation of 500 to 700 participants. He collected several proposals for speeches, however there are still few gaps to be filled. Once the collection is finalized, it will be sent to the IYPH Technical Advisory Board for their consideration. The preliminary programme will be developed by mid-November. A call for papers will be launched in December 2019, in view of finalizing the programme by mid-June 2020. Registration for the conference will be opened in January 2020. He informed that Finland had secured 300 000 EUR as in-kind contribution for the conference, in addition to the contribution provided by the United Kingdom and pledges by the European Commission, the United States and the Republic of Korea.
- [77] The IYPH ISC:
- *Noted* the update on the planned events in 2020.
 - *Asked* the IYPH Secretariat to share the draft ministerial declaration on plant health.
 - *Agreed* to investigate the modalities and process to endorse the CPM-15 ministerial declaration.
 - *Recommended* to base decisions on the length of the ministerial segment on the number of confirmed ministers, and *proposed* to have a first part with speeches, and a second, more interactive session.
 - *Recommended* to secure a memento to Ministers in attendance of CPM-15, in accordance with protocol procedures.
 - *Noted* the update on the International Plant Health Conference in Helsinki.

7.4 Proposals for IYPH events/initiatives in 2020

- [78] CIHEAM informed about ongoing initiatives to develop a paper on plant health and climate change, in collaboration with the University of Turin.
- [79] The IPPC Secretariat informed about the interest in this study and offered to cooperate for its development.
- [80] The IYPH ISC chairperson informed about the recent initiative on the global burden of plant pests, with the project proposal workshop taking place during the IPHC in Helsinki.
- [81] One member noted the importance to confirm attendance of the IYPH Secretariat to key events. The IYPH Secretariat clarified that their presence cannot be ensured to all IYPH-related events.

8. Any Other Business



[82] No other business was discussed.

9. Date and venue of the next IYPH ISC Meeting

[83] The IYPH Secretariat considered to hold the next IYPH ISC meeting on 15 November 2019 at FAO headquarters, in conjunction with a seminar for FAO staff, but concluded that this would not be possible due to clashes with various FAO meetings.

[84] The IYPH ISC agreed to meet on 29 November 2019 at FAO headquarters.

10. Close of the meeting

[85] The Chairperson closed the meeting, thanking all participants for their active participation.



APPENDIX 1 - AGENDA

THIRD MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (IYPH ISC)

German Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

11 October 2019, 9:00 to 18:00

Coffee breaks: 10:30 am and 3:00 pm

Lunch break: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Updated 2019-10-02)

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting		Mr XIA (IPPC Secretary) / Mr LOPIAN (ISC Chairperson)
2.	Meeting Arrangements		Mr LOPIAN
2.1	Adoption of the Agenda	01_IYPH-ISC_2019-10	
2.2	Election of a Rapporteur	--	
3.	Administrative Matters		Mr MONTUORI (IYPH Secretariat)
3.1	Participants List (including members and observers)	02_IYPH-ISC_2019-10	
4.	Background and Reports		Mr MONTUORI
4.1	Review of IYPH action list	Link to report of second IYPH ISC meeting	
4.2	Update on IYPH ongoing initiatives	--	
5.	IYPH Budget and Resource Mobilization		
5.1	Report on current financial situation	03_IYPH-ISC_2019-10	Mr MONTUORI
5.2	Report on resource mobilization	04_IYPH-ISC_2019-10 05_IYPH-ISC_2019-10	PSP/PSR (IYPH Secretariat) Mr LOPIAN
6.	IYPH Communication		





AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
6.1	Update on IYPH communications plan and key communication products	--	OCCO
6.2	Proposals for IYPH Ambassadors	--	ISC Members / OCCO
7.	IYPH Action Plan		
7.1	Finalization of the IYPH action plan	06_IYPH-ISC_2019-09	IYPH Secretariat
7.2	IYPH launch events (December 2019, Rome and New York)	07_IYPH-ISC_2019-09	Mr AL DOBAI (IYPH Secretariat)
7.3	Update on planned events in 2020	--	Mr MONTUORI
7.4	Proposals for IYPH events/initiatives in 2020	--	ISC members
8.	Any Other Business	--	Mr LOPIAN
9.	Next Meeting	--	Mr MONTUORI
10.	Close of the Meeting	--	Mr LOPIAN





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16 September 2019, 9:00 to 18:00

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APPENDIX 3 – IYPH ACTION PLAN

Action plan for the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)

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1. INTRODUCTION

At its 73rd session in December 2018, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution, proclaiming 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)². The UN Resolution A/RES/73/252 calls upon the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), in collaboration with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), to lead the implementation of the Year. The IYPH is a unique opportunity to raise awareness on the important role of plant health for life on earth and to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals.

