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IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES MEETING OF 16-18 OCTOBER 2013

Agenda Item 8(c) - Technical Assistance and Cooperation

The following communication, received on 15 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the International Plant Protection Convention secretariat (IPPC).

1 IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC)

1.1. The Seventh Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-7, 2012) of the International Plant Protection Convention established the IPPC Capacity Development Committee (CDC) as a technical structure to provide oversight and contribute to the delivery of the IPPC Strategic Objective of developing the National Phytosanitary Capacity of its members.

1.2. Two meetings of the CDC have been held since its inception and a third meeting is planned to take place from 25-29 November 2013 in Bari, Italy. It is anticipated that at this meeting much discussion will take place regarding the status of the CDC within the overall IPPC framework.

2 TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

2.1. A guide to the phytosanitary aspects of market access has been published on line by the IPPC. This manual was created as a component of the IPPC National Phytosanitary Capacity Building Strategy, which was adopted by the fifth session Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (2010). The manual can be found on our phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://www.phytosanitary.info>).

2.2. As is well known, the phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://www.phytosanitary.info>) has been migrated to a new IT platform. The page includes various categories of phytosanitary resources and tools (advocacy, diagnostic protocols, guides, manuals, pest information, photos, standard operating procedures, videos, etc.). The web page invites National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) to review and add information from their regions to the Global Capacity Development Projects and Activities databases. The e-learning course on Pest Risk Analysis is available in English and Spanish for participants to sign up and enroll in through the phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://elearning.phytosanitary.info/>).

2.3. The IPPC Secretariat launched the Roster of Consultants in April 2013. This tool consolidates self-nominated experts with competencies relevant to developing phytosanitary capacity. This includes expertise in technical areas (such as pest risk analysis, surveillance, and phytosanitary treatments) and managerial functions (such as establishment and management of NPPOs). The Roster of Consultants is available through the phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://consultants.phytosanitary.info/>). A disclaimer in the Roster of Consultants explains that inclusion in the Roster of Consultants does not indicate any endorsement or support by the Secretariat of the IPPC or its contracting parties.

2.4. An additional call for technical resources is planned to be made in June 2013.

3 REGIONAL IPPC WORKSHOPS

3.1. The IPPC has supported and attended the IPPC regional workshops to review draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) since 2000, with seven workshops per year for the past five years, covering all regions except Western Europe and North America.

3.2. The workshops now address a broader range of IPPC issues in addition to comments on draft ISPMs. This was reported to CPM-8 and was reflected in the new, more inclusive name (regional IPPC workshops) for the workshops. These IPPC regional workshops are being planned in cooperation with a range of regional partners, and some with EU funding.
