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## **1. Opening of Meeting**

- [1] The Co-Chairpersons of the Financial Committee (FC), Michelle GRAY (North America), and Temarama ANGUNAKAMANA (Southwest Pacific) welcomed all participants to the meeting.

## **2. Meeting arrangements**

- [2] The list of participants is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

## **3. Meeting objectives**

- [3] The CPM chairman explained the FC reported to the bureau and decision recommendations made by the FC were referred to the bureau, which took the final decisions.

## **4. Adoption of agenda**

- [4] The FC adopted the agenda (Appendix 2).

## **5. Relevant financial and budget issues**

### **5.1 Financial position of the IPPC Secretariat**

- [5] The new IPPC Secretary Enrico Perotti told the Finance Committee (FC) that the IPPC Secretariat was surviving, but not thriving, when it came to its financial position. The secretary added he wanted to be transparent about finances and wanted to align the secretariat's finances with the 2020-2030 IPPC Framework.
- [6] The secretary said the secretariat planned to draft its budget for the next two years and present it to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) in March 2026. The secretariat reported it had four pillars in the budget: the regular 2-year Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) allotment, projects, the Multi-Donor Trust Funds (MDTFs) and in-kind contributions.
- [7] At the end of September 2025, out of the secretariat's USD 3.7 million regular budget allotment from FAO, the secretariat had spent USD 2.5 million, had committed USD 800 000, and had forecasted expenses of USD 400 000. In other words, the secretariat's budget was on track. The secretariat added that if funding from the regular budget FAO allotment went unspent, it would go back to FAO.
- [8] Within the MDTFs, there were earmarked and unearmarked funds. Altogether, the funds had initially totaled approximately USD 4 million, and USD 2.2 million earmarked, and USD 600 000 unearmarked. These funds could be accrued and deferred.
- [9] The secretary mentioned ePhyto was one of the highlights of the IPPC but cost about USD 500 000-600 000 a year to maintain. The secretariat said the intent was to create one trust fund for this programme.
- [10] The Africa Phytosanitary Programme (APP) had a new MDTF that didn't contain any funds at this time. Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System should have its own MDTF, as requested by CPM-19. The thinking behind creating separate MDTFs for these programmes was to ringfence them and ensure their longevity.
- [11] The FC:
- (1) noted the IPPC Secretary's update about the financial position of the IPPC Secretariat;

## 5.2 Status of IPPC Projects including ePhyto and APP trust funds

- [12] The secretariat told the FC it wanted to align the ePhyto and APP trust funds with FAO's 2-year regular budgetary allotments, to make the budgeting process more seamless. The bureau agreed that MDTFs budgeting should be extended to align with FAO funding arrangements, but a final decision on the issue should be taken by CPM. The FC discussed the challenge of knowing what individual dollars in MDTFs were being spent on.
- [13] (During the CPM bureau meeting, which ran concurrently with the FC, FAO responded to a query from the secretariat saying it would be possible to align the two budgets.)
- [14] (As a result of this FC discussion, the bureau later *agreed* to extend the use of funds from the IPPC MDTF until 31 December 2028, to align with regular FAO budgetary payments, enabling more flexibility and long-term budget planning, and asked the secretariat to take appropriate actions within FAO to make sure this decision was reflected in the FAO FPMIS system.)
- [15] The FC:
- (2) asked the secretariat to ensure transparency and accountability regarding MDTFs for donors and others by tracking line-by-line spending within MDTFs.