For the purpose of supporting the proclamation of the IYPH, the eleventh session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-11) has adopted the following definition of plant health: *“Plant health is usually considered the discipline that utilizes official or legislative approaches to prevent pests and disease causing organisms to spread into endangered areas, especially through human interaction such as international trade.”*³

The above definition is interpreted as including the range of management actions that can be taken to eradicate or contain the spread of pests.

1.1 Objectives

The main objective⁴ of the IYPH is to:

- Raise awareness of the importance and impacts of plant health in addressing issues of global importance, including hunger, poverty, threats to the environment and economic development.

IYPH specific objectives are as follows:

- Raise the awareness of the public and political decision makers at the global, regional and national levels about plant health.
- Promote and strengthen national, regional and global plant health efforts and their resources in light of increasing trade and new pest risks caused through climate change.
- Educate the public and increasing its knowledge about plant health.
- Enhance dialogue and stakeholder involvement in plant health.
- Increase information about the state of plant protection in the world.
- Facilitate the establishment of plant health partnerships on national, regional and global levels.

The IYPH is also expected to increase awareness of the importance of healthy plants to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 1 (No Poverty); 2 (Zero Hunger); 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth); 12 (Sustainable Consumption and Production); 13 (Climate Action); 15 (Life on Land) and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

² Ref. UNGA resolution: <https://undocs.org/A/C.2/73/L.5/Rev.1>

³ Ref. IYPH paper to CPM-11 (2016):

https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/03/34_CPM_April_2016-IYPH_planning-2016-03-10.pdf and CPM-11 (2016) Report: https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2016/07/Report_CPM-11_2016-07-19_withISPMs-revised.pdf

⁴ Ibidem



1.2 Expected outcomes

1. Increased awareness of the importance of plant health towards food security, environmental protection and trade facilitation is raised.
2. Strengthened national, regional and global plant protection and plant health organizations to formulate and implement standards and recommendations to improve plant health.

1.3 Outputs

- A. National, regional and global campaigns/activities to raise awareness on the significant importance of plant health.
- B. Wide stakeholders' engagement to support the implementation of the IYPH action plan.
- C. Funding is secured for IYPH 2020 action plan.
- D. Effective communication of the IYPH programme and results.

Key Facts

- Plants make up 80 percent of the food we eat and produce 98 percent of the oxygen we breathe.
- Plant pests are responsible for the loss of up to 40 percent of global food crops, and for trade losses in agricultural products exceeding USD 220 billion annually.
- The annual value of trade in agricultural products has grown almost three-fold over the past decade, largely in emerging economies and developing countries, reaching USD 1.7 trillion.
- FAO estimates that agricultural production must rise by about 60 percent by 2050 in order to feed a larger and generally richer population.
- Climate change is having a big impact on plant health. It threatens to reduce both the quality and quantity of crops, leading to lower yields. Rising temperatures are also exacerbating water scarcity, and changing the relationship between pests, plants and pathogens.
- More plant pests are appearing earlier and in places where they were never seen before due to climate change.
- Beneficial insects are vital for plant health since they pollinate most plants, keep pests in control, maintain soil health, recycle nutrients, and more. However, 80% of the biomass of insects has disappeared in the last 25-30 years.

2. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

In 2018 FAO has set up a Secretariat that will facilitate the IYPH implementation process, in collaboration with an International Year of Plant Health International Steering Committee (IYPH ISC) consisting of representatives and alternates from FAO members, international and resource organizations, farmers' organizations, the private sector, research centres, and regional groups.



2.1 IYPH Secretariat

The IYPH Secretariat is composed of one representative of each of the following divisions/units: the FAO Partnership Division (PSP), the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the FAO Plant Production and Protection division (AGP), and the Office of Corporate Communication (OCC).

