

IPPC Standards Committee

New Member Training

November 2023



Introductions

Name

Country

Brief Background

**What would you like to know
more about in this training session?**



Overview

1. IPPC background
2. IPPC governance and subsidiary bodies
3. IPPC standard setting process
4. Standards Committee (SC)
5. SC tools
6. SC work in the IPPC standard setting process
7. Useful documents



1. IPPC background

Purpose of the IPPC

Protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests



1. IPPC background

- **Convention adopted in 1951 by FAO**
 - Came into force in 1952
 - Revised in 1997 and came into force in 2005
- **Secretariat established in 1992**
- **185 contracting parties**, which includes countries and economic zones, such as the EU. Each contracting party must establish a national plant protection organization (NPPO)
- **Regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs)**
- **Relevant international organizations**



2. IPPC governance & subsidiary bodies

CPM

Bureau

SPG

SC

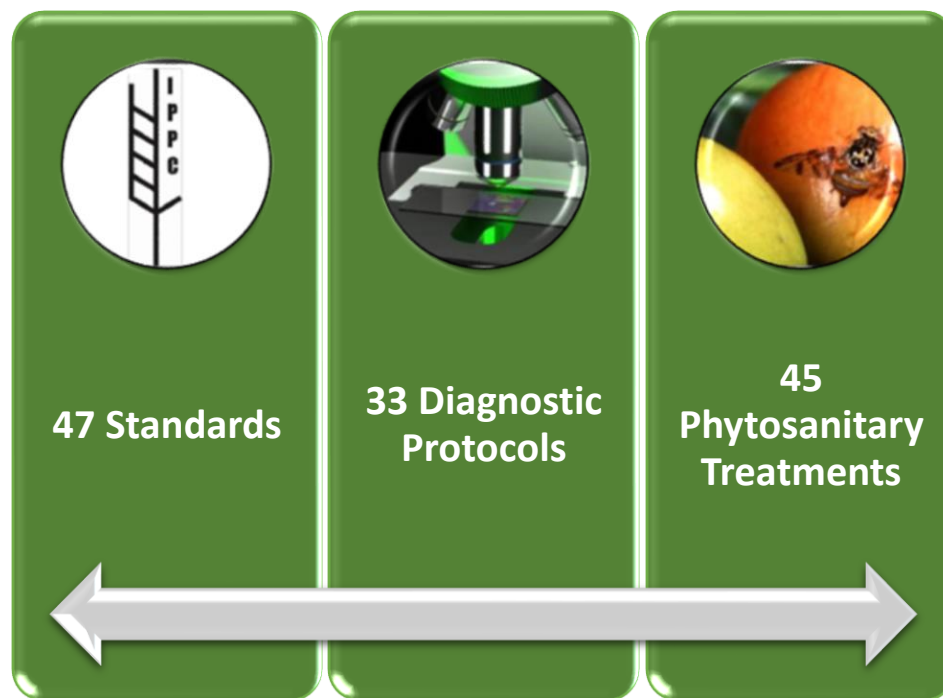
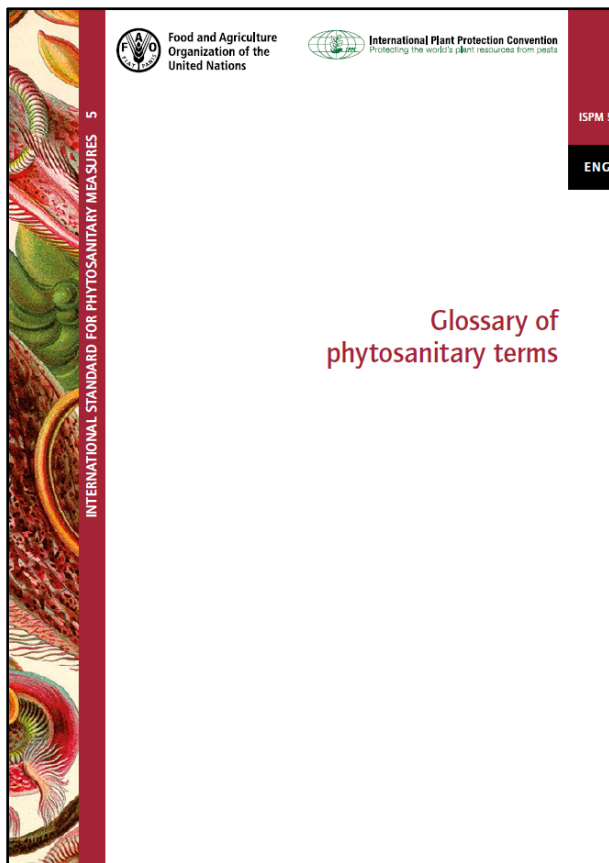
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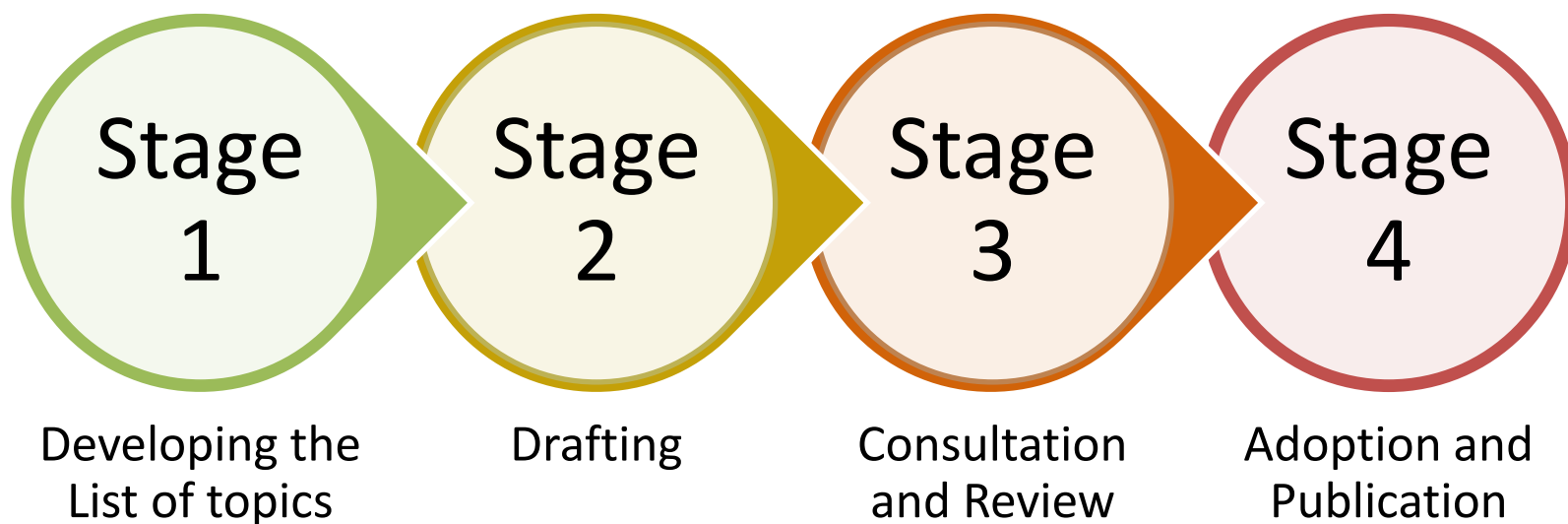
EWGs