## 5.3 IPPC Secretariat Workplan and Budget for 2026

- [16] The FC said long-term budgeting for the IPPC should be informed by the upcoming IPPC evaluation, and it was timely to consider the next strategic framework. One question to consider is whether ISPMs needed to be adjusted to improve utility.
- [17] The FC and secretariat agreed the secretariat needed to sell itself and be actively involved in FAO work planning. The FC added that the FC should meet with the FAO permanent representatives. The FC asked if MDTFs earned interest and where the money went. The FC also asked about accepting donations from the private sector and was told the IPPC couldn't do so, unless the money was for specific events such as workshops.
- [18] The FC said it needed to have a draft workplan and associated budget ready for CPM-20 (2026). Draft workplans and budgets would be presented to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and Standards Committee (SC) by their respective secretariat units in November, before being consolidated by the FC for presentation at CPM-20 (2026). The secretariat said the FC would need feedback on the proposed draft workplan budgets by the IC and the SC before any detailed discussions could take place or decisions could be taken.
- [19] The FC:
- (3) agreed that proposed budgets for draft workplans from the respective secretariat units would be considered by future October meetings of the FC;

## 5.4 Envisaged gaps in translation funding in 2026

- [20] The secretariat told the FC its budget was limited for a range of translation work, particularly when it came to translating the IPPC Plant Health Campus into Arabic, Russian and Chinese. The secretariat said the priority when it came to translations was the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), followed by various guides and then the campus. The FC said a paper should be prepared for CPM that explored the possibility of forming a language review group, as part of the process to rethink the ISPMs. The FC added that any translation work should be scaled up slowly, as there was a large backlog of material. The secretariat responded that it kept a table with all the material that eventually needed to be translated.
- [21] The FC:
- (4) *noted* the need for translating guides and training materials into all FAO languages, in a timely manner and without undue resource pressures on the IFU;

- (5) *invited* the IC to prepare a paper for CPM-20 (2026) on translation costs for guides and training materials, examining priorities for these materials in different languages, and an invitation for in-kind contributions.

## 6. Any other business

- [22] The secretariat and the FC examined the FC's terms of reference (ToR), which were last updated in 2018. The FC asked if there was a continued need for the FC or if its structure should be changed. The secretariat said the important point was that the budgeting process be accountable and transparent, adding the FC could be made accountable to the CPM or stay with the bureau. The secretariat and the FC examined a CPM-7 (2012) report which provided a brief explanation of why the FC was created. The FC also suggested the FC was created to take burden off the bureau when it came to budgeting.
- [23] The chairperson opened the floor for discussion on the FC's ToR. The FC asked where the four people required for the FC were sourced from as the ToR didn't say, even though it was assumed they came from the bureau. The question was also raised as to whether the FC needed all four people. The secretariat said it would be a good idea to include an FAO representative and/or someone with financial expertise. The FC said the ToR said nothing about meeting frequency or which entity the FC reported to. The secretariat said the FC should meet virtually given that in person meetings were not necessarily required.
- [24] The secretariat and the FC added that the ToR contained editorial errors because names of entities had changed since the ToR was written. The FC concluded that the entire document needed to be rewritten, given that much of the information it contained was obsolete. The secretariat said the new ToR should be kept simple and outline what the FC's intent was.
- [25] The FC:
- (6) *requested* the secretariat draft a new ToR for the FC, based on a new ToR template also being prepared by the secretariat, for consideration at the FC's November meeting and subsequently be presented to CPM-20 (2026) for adoption.

## 7. Next meeting

- [26] The FC:
- (7) *agreed* to meet in virtual mode in November to discuss the proposed budget for the 2026 workplan and the draft revision of the FC ToR and *requested* the secretariat to open an online poll to select a date.

**Appendix 1: List of participants**

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**Appendix 2: Agenda**

AGENDA ITEM		PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	IPPC Secretary / FC Co-chairs
2.	Meeting Arrangements	IPPC Secretariat
3.	Objectives of the meeting	Anguna - Kamana / Gray
4.	Adoption of the Agenda	Anguna - Kamana / Gray
5.	Relevant financial and budgetary issues	
	Financial position of the IPPC Secretariat Status of IPPC Projects including ePhyto and APP Trust funds IPPC Secretariat Work plan and Budget for 2026 - discussion Envisaged gaps in funding in 2026 Costs of translations for guides and training materials (02_FC_2025_Oct)	IPPC Secretariat
6.	Any other business - TORs for the Financial Committee	FC/Secretariat
7.	Next Meeting	
8.	Closing of the Meeting	