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## **BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (TELECONFERENCE)**

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## 1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAME, Chairperson of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.
- [2] Mr Avetik NERSISYAN, IPPC Secretary Officer-in-Charge for daily matters, welcomed all participants and updated the CPM Bureau regarding the FAO return plan to headquarters, which entails a growing number of employees coming back voluntarily and safely. He clarified that the IPPC Secretariat is following the guidelines of the Plant Production and Protection Stream (NSP) of FAO.

## 2. Meeting Arrangements

### 2.1. Documents list

- [3] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#).

### 2.2. Participants list

- [4] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 2](#).

## 3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [5] The CPM Chairperson noted the following requests:
- Update and discussion on CPM FG on SFDAI timeline for delivery of an overarching implementation plan and expectations for the planning horizon;
  - Update on CPM FG on CCPI, particularly absences and lack of geographic representation.
  - Update on the IPPC Secretary selection process; and
  - Set a date for the Finance Committee.
- [6] The modified Agenda was adopted and is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

## 4. Update on Strategic Planning Group 2021

- [7] Mr John GREIFER, SPG Chairperson, updated the CPM Bureau on the planning of the upcoming session of Strategic Planning Group (SPG), noting that the organization is going well. He mentioned the need to identify a Rapporteur, asking the CPM Bureau members to share some nominations. Mr GREIFER informed the CPM Bureau that there will be a final coordination meeting on Monday 18 October.

- [8] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Noted* the update.

## 5. Update on CPM-16

- [9] The IPPC Secretariat updated on the current situation regarding the organization of the CPM-16.
- [10] Regular updates on IPPC CP that have not yet responded. Clearance on INF and discussion papers to be time effective.

[11] Mr John GREIFER suggested to share the same information regarding CPM-16 at SPG-10.

[12] The CPM Bureau:

- (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to update the CPM Bureau members on the IPPC contracting parties not yet expressing a position on holding CPM-16 virtually and to present a sequencing on the CPM-16 agenda at SPG-10.

## **6. IYPH Legacies: IYPH Webinars paving the way to the first International Plant Health Conference**

[13] The IPPC Secretariat informed the CPM Bureau that the first International Plant Health Conference (IPHC) is still planned to take place in 2022 as a major IYPH legacy and that negotiations are currently taking place to identify a potential host country. The IPPC Secretariat added that CPM-15 indicated that the former IYPH Technical Advisory Board should become the International Steering Committee of the International Day of Plant Health, with oversight on the IPHC programme.

[14] The CPM Bureau:

- (3) *Noted* the update.

## **7. Update on the FAO Strategic Framework and the linkages with the IPPC Strategic Framework**

[15] Mr Avetik NERSISYAN presented the newly adopted FAO Strategic Framework 2022 - 2030 and the Four Betters: Better Production (BP), Better Nutrition (BN), Better Environment (BE) and Better Life (BL)<sup>1</sup>. He shared detailed information regarding the Four Betters, highlighting the IPPC Secretariat involvement in specific plans. Mr NERSISYAN noted that the IPPC Secretariat's involvement is limited to providing inputs but it is a crucial to contribute to it.

[16] One CPM Bureau member asked if FAO had developed a template for implementation of its strategic framework and the IPPC Secretariat confirmed that is still under development but will inquiry about sharing any available draft.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- *Update and discussion on CPM FG on SFDAI timeline for delivery of an overarching implementation plan and expectations for the planning horizon*

[17] Mr Peter THOMSON updated the CPM Bureau the ongoing work of the CPM Focus Group (FG) on the Implementation of the Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 Development Agenda Items (SFDAI), thanking the IPPC Secretariat for the useful feedback on each DAI. He shared the suggested timeline and milestones for CPM Bureau's consideration, underlining that the current proposal will result in delivering the CPM FG on SFDAI at CPM-17 in 2023. Mr THOMSON reported that the CPM FG on SDAI suggested to plan according to the IPPC biennia.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fao.org/3/ne577en/ne577en.pdf>

[18] The IPPC Secretariat expressed its availability to plan and harmonise the IPPC budget planning with the implementation of the SFDAIs. The CPM Bureau highlighted the importance of sequencing the IPPC SFDAIs through competence and fund availability in collaboration with the relevant CPM Focus Group. The CPM Bureau noted that a sound implementation plan may also help to identify potential gaps and support resource mobilisation activities to that end. The need to plan for a period longer than one IPPC biennium also emerged quite clearly.

- *Update on CPM FG on CCPI, particularly absences and lack of geographic representation.*

[19] Ms Marica GATT presented two items on funding and geographic representation. She recalled that the CPM FG on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (CCPI) Terms of Reference, particularly regarding membership. She noted that some CPM FG CCPI did not join the meetings even once and that the CPM Focus Group is also lacking a necessary meteorological expertise. She asked the CPM Bureau to consider potential replacements and assess the possibility to open a call for experts to compensate for the lack of meteorological expertise.

[20] Mr Ahmed EL-ATTAR, CPM Bureau member for Near East and North Africa, indicated that he will liaise with NPPO of Tunisia and Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO) to address the issue raised by Ms GATT, seeking also an explanation for the lack of participation to the working of the CPM FG on CCPI.

[21] The CPM Bureau noted the update and asked its members to verify the availability of additional experts that may fill in the gaps and suggested that the CPM Chairperson may send a message to the Chairperson of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to send an additional expert with meteorological expertise. The CPM Bureau also suggested that the IPPC Secretariat may liaise with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for additional support in identifying a relevant expert in that field as per the CPM FG's request.

[22] The CPM Bureau:

- (4) *Noted* the situation of the CPM Focus Group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issue's membership and welcomed the initiative by Ms Mr Ahmed EL-ATTAR, CPM Bureau member for Near East and North Africa to liaise with the NEPPO and the NPPO of Tunisia looking for a potential replacement.

- *Update on the IPPC Secretary selection process.*

The CPM Chairperson updated the CPM Bureau on the selection process, specifying that the final interview round is taking place on 21 October 2021. He confirmed the IPPC community is going to be involved with two CPM Bureau members (current and former CPM Chairpersons) as part of the panel.

- *Set a date for the Finance Committee.*

[23] The IPPC Secretariat suggested the CPM Bureau to schedule the meeting one day prior to the November CPM Bureau meeting and the CPM Bureau agreed to hold the IPPC FC on 17 November 2021.

## **9. Next Meeting**

[24] The next meeting of the CPM Bureau is scheduled on 18 November 2021, 12:00 – 14:00 (CEST)

## **10. Closing of the Meeting**

[25] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting.

**Annex 1 –Document List**

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2021_Oct_Tel	03	Agenda	2021-10-07
02_Bureau_2021_Oct_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2021-10-07
03_Bureau_2021_Oct_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2021-10-07
04_Bureau_2021_Oct_Tel	06	IYPH Legacies: IYPH Webinars paving the way to the first International Plant Health Conference	2021-10-08

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**Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda**

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
2	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
3	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4	Preparation of the SPG meeting	<a href="#">Link to SPG 2020 agenda</a>	Lucien KUAME KONAN
5	CPM-15 Contingency Planning	--	Javier TRUJILLO
6	Next Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
7	Closing of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO

**Annex 4 – Action List**

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Update the CPM Bureau members on the IPPC contracting parties not yet expressing a position on holding CPM-16 virtually	IPP Secretariat	Arop DENG	18/11/2021
2	Liaise with the NEPPO and the NPPO of Tunisia looking for a potential replacement	CPM Bureau	Ahmed EL-ATTAR	18/11/2021