

IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures – 10-11 July 2012

Agenda Item 9 (c) - Information from Observers

The following communication, received on 5 July 2012, is circulated at the request of the International Plant Protection Convention secretariat (IPPC).

1. As noted previously to this Committee, the seventh Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-7), in March 2012, established an IPPC Capacity Development Committee (CDC), with specific Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure. The first meeting of the CDC, together with the existing Expert Working Group on Capacity Development (EWGCD), is planned for 3-7 December 2012 in Rome, Italy. Until the CDC becomes operational, the EWGCD will continue its work in the area of capacity development.
2. The third meeting of the EWGCD took place in Cairns Australia, on 21-25 May 2011. All FAO regions were represented. An observer from the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) also participated in the meeting. During the meeting, the IPPC National Capacity Development Strategy adopted by CPM-7 was presented to the group. In response, the EWGCD recommended that the IPPC National Capacity Development Strategy should be sent to various stakeholders and donors and promoted in a series of occasions and events, that information on the strategy should be provided as part of different types of capacity development activities e.g. training, and that EWGCD members would promote the strategy in their own regions.
3. Following a presentation of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures of the CDC, the CDC discussed the criteria and qualifications that the future members of the committee will need. The secretariat will be issuing an open call to Regional Plant Protection Organizations and National Plant Protection Organizations for candidates for membership of the CDC, with the Bureau making the final selection this fall.
4. The IPPC secretariat also introduced to the EWGCD a phytosanitary technical resources page on the web (<http://www.phytoprotective.info>), as well as the Global Phytosanitary Capacity Development Projects Database (internal and global). Additional efforts are continuing within the Secretariat to develop a roster of consultants, an activities database, as well as a donors table.
5. The EWGCD reviewed the list of compiled phytosanitary technical resources and developed a table on the criteria to categorize the technical resources. These criteria will be helpful to decide which resources are to be included in the resources page. Use of language, criteria for inclusion or exclusion and the procedures for review of documents were discussed. It was decided that technical resources could be proposed in any language, with priority given to UN languages. The EWGCD also

discussed the possibility of preparing projects and activities related to resource mobilization and advocacy for capacity development, as well as any related capacity development activity in the IPPC.

6. The secretariat gave a report on the status of the application of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool (PCE) and provided examples of national action plans prepared by four countries using the tool. The EWGCD decided to include an update on the application of the PCE as a standing agenda item in the meetings of the CDC. In addition, the Secretariat reported that seven regional workshops are projected to be held in 2012. The purpose of the workshops is to discuss draft standards. These workshops provide an opportunity to discuss other IPPC-related areas of information exchange, implementation and capacity development.