The Secretariat's main function is to support the IYPH ISC and coordinate the overall implementation of the Action Plan and other related activities. It represents the day-to-day focal point for the year, organizes all meetings, prepares background documentation for those meetings and plays a significant role in supporting the implementation of the year.

2.2 IYPH International Steering Committee

In 2019, FAO and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) established the IYPH International Steering Committee (ISC) to:

- Guide the development and implementation of the IYPH action plan.
- Stimulate dialogue with partners.
- Help mobilize political and financial support for the IYPH.

The IYPH ISC is composed as follows:

- 2 representatives of the **International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) community**
- 7 representatives (and seven alternates) of **FAO Regional groups** – represented by Canada / United States; Finland / United Kingdom; Sudan / **XX**; Cabo Verde / Ghana; India / Malaysia; Australia / New Zealand; **XX/XX**.
- 1 representative of **International Organizations** – World Trade Organization (WTO)
- 1 representative of **Farmers' Organizations** – Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations – General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives (COPA-COGECA)
- 1 representative of the **Private Sector** – International Seed Federation (ISF)
- 1 representative of **Agricultural Research Organizations** – Centre international de hautes études agronomiques méditerranéennes (CIHEAM)
- 1 representative of **Regional Groups** – European Union (EU)
- 1 representative of **Resource Organizations** – World Bank Group (WBG)
- 1 representative of **Regional Plant Protection Organizations** (on a rotational basis)

FAO Regional Offices may also nominate one representative to attend IYPH ISC meetings as observers.

IYPH ISC functions:

1. Provide guidance on the overall planning and implementation of the International Year of Plant Health;
2. Provide guidance and monitor the implementation of the IYPH Action Plan and propose periodic updates as and when appropriate;



3. Propose actions and contribute to promote the cooperation and the recognition of the importance of plant health globally, regionally, and nationally;
4. Provide feedback and stimulate dialogue with partners that are represented by members (e.g. Governments; international organizations; academia; civil society; private sector), and function as coordinators to raise awareness among members of their region and in FAO relevant bodies;
5. Provide guidance and actively collaborate in the mobilization of financial support for the implementation of the IYPH promotion action plan; and monitor the expenditure of the mobilized budget;
6. Provide advice on main advocacy tools developed for the IYPH;
7. Oversee the production of the report to the General Assembly of the UN on the implementation of the IYPH, as well as a legacy document.

The IYPH-ISC will hold preparatory meetings throughout 2019 as agreed by its members and on a monthly basis throughout 2020. The IYPH-ISC meetings will be held in English at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

2.3 IYPH Technical Advisory Board

The 10th Session of the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-10, 2015) supported the proposal by Finland to establish an International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) in 2020. The following year, CPM-11 agreed to establish an IPPC IYPH Steering Committee.⁵

After the official proclamation of the International Year of Plant Health, the IPPC IYPH Steering Committee became the IYPH Technical Advisory Board (IYPH TAB) and a new committee was formed. The IYPH TAB provides knowledge and expertise to the new IYPH International Steering Committee. It also helps develop communication materials and serves as a programme committee for the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC), which will be hosted by Finland from 5 to 8 October 2020.

The IYPH TAB is composed of up to 25 members, including⁶:

- 1 member and 1 alternate from IPPC contracting parties in each of the seven FAO regions
- 5 to 7 members from partner organizations, including regional plant protection organizations
- 3 representatives from IPPC governance and subsidiary bodies
- 1 representative from the IPPC Secretariat.

2.4 External/Internal partners

Governments of IPPC contracting parties will provide the political, technical, economic and social context to advance the development of pulses worldwide.

⁵ Ref. Terms of Reference of IPPC IYPH Steering Committee:

https://www.ippc.int/static/media/uploads/iyp/2017/11/03/iyp_stearing_comm_tors_2016-04-18.docx

⁶ Ref. IYPH TAB membership list:

https://www.ippc.int/static/media/uploads/iyp/2019/03/06/IYPHSteeringCommittee_MembershipList_2019-03-05.pdf



Partner organizations from various sectors will play a key role in reaching out respective constituencies. This applies both to IYPH ISC members and to IPPC/FAO partner organization with a role in plant health.

