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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

**Eighth Session**

**Rome, 8-12 April 2013**

**Tentative Schedule of Side Events during the 8th Session of the  
Commission on Phytosanitary Measures**

**Agenda item 18**

**Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat (English only)**

1. A tentative schedule of Side Events, as of 8 April 2013, is provided herewith for information.

**LIST OF SIDE EVENTS DURING  
THE 8th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

Given below is a tentative schedule for side events to be held during CPM-8. Side-events may be rescheduled in the interests of the official sessions of the meeting. This schedule does not include other meetings that may take place outside of the plenary such as regional coordination meetings, friends of the chair meetings, etc.

Views expressed in side events are those of the organizers and do not necessarily reflect those of the FAO, IPPC Secretariat or the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures. Any information presented in these sessions should be considered unofficial.

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<b>Monday 8 April 2013</b>			
<b>17:00-18:30</b>	Mexico	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: IPPC basic training for contracting parties - Part 1</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Sally Jennings, NZ</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> A three-part series of side sessions will offer an opportunity for hands-on training on the obligations and responsibilities of being an IPPC contracting party. The sessions will take place throughout the week of CPM. The sessions will include modules on planning to arrange the necessary resources to operate as an IPPC contact point and IPP editor, ideas for facilitating internal NPPO engagement, and information management for improved participation in the IPPC processes. All CPM delegates are invited to attend, and participants whose travel to the CPM is supported by the IPPC Trust Fund are especially encouraged to participate. Attendance at all three sessions is recommended but delegates are welcome to attend any session. Part 1 will cover the international context of the IPPC. Part 2 will cover opportunities, techniques and resources to strengthen participation in a IPPC activities. Part 3 will address opportunities to participate in the standard setting process.</p>
<b>17:00-18:30</b>	Lebanon	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: E-learning training materials on trade in forestry products</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Ana Peralta</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The FAO Forestry Department and IPPC Secretariat collaborated to produce an interactive set of training materials to highlight the relevance of the IPPC</p>

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			<p>and its ISPMs in the context of trade in forestry products. These materials are based on the successful “Guide to implementation of ISPMs in Forestry” which was produced by the FAO Forestry Department with input from the IPPC Secretariat and a range of global experts on forestry and phytosanitary issues. The e-learning materials communicate phytosanitary principles in the context of forestry, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between forestry ministries and NPPOs. These training materials will be available as free, online interactive resources and this session offers an opportunity to become familiar with this newly launched material. The session will demonstrate how to use the e-learning materials and highlight the valuable use of this tool to strengthen communication between NPPOs, forestry officials, and private sector stakeholders involved in trade of forest products.</p>
<b>Tuesday 9 April 2013</b>			
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Mexico	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: Come to meet the CDC and know more on the resources page</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Ana Peralta</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Contracting parties are invited to meet and greet members of the Capacity Development Committee (CDC). A brief introduction to the structure, rules of procedures and Terms of Reference for the CDC will be presented, followed by an opportunity for contracting parties to ask their regional CDC members questions related to capacity development activities.</p> <p>The phytosanitary technical resources web page (<a href="http://www.phytosanitary.info">www.phytosanitary.info</a>) will be showcased, with explanations on how to find and contribute phytosanitary technical resources. Over 200 resources are currently available on the page. Resources on the page include the newly launched Roster of Consultants, project and activities databases, and the e-learning course on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).</p> <p>The phytosanitary resources page makes practical resources available to contracting parties and the general public. These are not adopted or endorsed by the CPM but are considered to be useful and relevant resources on phytosanitary issues. This page was developed through IPPC capacity development activities as an output for the support component of the Implementation Review and Support System project and to host products developed under specific projects. This page was designed as a mechanism to make materials on phytosanitary issues available to contracting parties. The IRSS</p>

