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National Phytosanitary Capacity**

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Terms of reference for the Open-ended Working Group on Building National Phytosanitary Capacity

The purpose of the OEWG is to produce:

- i) a draft concept paper on national phytosanitary capacity for consideration by the SPTA in 2008 for presentation to CPM-4.
- ii) a draft strategy for national phytosanitary capacity building for consideration by the SPTA for presentation to CPM.
- iii) a proposed operational plan for implementing the strategy over the first six years of its operation.

The OEWG will develop a framework with the constituent elements of the strategy. The IPPC Secretariat will supply relevant detailed information.

The strategy will propose actions to deliver the essential elements of national phytosanitary capacity building with reference to:

- the responsibilities of contracting parties of the IPPC for the protection of plant resources
- the importance of the IPPC and its standards in relation to facilitation of trade
- critical areas listed in the Business Plan
- the role of the PCE along with other such tools for identifying the need for capacity development
- the development programme of the *IPPC Implementation review and support system* including development of the Help Desk
- funding and administration of the IPPC technical assistance programme including
 - developing relationships with potential donors
 - coordination of technical assistance activities by the Secretariat.

In its discussions the OEWG should consider definitions and capacity building concepts used by other organizations to see if these concepts may be applicable to capacity building under the IPPC.

Given the complexity of the task, the OEWG may decide to recommend that the elements of the strategy be developed further by working groups or experts.

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The OEWG participants should have good knowledge of:

- the capacity and capability needed to deliver the elements of a phytosanitary system
- planning, funding and delivery of technical assistance
- the IPPC, its objectives and its structures
- the specific technical assistance needs of their regions
- strategic planning and management and appropriate experience.

In addition, the IPPC Secretariat and the CPM Bureau may invite appropriate experts to participate at the OEWG.

The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding participants from developing countries within available resources.