

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC)

Meeting of 23-24 June 2009

The following communication, received on 25 May 2009, is being circulated at the request of the IPPC.

I. STANDARD-SETTING WORK PROGRAMME (UPDATE: MAY 2009)

A. ISPMS ADOPTED IN 2009

1. The Fourth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-4), held in Rome from 30 March to 3 April 2009, adopted the following standards.

- Amendments to ISPM No. 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms)
- An appendix to ISPM No. 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms) on *Terminology of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in relation to the Glossary of phytosanitary terms*
- A revision of ISPM No. 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*)
- ISPM No. 32 (*Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk*)
- Eight phytosanitary treatments as annexes to ISPM No. 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*), listed in Annex 1.

B. DRAFT ISPMS FOR MEMBER CONSULTATION IN 2009

(a) Member consultation through the regular process

- Revision of ISPM No. 7 (*Export certification system*)
- Revision of ISPM No. 12 (*Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates*)
- Draft ISPM: Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations
- Amendments to ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*)

(b) Member consultation through the special process

- Draft diagnostic protocol for *Thrips palmi* (as an annex to ISPM No. 27 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*))

- Draft phytosanitary treatments: Cold treatments for fruit flies (as annexes to ISPM No. 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*))

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST SPS COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY 2009

(a) Call for nominations of experts

2. Nominations are being solicited for experts to take part in technical panels to develop International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and for authors of diagnostic protocols for specific pests. The deadline for submission of nominations is 1 June 2009. Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.ippc.int/id/211275>.

(b) Call for topics for the IPPC standard setting work programme

3. A biennial call for topics for the IPPC standard setting work programme is being made. The deadline for submission is 31 July 2009. Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.ippc.int/id/41634>.

(c) Call for phytosanitary treatments

4. Specific information and data are being solicited for heat treatments for fruit flies. The deadline for submission is 15 October 2009. Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.ippc.int/id/137399>.

(d) Expert working group on pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests

5. An expert working group will be held in Paris, 25-29 May 2009, to develop a draft standard on pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests.

II. CAPACITY BUILDING

A. CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGY

6. CPM 4:

- Provisionally *approved* the concept paper on national phytosanitary capacity.
- Provisionally *approved* the phytosanitary capacity building strategy.
- Agreed that Phytosanitary Capacity Building (PCB) is a high priority issue and requested the Secretariat to actively seek collaboration, in particular with other divisions of the Organization, and new resources.
- Approved further development and finalization of the operational plan by an EWG based on member comments on the provisionally approved strategy for consideration by the SPTA.
- Endorsed the establishment of an informal working group on advocacy for the IPPC as a virtual group working with the Secretariat.
- Endorsed the establishment of an informal working group on communication and cooperation as a virtual group working with the Secretariat.

- *Noted* the paper on aid effectiveness principles applicable to phytosanitary capacity building developed by a subgroup of the OEWG-BNPC; and the paper on mentoring as it relates to phytosanitary capacity building developed by another subgroup of the OEWG-BNPC and urged members to consider them when providing comments on the strategy.

These papers can be found at <https://www.ippc.int>.

B. REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON DRAFT ISPMs

7. The annual regional workshops provide for the exchange of national perspectives on draft standards and enhance contracting parties capabilities to comment before finalization of the standard.

	Region	Date (Tentative)	Funding Status
1	Africa-Anglophone	28–29 July 2009	Full funding
2	Africa-Francophone	30–31 July 2009	Full funding
3	Asia	14–18 September 2009	Full funding
4	Caribbean	July 2009	Full funding
5	CIS countries and Central Asia	27-31 July 2009	Full Funding
6	Near East	20-25 July 2009	Full Funding
7	Pacific	3-6 August 2009	Full Funding

C. IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED PROJECTS:

- TCP/MOZ/3205: Management and mitigation measures for alien invasive fruit fly (*Bactrocera invadens*) in Mozambique
- MTF/MOZ/098/STF (STDF 230) Establishment of Pest Free Areas regarding
- Lethal Yellowing Disease of coconuts in Mozambique
- TCP/INS/3203 (D): Strengthening Quarantine Control Systems for Invasive Alien Species (IAS)
- STDF 171: Establishment of a Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence in Eastern Africa
 - branded power point options being prepared (see example still under discussion below)
 - logo registration
 - needs assessment and curricula of short courses being developed for various levels of competencies within the NPPO
 - PRA unit being established and PRA training planned for August 2009



Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence

- **Vision**
 - *An internationally recognised centre of phytosanitary expertise*
- **Need to build phytosanitary capacity in Africa**
 - Importance of agriculture and trade for development
 - Plant resources must be protected from pests
 - Phytosanitary issues can hinder market access
 - Kenya identified for centre by AU-IAPSC, COMESA



COPE Services & Expertise

- **Services**
 - Range of capacity building: short courses; university accredited; tailored; work attachment at KEPHIS
 - Pest Risk Analysis Unit, Consultancy
- **Expertise**
 - Core: Phytosanitary systems and services
 - Centre without walls: KEPHIS, UoN, other national, regional, international organisations



COPE Clients & Partners

- **Public and private sector**
 - National Plant Protection Organisations
 - Agricultural producers, exporters, traders
 - Research, education, extension organisations
 - Policy makers, NGOs, individuals
- **Finance**
 - Establishment grant from STDF
 - Aim to be self-sustaining, charge for services



COPE Getting Involved

- **Establishing the COPE**
 - Regional consultations: Training needs, Curriculum design, Course development
- **Contributing expertise**
 - Network for Pest Risk Analysts
 - Register of trainers
- **Requests for services**
- www.AfricaCOPE.org; info@AfricaCOPE.org



D. PHYTOSANITARY CAPACITY EVALUATION (PCE) UPDATE:

- working group finalized the updates in March 2009
- specifications for programming prepared
- training of facilitators anticipated in summer

III. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

8. Participation in the East African Phytosanitary Information Committee (EAPIC) meeting in Rwanda, March 2009: EAPIC is a growing initiative for pest reporting and pest surveillance in East Africa. It is being lead by the USAID and FAO. Approximately 11 countries, 50 participants and a number of concerned institutions attended.

9. March-April: CPM4 - Reporting IPPC obligations through RPPOs was agreed to. The IPPC will prepare a guidance and a portal through which RPPOs can be supported.
 10. March-April: CPM4 - Contracting parties agreed that a mechanism be developed by the IPPC to enable member countries to inform each other of declarations of pest free areas.
 11. Ongoing - The IPPC website is being redesigned for ease of use and enhanced search functionality
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