

IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Meeting of 18-19 October 2012

Agenda Item 8 (c) - Information from Observers

The following communication, received on 15 October 2012, is circulated at the request of the International Plant Protection Convention secretariat (IPPC).

1. Establishment of IPPC Capacity Development Committee (CDC)

1. As reported previously, the Seventh Session of 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 on 3-7 December 2012 in Rome, Italy. During the meeting of the CPM Bureau on 12 October, the selection of CDC members took place; selected personnel will be informed of their selection during the week of 15 October. Until the CDC becomes operational, the EWGCD will continue its work in the area of capacity development.

2. As noted during the July meeting of the SPS Committee, 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. The revised IPPC National Capacity Development Strategy, adopted by CPM-7, was presented to the group. The EWGCD recommended that the 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 capacity development activities, e.g. training; and that EWGCD members would promote the strategy in their own regions.

2. Project Implementation

3. The STDF project on "Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training kits" is being implemented by the IPPC Secretariat (2012-2014). The first progress report has been submitted to the STDF with the selected 18 products, including manuals, standard operating procedures and training kits, based on established criteria, to be developed under the project. To identify authors and/or organizations for developing the drafts, specifications for the Terms of References have been developed and the Secretariat has initiated the selection process.

3. Technical resources and other information for technical assistance

4. The IPPC Secretariat has established a Phytosanitary Resource Page (<http://www.phytosanitary.info>), which will provide technical resources developed and submitted by the world's plant protection community. Resources will be reviewed and approved for inclusion in this page, based on the criteria developed by the EWGCD.

5. In addition, NPPOs and RPPOS will be able to add information from their regions to the two databases: one on projects (Global Phytosanitary Capacity Development Projects Database) and the other is on activities (Global Phytosanitary Capacity Development Activities Database). The information on e-learning courses for knowledge and learning in Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) is available in the resources page for registration and enrolment.

6. A Roster of Consultants has been developed by the Secretariat, which will be available shortly on the Phytosanitary Resource Page. The Roster will function as a database where you can search and find suitable expertise in topics related to plant protection. Consultants will be able to create their own profiles and upload their CVs, for potential employers to contact them directly after a proper review and approval process. The Roster will also include certified Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) facilitators.

4. Regional workshops

7. During July-September 2012, the Secretariat supported and/or attended seven regional workshops to review draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). The purpose of these regional workshops is to facilitate members' discussions and preparation of their comments on draft ISPMs. These workshops also provide an opportunity to discuss other IPPC related areas of information exchange, implementation and capacity development.

8. The workshops have been a very good opportunity for those attending not only to gain a better understanding of the ISPMs being discussed, but also to develop a better understanding of what expectations are for members of the IPPC.
