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IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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Agenda Item 8 (c) – Information from Observers

The following communication, received on 11 March 2013, is being circulated at the request of the International Plant Protection Convention secretariat (IPPC).

1 ESTABLISHMENT OF IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC)

1. The Seventh Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-7, 2012) 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.

2. In July 2012, the IPPC Secretariat issued an open call for candidates to be considered for membership of the 7-person CDC, in line with the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the CDC that were approved by CPM-7. In response, 12 nominations were received. At its October 2012 meeting, the CPM Bureau reviewed the CVs of the nominees. The Bureau selected one member from each of the seven FAO regions based on the criteria for technical expertise and qualifications. Several regions have not yet submitted nominations for alternate members of the CDC and have been encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

3. The first meeting of the CDC took place 3-7 December 2012 in Rome, Italy. Members of the previous expert working group on capacity development also participated to strengthen the communication of past work on IPPC capacity development issues to the new committee members. The group ensured that the capacity development work plan was compatible with the newly-developed IPPC strategic framework. The full report of the CDC's December 2012 meeting is available at

["https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1110798&frompage=13381&tx_publication_pi1\[showUid\]=2186110&type=publication&L=0"](https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1110798&frompage=13381&tx_publication_pi1[showUid]=2186110&type=publication&L=0).

4. The second meeting of the CDC is planned for 27-31 May 2013, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

5. 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 was submitted to the STDF in September 2012 with plans for 18 technical resources, including manuals, standard operating procedures and training kits to be developed under the project. The terms of reference for service providers to develop these technical resources have been developed and the IPPC Secretariat is in the process of selecting service providers.

6. The Secretariat identified a synergy with an existing product in development by the FAO Forestry Division. The FAO Forestry Division is developing an e-learning training kit on the relevance of ISPMs in the import/export of forest products. The IPPC Secretariat and the FAO

Forestry Division could collaborate to adapt this resource to apply to the import/export of commodities in general and to ensure alignment with the IPPC framework.

3 TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

7. The phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://www.phytosanitary.info>) has been launched and 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 NPPOs and 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/>).

8. A Roster of Consultants has been developed by the IPPC Secretariat. 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 application of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation tool, and establishment and management of national plant protection organizations). The Roster of Consultants is available through the phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://consultants.phytosanitary.info/>) and is intended to facilitate access to experts with experience in phytosanitary issues. Through this tool experts will be able to create their profile and upload their CVs. Anyone interested in contracting these experts will be able to contact them through the database. 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 International Plant Protection Convention or its contracting parties.

9. In 2012, the Secretariat staff facilitated the use of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool (PCE) in 11 developing countries.

10. In the regional TCP-project for Central Africa (RAF/3312 "*Appui au renforcement des capacités phytosanitaires dans les pays membres de la CEEAC et de la CEMAC*"), the PCE has been applied in nine countries (Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Republic of Congo and Sao Tome and Principe). In addition, the PCE has been applied in Armenia and Mauritius.

11. The Secretariat has received additional requests for facilitation of the PCE application in 2013.

4 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

12. The IPPC supported and attended the regional workshops to review draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) during 2012. The workshops have been held since 2000, with seven workshops per year for the past five years, covering all regions except Western Europe and North America.

13. The purpose of these workshops is to help contracting parties to discuss and prepare their comments on draft ISPMs and act as an important forum for exchange of national and regional perspectives on draft ISPMs during the member consultation period. The workshops are also important for developing the capacities of contracting parties and improving their understanding and implementation of the IPPC and its ISPMs.