3. IYPH OUTREACH

All outreach activities related to IYPH 2020 are coordinated and implemented by the FAO Office for Corporate Communication (OCC) in collaboration with the IYPH Secretariat. These include:

- Dedicated website, logo and constant communication outreach throughout the year.
- Publications and other written promotional material (e.g. IYPH get started, brief, brochure, poster, banners, activity book, etc.).
- Preparation of communication materials highlighting local and regional examples of successful approaches (e.g. magazine articles or dedicated webpages, videos, TV/radio spots, etc.).
- Social media strategy and planning (utilizing FAO and IPPC social media channels and tools).
- Press conferences by national and regional authorities in connection with key events.

All materials will be posted to the IYPH website: www.fao.org/plant-health-2020

4. IYPH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

4.1 Key Global IYPH events

Date	Place	Event
2 December 2019	Rome	Official launch of the International Year of Plant Health (TBC by FAO ODG)
December 2019	New York	UN launch of the International Year of Plant Health
30 March - 3 April 2020	Rome	Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-15)
5-8 October 2020	Helsinki	International Plant Health Conference
16 October 2020	Rome	World Food Day (TBC by FAO ODG)
December 2020	Rome	Closing of the International Year of Plant Health

4.1.1 AGP Proposed Global Events

Event	Date	Place
Global Symposium on Fall Armyworm and its Sustainable Management	9-11 March 2020 (Tentative)	Côte d'Ivoire
International Conference on Banana Fusarium wilt TR4	3-5 June, 2020 (Tentative)	FAO, Rome

4.2 Initiatives organized and/or supported by the IYPH Secretariat

The IYPH Secretariat will organize/support specific IYPH initiatives such as:

- Key global events, including IYPH 2020 launch and closing ceremonies.



- IYPH communications strategy (with OCC).
- IYPH resource mobilization strategy (with IYPH ISC and PSR).
- IYPH special ambassadors.
- Regional and Global awareness raising campaigns.

Detailed information on the mentioned activities can be found in the ACTION PLAN: 2019/2020 table below.

5. ACTION PLAN: 2019/2020 (DRAFT VERSION)

5.1 Table of activities

	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE
2019	IYPH key events	IYPH launch events (Rome, 2 December 2019, and New York, January 2020)	75 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat
2020	IYPH key events	IYPH photo contest	6 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + OCC
		Ministerial Segment of fifteenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-15) (Rome, 2 April)	35 000 USD	IPPC Secretariat
		International Plant Health Conference (Helsinki, 5-8 October 2020) organized by Finland	600 000 USD	IYPH ISC Chair
		World Food Day (tentatively focused on plant health) organized by OCC and IYPH Secretariat	20 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + OCC
		IYPH closing event (Rome, December 2020)	10 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat
		Regional Dialogues / FAO Regional Conferences: events in different constituencies/sectors in each region (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Near East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean) and FAO Governing Bodies	70 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat / FAO Regional Officers
	Plant Health Research	Plant Health research coordination activities (e.g. contribution to "The global burden of plant pests" and "Plant Health Research Coordination" publications)	10 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + IYPH TAB
		Study on Climate Change impacts on Plant Health	10 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + IYPH TAB
		State-of-the-art document on plant health (legacy document)	10 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + IYPH TAB
	Communication, Advocacy and Outreach	Production of communication and advocacy materials	300 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + OCC
		Nomination and operation of one "IYPH Special Ambassadors" and seven "IYPH Regional Ambassadors"	100 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + OCC
		Maintenance of the IYPH website	10 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + OCC
	IYPH governance mechanism	IYPH ISC and IYPH TAB meetings	20 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat + IYPH ISC & IYPH TAB
	Partnerships and Resource Mobilization	Organization of relevant coordination meetings with partners and participation in different events organized by partners	50 000 USD	IYPH Secretariat