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			project staff will be available to discuss the linkages between this page and the IRSS Help Desk and other support system activities.
13:00-15:00	Lebanon	Italian NPPO	<p><b>Title: Fitok system and dielectric heating systems</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Federico Sorgoni; Luzie Zaza</p> <p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Under Decree No. 13 of July 2005, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has recognized the Wood-Cork Services Consortium (Consorzio Servizio Legno-Sughero) as the entity in charge of the IPPC/FAO mark in Italy and has approved regulations on the use of the FITOK Voluntary Phytosanitary Mark (VPM). Regulations on the use of the FITOK Voluntary Phytosanitary Mark, approved by the Italian NPPO, define the features of the accreditation and control system in relation to issuing and maintaining the right to use the IPPC/FAO and FITOK marks. The Wood-Cork Services Consortium manages and monitors the ISPM-15 Technical Regulations in Italy.</p> <p><u>Fitokweb control system.</u></p> <p>The accreditation and control system is managed by the Consorzio using a purposely-designed software system (call fitokweb) which allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company data management;</li> <li>• Reports for the companies;</li> <li>• Managing accreditation and control visits;</li> <li>• Managing sanctions;</li> <li>• Reports of control and supervision by the Italian NPPO</li> </ul> <p><u>References of Phytosanitary Traceability (Batch)</u></p> <p>They are references that unequivocally trace back to industrial process, in terms of placement in the production system and time (year) to satisfy the needs of phytosanitary traceability.</p> <p>Dielectric Heating (DH) is a pending phytosanitary measure to be included in the</p>

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			<p>International Standard, ISPM No. 15, for reducing the spread of quarantine pests, occurring through international shipping of infested wood packaging material, by using a new pest-control method: DH.</p> <p>Several studies and tests have demonstrated that the DH treatment is fully effective against all life stages of pests, nematodes and xylophagous, infesting wood packaging materials.</p> <p>Where dielectric heating is used, wood packaging material must be heated to achieve a minimum temperature of 60°C for 1 continuous minute throughout the entire profile of wood. The presentation shows the main differences between conventional heating and dielectric heating (achieved by microwaves), the DH working principle and summarizes its main advantages like eco-friendliness, safety and cost-effectiveness.</p>
18:00-19:30	Mexico	IGTC	<p><b>Title: Global Grain Movement and International Phytosanitary Management Challenges</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Dennis Stephens</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> A discussion by Members of the International Grain Trade Coalition. The IGTC has 22 trade organizations representing more than 8000 members involved in the international grain movement operating in more than 80 countries. IGTC Members will provide an overview of global grain supply /demand trends, the nature of international grain contracts and phytosanitary issues within the global grain handling and transportation system. The session will conclude with a discussion of the commercial implications of different approaches available to governments to achieve improved harmonization in managing pest risks associated with the international movement of grain.</p>
18:00-19:30	Iran	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: Trade facilitation procedures: single windows, customs unions, etc</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Ana Peralta</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Inter-American Bank (IDB), the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Jamaica, and the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), will jointly hold a seminar on trade facilitation procedures including single window approaches and customs unions. The STDF will present the trade facilitation approaches under the frameworks of WTO-SPS and the STDF partnership. The NPPO of Jamaica will present a country case study that highlights best practices and lessons</p>

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			<p>learned from a single window approach. The IDB will present based on experiences of working on customs/single window approaches throughout the Latin America. This is an opportunity to come and share your country's best practices and lessons learned of single window approaches, and to ask questions.</p> <p>A background document is available at <a href="http://www.phytopsanitary.info/node/1565">http://www.phytopsanitary.info/node/1565</a></p>
<b>Wednesday 10 April 2013</b>			
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Lebanon	ISF	<p><b>Title: Moving Seed across International borders</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The international movement of seed is central to agricultural production in almost every nation. Breeding is increasingly conducted internationally so that researchers can access new varieties, new environments and new knowledge. Local breeding and trials occur to determine that new varieties are properly adapted to a range of environments and conditions. Seed is, therefore, often moved into and out of many countries and it is in the interest of NPPOs and the seed industry to have mechanisms that ensure the safe movement of seeds in international trade in order to protect agriculture, and the environment.</p> <p>Pest risk analyses (PRA) are the basis of phytosanitary regulations instituted by a country. Pest risk analyses for seeds, however, are complicated by the fact that many pests may not be associated with the actual seed. During the PRA process, care should be taken to ensure that <i>seed is actually a pathway</i> for the introduction and spread of any regulated pests for which phytosanitary measures are to be required. Interpretation of scientific publications regarding seed as a pathway for pests is critical. Many studies have documented that seed transmission of seed-borne pests may occur under laboratory conditions but such transmissibility has not been studied under field conditions.</p> <p>ISF would like to share with NPPOs the work the seed industry is undertaking in facilitating the analysis of whether seed is the pathway.</p>