Subgroups

3. IPPC standard setting process – Adopted standards (1993-2023)



3. IPPC standard setting process (SSP)



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The standard setting process is:

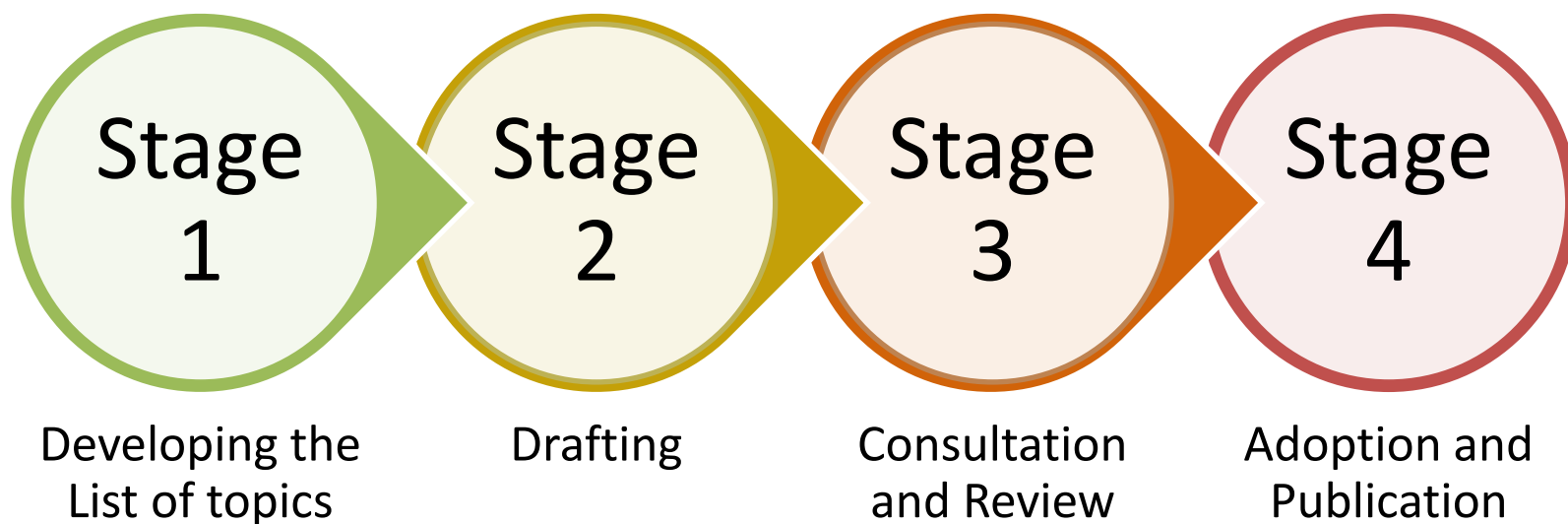
- Conducted in accordance with the IPPC work programme (*List of topics*)
- Managed by the SC
- Coordinated by the Secretariat
- Delivered through work done by:
 - Technical Panels
 - Expert Working Groups (EWG)
 - Workshops
 - Technical consultations