5.2 Planned events from October to December 2019

Start date	End date	Type	Event	Venue	Website	Notes
1-Oct-19	2-Oct-19	R	41st European Commission on Agriculture	Budapest, Hungary	Link	IYPH side event
28-Oct-19	30-Oct-19	G	WCO Permanent Technical Committee (PTC)	Brussels, Belgium		Possibility for IYPH speech and booth
28-Oct-19	31-Oct-19	R	43rd NAPPO annual meeting	Montreal, Canada	Link	Keynote speech on IYPH by IPPC
10-Nov-19	14-Nov-19	R	XIX International Plant Protection Congress	Hyderabad, India	Link	Keynote speech on IYPH by FAO AGP
2-Dec-19	2-Dec-19	G	Official Opening of International Year of Plant Health (including launch of the photo contest)	Rome, Italy		IYPH key event
11-Dec-19	11-Dec-19	N	31st Forum on Plant Medicine	Bari, Italy		ISC and IYPH Secretariat Speaker attending
2-Dec-19	13-Dec-19	G	2019 UN Climate Change Conference (COP25)	Madrid, Spain	Link	Side event organized by Tonga
13-Dec-19	14-Dec-19	R	Public-Private Conference on Phytosanitary Protection in the COSAVE region	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		IYPH keynote speech

5.3 Planned events in 2020

Start date	End date	Type	Event	Venue	Website	Notes
Jan-20	Jan-20	G	UN Opening of International Year of Plant Health	New York, USA		IYPH key event
23-Jan-20	23-Jan-20	G	The role of plant health for sustainable food production	Bern, Switzerland	Link	
28-Jan-20	28-Jan-20	N	Santé du végétal : une seule santé et un seul monde	Paris, France	Link	
4-Feb-20	7-Feb-20	N	64nd Plant Protection Conference	Opatija, Croatia		
11-Feb-20	13-Feb-20	N	60th Scientific Session of the Institute of Plant Protection National Research Institute	Poznan, Poland	Link	
16-Mar-20	20-Mar-20	R	10th Meeting of The Working Group on Fruit Flies of the Western Hemisphere	Bogota, Colombia	Link	IYPH keynote speech (requested)
23-Mar-20	27-Mar-20	R	16th Congress of the Mediterranean Phytopathological Union	Limassol, Cyprus	Link	IYPH keynote speech (requested)
30-Mar-20	3-Apr-20	G	15th Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (Ministerial-level, including awards for the photo contest)	Rome, Italy	Link	IYPH key event





11-Apr-20	11-Apr-20	N	XVIII Blischenko Congress on International Law	RUDN University, Moscow, Russian Federation	Link	
20-Apr-20	27-Apr-20	N	UK National Plant Health Week	United Kingdom		
20-May-20	20-May-21	R	Exhibition on plant health at the Biosphere, Environment Museum	Montreal, Canada	Link	
4-Jun-20	6-Jun-20	N	Festival Plant Health 2020	Rectorate of the University of Torino, Torino, Italy	Link	
7-Jun-20	11-Jun-20	G	XV International Symposium on Virus Diseases of Ornamental Plants	Moscow, Russian Federation	Link	
7-Jun-20	12-Jun-20	G	14th International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria	Assisi, Italy		IYPH keynote speech
Jun-20	Jun-20	G	WTO-SPS Committee	Geneva, Switzerland	Link	IPPC-SPS-STDF side event on IYPH
22-Jun-20	26-Jun-20	G	ICVF2020 conference "Let's keep our fruits healthy"	Amersfoort, Netherlands	Link	
19-Jul-20	24-Jul-20	G	26th International Congress of Entomology	Helsinki, Finland	Link	
Summer of 2020 (3 days)	Summer of 2020 (3 days)	R	North American IYPH Conference	United States		
18-Ago-20	20-Ago-20	G	Second Meeting of the Tephritid Workers of Asia, Australia, and Oceania (TAAO)	Beijing, China	Link	
09-Sep-20	11-Sep-20	G	Plant Health, Agriculture & Bioscience conference (PHAB 2020)	The Hague, Netherlands		
14-Sep-20	18-Sep-20	G	Kephis 3rd Phytosanitary Conference	KEPHIS HQ, Nairobi, Kenya		
15-Sep-20	18-Sep-20	R	Asian Conference on Plant Pathology	Ibaraki, Japan	Link	
4-Oct-20	8-Oct-20	R	4th Tephritid workers of Europe, Africa and the Middle East (TEAM)	La Grande-Motte, France	Link	IYPH keynote speech (requested)
5-Oct-20	8-Oct-20	G	International Plant Health Conference	Helsinki, Finland		IYPH key event
5-Oct-20	8-Oct-20	N	20th Congress of the Spanish Phytopathological Society	Valencia, Spain		
16-Oct-20	16-Oct-20	G	[Tentatively focused on plant health] World Food Day	Rome, Italy		IYPH key event
1-Nov-20	6-Nov-20	R	13th Arab Conference of Plant Protection	Tunisia	Link	Conference title: "Plant Health for Secured and Safe Food"
1-Nov-20	6-Nov-20	G	15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15)	Kunming, China	Link	Joint IPPC-CBD event on IYPH being





