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Rome, 14 April 2025

Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

Meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG)

27-29 October 2025

Ethiopia Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat is pleased to confirm arrangements for the in-person meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Strategic Planning Group (SPG) and to formally invite you to attend this meeting.

Meeting dates and venue: The meeting will be convened from 09:00 to 17:00 (Rome time) on Monday, 27 to Wednesday, 29 October in the Ethiopia Room, in the FAO HQ. The SPG is held in **English only**.

Expression of interest to attend the SPG as a funded participant: The IPPC Financial Committee agreed on a criterionⁱ for funding up to two eligible NPPO representatives per region to attend the SPG meeting. Please complete this brief expression of interest form, available here: <https://forms.office.com/e/nd0HUYax4x> no later than **26 May 2025**.

All expressions of interest will be reviewed by the CPM Bureau at their June 2025 meeting. The current IPPC criteria for financial support based upon World Bank country development status will be applied.

Registration for the meeting: You are requested to confirm your participation to Tanja.Lahti@fao.org; **by 26 September 2025, after this date is not possible to register.**

Meeting documents and preparation: The provisional agenda, the invitation letter and working papers will be available at the following link: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/strategic-planning-group/2025-spg/>

Participants are encouraged to develop discussion papers on specific topics on the agenda they would like to be addressed. Please forward such discussion papers to Ms Aoife Cassin (Aoife.Cassin@fao.org) by **26 September 2025** so they may be properly circulated.

You are kindly requested to read the documents prior to the meeting. Please check the relevant page frequently for updates. Should you have questions in this regard you may contact Paola.Sentinelli@fao.org.

I look forward to your participation and trust we will have productive and enjoyable discussions.

Yours sincerely,



IPPC Secretariat Officer-in-Charge
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Contacts/deadlines:

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| • Submission of expressions of interest for funding by 26 May 2025 | Aoife.Cassin@fao.org |
| • Submission of discussion papers by 26 September 2025 | Aoife.Cassin@fao.org |
| • Meeting registration by 26 September 2025 | Tanja.Lahti@fao.org ; |
| • Questions on registration, website and papers | Paola.Sentinelli@fao.org |

ⁱ Financial Committee December 2025 meeting, Appendix 3