



IPPC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

MEETING OF 9-10 JULY 2014

Agenda Item 9(c) – Information from Observers

The following communication, received on 4 July 2014, 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) 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 National Phytosanitary Capacity of its members.

1.2. In establishing the CDC, the CPM also decided that after two years (at CPM-9 in 2014) the CPM would review the function of the CDC including deciding whether to establish a subsidiary body.

1.3. The CPM-9 (2014) adopted that the review of the CDC will be presented to CPM-10 (2015) instead of CPM-9 so that evaluation period will cover the full initial two-year period of CDC activities, with the CDC continuing its activities in the meantime.

1.4. At the fourth CDC meeting in June 2014, the IPPC Secretary explained the agreed Term of Reference for the CDC review, in which an external volunteer team would conduct the review. As a first step of the review, interview was conducted with each CDC member during the meeting. Due to the unavailability of the review team, the interview was conducted by the IPPC Secretary based on the questionnaire developed by the review team and the results were reported to the team. The final report developed by the team will be presented to the Bureau meeting in October 2014 for discussions.

1.5. During the fourth meeting, the CDC reviewed ongoing and future capacity development activities and updated CDC operational task list. The report is posted on the IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/capacity-development>.

1.6. The fifth CDC meeting is planned for 1-5 December 2014 in Rome, Italy.

2 TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

2.1. The phytosanitary technical resources web page (<http://www.phytosanitary.info>) has the objective to be used as an information platform for technical resources to support the implementation of the IPPC and its standards. The page includes various categories of phytosanitary resources and tools (advocacy, diagnostic protocols, guides, manuals, pest information, photos, standard operating procedures, videos, etc).

2.2. The IPPC Secretariat had worked for the improvement of the structure and layout of the web page and new layout page was re-launched in March 2014, including the virtual tool on CPM preparation and the Pest Risk Analysis Awareness Raising materials.

2.3. The new materials such as Market access manual, Transit manual and dielectric heating treatment factsheet that were developed under the auspice of the IPPC Secretariat under the direction of the CDC have been posted on the web page. The other materials in development will be made available in the near future.

2.4. NPPOs and RPPOs are encouraged to use and provide feedback on these materials as well as to consider opportunities to collaborate on future development, translation and printing of these materials through the financial contributions and the incorporation of these materials into the project activities.

2.5. 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/>).

2.6. 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 national plant protection organizations). 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 International Plant Protection Convention or its contracting parties.

2.7. The IPPC Secretariat has issued an open call for technical resources on plant health. This call for existing technical resources is ongoing (<http://phytosanitary.info/about>). Anyone in the world can share the materials that may assist the implementation of the IPPC and its standards and can access the available resource through the web page. The IPPC Secretariat encourages contributions in any languages from anyone in the world working in the field of plant health.

3 REGIONAL IPPC WORKSHOPS

3.1. The IPPC has supported and attended the Regional IPPC 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-related issues in addition to discuss and prepare the 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 Regional IPPC workshops are being planned in cooperation with a range of regional partners, and some with EU funding.
