

MINUTES OF THE CPM FOCUS GROUP ON GLOBAL PHYTOSANITARY RESEARCH COORDINATION (VIRTUAL MEETING)

10 June 2025, 11:00–12:00, Rome Time

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination (FG-GPRC) was convened by the IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”).

2. Review of previous meeting minutes and action list

- [2] No objections or comments were raised. The previous action list was reviewed.

3. Status of invited experts

- [3] The secretariat sent invitations to Euphresco (meeting on June 24) and STAR-IDAZ (meeting on July 8). A text box was added to the briefing paper for experts to complete prior to meetings.
- [4] The focus group agreed to possibly extend future meetings to 1.5 or 2 hours if needed.

4. Selection of a third research networks

- [5] The focus group reviewed the shortlist of ~20 networks selected based on a scoring criteria with the goal to select a third to present to the focus group. There was a detailed discussion on ensuring balance: regional representation (e.g., Africa) and sectoral (e.g., forestry vs. agriculture).
- [6] The suggested options to be considered further after the meetings with the first two networks are: CGIAR, CABI, International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG), International Union of Forest Research Organizations, and ASEANET.
- [7] The secretariat clarified that as per the terms of reference for the focus group, up to three invited experts are permitted, but a formal request to the CPM Bureau could expand this, as needed.

5. Final report to the CPM

- [8] The secretariat informed the focus group that after consultation with colleagues, the Climate Change Focus Group report is the only one that could be used as structural model.
- [9] The focus group discussed the draft framework for the final report that was prepared by Cheryl DOLLARD (Canada) building on a previous paper presented by Susie COLLINS (Australia).
- [10] The focus agreed on the sections to be included as follows with the spreadsheet that contains the longlist of research networks to be included as an annex:
- Background.
 - Mandate.
 - Scope.
 - Methods.
 - Proposed approach.
- [11] It was agreed that the focus group members would review and consider which sections they can contribute to.

6. Next meeting

- [12] The next meeting will be held virtually on 24 June 2025 for 2-hours with the invited expert from Euphresco.
- [13] The focus group also considered the need to have a face-to-face meeting later in the year and agreed to discuss this further at a later date.



Appendix 1: Participant list

	Participant role	Name, mailing address, email address	Attendance
1	CPM Bureau representative	Glenn PANGANIBAN Director, Bureau of Plant Industry and Concurrent Program Director of the National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program of the Department of Agriculture Philippines	
2	RPPO representative	Saliou NIASSY Coordinator of Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (AU-IAPSC)	
3	RPPO representative	Olga TIKKA Director-General of European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)	✓
4	RPPO representative	Rashid Hamdan Saif AL-SHIDI Head of Plant Protection Research Center Oman (representing Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO))	✓
5	NPPO representative	Susie COLLINS Assistant Secretary, Plant Health Policy Plant Protection and Environmental Biosecurity Division Australia	✓
6	NPPO representative	Cheryl DOLLARD Director, Plant Intelligence, Research and Laboratory Services Canada	✓
7	NPPO representative	Philippe REIGNAULT Head of the Plant Health Laboratory & Scientific Director in charge of Plant Health – ANSES France	✓
8	NPPO representative	Maikel AVESKAMP Senior Policy Advisor, Plant Health The Netherlands	✓
9	Expert	Takashi FUJIKAWA Principal Scientist, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization Japan	✓

IPPC Secretariat

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Aoife CASSIN IPPC Programme Specialist	✓

Appendix 2: Action list

Task	Document	Responsible	Deadline
Confirm attendance of Euphresco and STAR-IDAZ for upcoming meetings	--	Secretariat	ASAP
Clarify policy on number of invited experts with Bureau	--	Secretariat / Glenn	24 June
Explore details and linkages of the forestry networks suggested	--	Cheryl	22 July
Review shortlist and prepare to select third research network post-interviews	LINK:  IPPC FG - Research Network Information_longlist_2025-03-25.xlsx	ALL	22 July
Review framework draft and identify preferred contribution areas	LINK:  Updated for June 10 - 03 FG-GPRC 2025 Feb Draft report structure.docx	ALL	22 July
Consider hosting logistics and discuss feasibility of a face-to-face meeting in October/November to finalise the report for CPM-20	--	ALL	22 July