						planned - dates to be confirmed.
Dec-20	Jan-21	G	<u>Closing of International Year of Plant Health</u>	Rome, Italy		IYPH key event
17-Feb-20	20-Feb-20	R	FAO Conference for Near East (NERC35)	Oman		Including IYPH component
2-Mar-20	6-Mar-20	R	FAO Conference for Africa (ARC31)	Zimbabwe		"
27-Apr-20	30-Apr-20	R	FAO Conference for Latin America and Caribbean (LARC36)	Nicaragua		"
TBD	TBD	R	FAO Conference for Asia and South West Pacific (APRC35)	Bhutan		"
5-May-20	7-May-20	R	FAO Conference for Europe (ERC32)	TBD		"

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (2019/2020)

In line with UN General Assembly resolutions, the costs of all activities implemented under the IYPH 2020 action plan, currently within the mandate of FAO and IPPC should be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector.

To this end, the IYPH Secretariat has been making use of the **IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund**, which is enabling IYPH donors to pool resources together under an umbrella mechanism. This ensures economies of scale in the administration of the funds while enabling reporting and management of the resources in an efficient way. Staff, time and resources devoted to the management of the project will be spread evenly through the pooled fund with a resulting reduction of the overall running costs.

The initial budget is set at a level of approximately **USD 1.2 million** for the years 2019-2020 (USD 355 000 for 2019 and USD 857 000 for 2020). The final budget will depend upon the real volume of contributions from the resource partners. All contributions will be subject to a signed Agreement with the resource partners.

The IPPC Secretariat is the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) and Budget Holder of the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund.





APPENDIX 4 – ACTION LIST

N.	Action	Lead	Deadline
1	Discuss possible funding for IYPH within FAO regional groups.	IYPH ISC members	By fourth IYPH ISC meeting (2019-11-29)
2	Contact the eight identified organizations and launch a call for contributions.	IYPH Secretariat	By fourth IYPH ISC meeting (2019-11-29)
3	Contact national plant protection organizations in view of mobilizing additional resources.	IYPH ISC chairperson	By fourth IYPH ISC meeting (2019-11-29)
4	Revise IYPH key messages based on IYPH ISC recommendations.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
5	Submit proposals for IYPH ambassadors.	IYPH ISC members	18 October 2019
6	Consider launching a drawing or painting contest.	IYPH Secretariat	By fourth IYPH ISC meeting (2019-11-29)
7	Finalize the IYPH Action Plan based on IYPH ISC recommendations.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible (as in Appendix 3 to this report)
8	Confirm the organization of the IYPH launch event to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome on 2 December 2019.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
9	Invite a London-based group of Maori dancers to perform during the IYPH launch, to be tailored in a way to be a welcoming and possibly a goodbye performance.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
10	Consider including the Irish exhibition in the programme of the Rome launch event.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
11	Consider with the FAO catering how the reception during the IYPH launch could be linked to plant health.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
12	Request the Italian NPPO inviting phytosanitary inspectors and possibly sniffer dogs for the launch event in Rome.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
13	Organize the IYPH launch in New York on 2 nd December or at a later appropriate date, inclusive of a 1.5 hour session on plant health, followed by a reception.	IYPH Secretariat with FAO LON	As soon as possible
14	Share the draft ministerial declaration on plant health.	IYPH Secretariat	As soon as possible
15	Investigate the modalities and process to endorse the CPM-15 ministerial declaration.	IYPH ISC members	As soon as possible
16	Secure a memento to Ministers in attendance of CPM-15, in accordance with protocol procedures.	IYPH ISC members	By fourth IYPH ISC meeting (2019-11-29)