3. Standard setting process – Technical Panels

1. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
2. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
3. Technical Panel on the Glossary (TPG)
4. Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)

3. IPPC standard setting process (SSP)



4. Standards Committee

SC Rules of Procedure

- Available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1107/>

Purpose

- Oversees the development of standards

Responsible for

- Overseeing the standard setting process
- Managing the development of ISPMs
- Providing guidance and oversight to the work of technical panels and expert working groups
- Ensuring standards have consistent quality
- Additional tasks assigned by the CPM

4. Standards Committee & Standards

The SC ensures that a standard

- Fulfills the specification
- Falls within the scope of the IPPC
- Is technically-based and has scientific integrity
- Follows the principles and policies of the CPM
- Is presented in simple, clear, and focused language



4. Standards Committee - Membership

- Experts from different regions to include diversity of global views
- 25 members from the seven FAO regions
 - 4 each from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, and Near East
 - 3 from Southwest Pacific
 - 2 from North America



4. Standards Committee – Membership



Members can be replaced if

- He/she resigns
- He/she no longer meets the qualifications for membership
- He/she fails to attend **two consecutive** SC meetings
- SC membership list and potential replacements available on IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1109/>

4. Standards Committee – Decision Making

- The SC is responsible for making decisions and recommendations for consideration by the CPM
- **Decisions** are taken at the SC meetings (May and November) **and via e-decision**



4. Standards Committee – Leadership and Participation

- The SC selects its own Chair and Vice Chair
- Meets twice a year – May and November



4. Standards Committee – SC Working Group (SC-7)

- SC Members from each FAO region select one member to be on the SC-7
- Undertakes detailed work on draft standards that have returned from the first consultation
- Meets every May, the week after the SC meeting
- Selects its own Chair



5. SC tools – Work Area on IPP





- Includes documents for meetings, message boards, discussion forums, and tools for electronic decision making (e-decision).
- Password restricted.
- Expert Working Groups (EWGs), Technical Panels, SC, etc. only have access to relevant pages.

5. SC tools – E-decision page example

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🔒 2017_eSC_May_12: Approval of the responses to comments the draft DP for Phytophthora ramorum (2004-013) to be submitted to the DP notification period	SC Forum: Discussions between November 2016 - May 2017	Janka Kiss	18 Apr 2017	20 comments	Edit as Admin
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5. SC tools – Online Comment System (OCS)


- The IPPC Official Contact Points (OCPs) are responsible to provide comments during consultations.
- The OCS facilitates sharing and submission of comments on draft standards and specifications during consultations.
- SC members should be familiar with the OCS concept (e.g. to comment on draft specs outside official consultations, attend regional workshops and to act as reviewers for OCPs).



5. SC tools – OCS welcome page

IPPC - OCSEnglishEspañolFrançais?

Version 5.2.12



Welcome to the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS)!

The **PleaseReview User Manual** is available [here](#). Other training material is available [here](#).
For any questions on how to use the system or to arrange a training session, please email us [here](#).
Draft ISPMs currently under member consultation are available for your download [here](#).

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6. SC work in the IPPC standard setting process

How much time will I spend on SC activities?

Allocate enough time for meetings and follow-up activities (SC meets two times per year)

2 weeks for meetings

2 weeks for meeting preparations

2 weeks to review draft standards

2 weeks to review consultation comments

Total: 8 weeks minimum*

***Can be more if you participate in regional workshops, attend meetings on draft standards, and you are a Steward**



6. SC work in the IPPC standard setting process

Other SC Member Responsibilities:

- Consult and liaise with relevant national and international experts
- Contribute to supplementary written information on draft standards
- Read all meeting documents and provide discussion papers and comments
- Participate in email discussions and e-decisions
- If unable to attend a meeting, provide written notification to the Secretariat well in advance

5. SC work in the IPPC standard setting process

Other SC Member Responsibilities (continued)

Regional communication

- Communicate information regarding draft standards to countries within their region
- Discuss issues with other regional experts
- Attend regional workshops on draft standards
- Respond to concerned contracting parties and RPPOs about comments that were not incorporated



7. Useful documents

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IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting

SC Rules of Procedure

SC Membership List

Glossary of phytosanitary terms (ISPM 5)

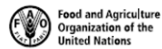
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