

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION

Planned activities to be undertaken by the IPPC – 2006

The following communication, received on 21 June 2006, is being circulated at the request of the IPPC.

1. The following summarizes capacity-building activities projected for 2006-2007. *These activities are subject to the availability of funding anticipated from various sources including the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), Regular Programme and IPPC Trust Fund.*

Capacity-building workshops

- One sub-regional workshop for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, pest risk analysis (PRA) and phytosanitary capacity evaluation.
- Capacity-building workshop for potential resource persons and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries consultants to support the technical assistance programme in the field.
- PRA workshop for South East Asia (in collaboration with the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific).

Workshops on draft International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

- As endorsed by ICPM-6 in 2004, the Secretariat will facilitate regional workshops on draft ISPMs. Funding is now available to allow the planned seven workshops to go ahead.

Projects under the Technical Cooperation Programme

- National phytosanitary capacity-building:
 - Gambia, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Yemen, Panama, Thailand.
- Regional phytosanitary capacity-building:
 - East Africa (Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya)

- South East Asia
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

Projects under Unilateral Trust Funds (UTF)

- Bahrain and Saudi Arabia – general phytosanitary capacity building.

International liaison

- World Trade Organization – participation in SPS workshops.
- CABI (Africa), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate, University of Nairobi and other stakeholders – participate in discussions and actions towards the establishment of a Regional Centre of Excellence in Kenya.

Informal Working Group on the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

The Informal Working Group on the PCE will review the PCE tool, and suggest new components and/or questions, as appropriate, for enhancing the tool.