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9:00-10:00	Green	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: ePhyto</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Dave Nowell, IPPC</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> As part of ISPM12, electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) will be harmonized by IPPC indicated as a priority by CPM in 2012. This presentation is to update decision makers on ePhyto by explaining what ePhyto is and its benefits, what the status of IPPC developments is and what NPPOs need to take into account when implementing ePhyto by moving from paper certificates to electronic certificates. The IPPC ePhyto steering committee has worked with expert groups to collate the information needed for harmonization of ePhyto. This information will be in Appendix 1 to ISPM12 and technical information will be on the IPPC website. Essential elements are the structure and contents of an electronic certificate and its secure transmission. The text of the Appendix was circulated for member consultation in 2012 and is with the Standards Committee now for further consideration. When NPPOs are considering implementing ePhyto they need to take into account their national system for production and receipt of phytosanitary certificates. Furthermore an IT system is needed to produce electronic certificates with the certification data and to secure and transmit the data.</p> <p>Trials to test the system with other countries and eventually bilateral arrangements are needed with their trading partners to move from paper to electronic certificates in real trade. A study on the feasibility of establishing an IPPC ePhyto hub to substantially facilitate the exchange of ePhytos between trading partners has been initiated. In future, the IPPC will also play a role in increasing awareness of ePhyto and associated capacity building that may be necessary.</p>

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<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Mexico	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: Seminar on the emerging pest: Banana Bunchy Top Virus.</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Ana Peralta</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> In collaboration with the FAO Regional Office in Africa and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) a seminar will be held Banana Bunchy Top Virus. The seminar will discuss the current state of knowledge on BBTD and importance of cohesive action against this trans-boundary invasive disease, classified by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a major threat to banana biodiversity; and how lack of such an action can result in severe damage to banana systems, also challenged by the climate change effects. Contracting parties are welcome to participate and to have a fruitful discussion after the seminar given and to discuss issues related to other emerging pests.</p>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Lebanon	IPPC	<p><b>Title: Expert consultation on cold treatments</b></p> <p><b>Facilitated by: Artur Shamilov, IPPC</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Expert consultation on cold treatments, (ECCT) will involve the best experts in the world on cold treatments used by National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and relevant experts from the TPPT and the Technical Panel on pest free areas and system approaches for fruit flies (TPFF). The meeting would provide a forum for discussion of cold treatments, to build confidence in them and establish mutual understanding of any related issues.</p>
<b>18:00-19:30</b>	Mexico	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: IPPC basic training for contracting parties _ Part 2</b></p> <p>Facilitated by: Ana Peralta</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> A three-part series of side sessions will offer an opportunity for hands-on training on the obligations and responsibilities of being an IPPC contracting party. The sessions will take place throughout the week of CPM. The sessions will include modules on planning to arrange the necessary resources to operate as an IPPC contact point and IPP editor, ideas for facilitating internal NPPO engagement, and information management for improved participation in the IPPC processes. All CPM</p>



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<b>Thursday 11 April 2013</b>			
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Lebanon	CABI Plantwise	<p><b>Title: National Plant Protection Organisations' experiences with the Plantwise programme</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Plantwise is a global collaborative programme, led by CABI, to improve food security and livelihoods by reducing crop losses. This is achieved through work with extension services to establish plant clinics which provide farmers with advice for addressing plant health problems and a knowledge bank which brings together plant health information. Plantwise also works to strengthen national plant health systems by facilitating links between stakeholders such as National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs), extension and research. The Plantwise programme has established policies regarding pest reporting and the use of plant clinic data which take into account the role of the NPPO. In 2013, Plantwise is being piloted in 7 new countries for a total of 31 countries participating in the programme. This side event is intended to serve as a forum to discuss NPPO experiences with Plantwise. Following a brief overview of the programme and its policies, NPPO representatives will present on their engagement with Plantwise in their countries. These presentations will be followed by an open discussion which will give CPM delegates the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the programme.</p>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Mexico	IPPC Secretariat	<p><b>Title: IPPC basic training for contracting parties - Part 3</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> A three-part series of side sessions will offer an opportunity for hands-on training on the obligations and responsibilities of being an IPPC contracting party. The sessions will take place throughout the week of CPM. The sessions will include</p>

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## Evening Sessions

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<b>Monday, 08 April</b>	<b>18:30-21:30</b>	Green Room	Standard Setting	IPPC	Title: Sea Containers
<b>Tuesday, 09 April</b>	<b>19:30-22:30</b>	Plenary Hall	Standard Implementation	IPPC	Title: Q & A on ISPM 15
<b>Wednesday, 10 April</b>	<b>19:30-22:30</b>		Information Exchange	IPPC	Title: National Reporting Obligations