



## UPDATE ON DAI 4 – DEVELOPING GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

### 1. Introduction

- [1] The main activities under the DAI “Developing guidance on the use of third-party entities” are the development of two IPPC guides: *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2018-040), and *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2021-009). Specifications for both guides have previously been approved and are available on the [IPP](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- [2] During 2024 SPG meeting, the IPPC Secretariat noted that progress on the development of these guides was delayed due to insufficient funding.

### 2. Update on progress

- [3] In 2022, Canada had contributed partial funding for this DAI. During CPM-19 (2025), Australia and Canada contributed additional funds to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund to support this DAI. This additional funding is sufficient to enable work on the two guides to begin once the secretariat resource becomes available. During Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) meeting in May 2025, it was confirmed that following the departure of Barbara PETERSON, the in-kind contribution from Canada, Preet PARMAR would be taking the lead on the development of guides and training materials.
- [4] The IC members also agreed that the guide for *Audit in the phytosanitary context* should be prioritized first and once an initial draft is available, work on the guide for *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* should be initiated. The members also agreed that separate working groups should be established for the two guides. However, it was noted that there should be coordination between the working groups to ensure the guides are complementary and not repetitive.
- [5] The IC noted that, for the second half of 2025 and beginning of 2026, the secretariat is focused on finalizing the development of IPPC guide on risk-based inspection. As such, it was agreed that a call for experts for the development of the guide for *Audit in the phytosanitary context* should be launched in November 2025, to begin selection of members and work on the guide in early 2026.
- [6] It was agreed that the call for nominations for the expert working group for the second guide, *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions*, should be launched closer to the initiation of the work on this guide.

### Recommendations

- [7] The SPG is invited to:
- *note* the update on the IPPC DAI “Developing guidance on the use of third-party entities”.
  - *promote* the call for experts for the two guides to ensure a wide representation.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/about/core-activities/capacity-development/guides-and-training-materials/development-guides-and-training-materials/approved-specifications-icd/>