

Pan African workshop for the review of Draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

**Nairobi, Kenya
28–30 July 2009**

Report

1. Opening of the workshop

The meeting was opened by Dr. J.G. Mezui M'ella, the Director of AU-IAPSC and Dr. Ahmed El-Sawalhy, the Director of AU/IBAR as well as Mr David Mwangi Njuru from EC Office in Kenya also gave their opening remarks.

The meeting was attended by 27 representatives of countries contracting parties of the IPPC, the FAO Regional Plant Protection Officer, Hannah Clarendon, Dave Nowell representative of IPPC Secretariat and other invitees from USDA and EU.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was discussed and adopted (Appendix 1). The Ghana representative Jack Vesper Suglo was elected as chair of the meeting and Similo Mavimbela Swaziland and Esaiiah Tjelele from Lesotho were selected as rapporteurs for the group. The facilitator for the group was Arundel Sakala, a Standards Committee Member from Zambia. The order of the presentations of the draft standards was changed to have the Glossary last.

2. Purpose of the workshop

The Chairperson of the opening session, Prof. Jean-Baptiste Bahama outlined that the main purpose of this workshop was to provide participants from countries with a regional forum to discuss the draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). These discussions would help participants gain a better understanding of the national and regional impact of these proposed standards and provide a basis for the development and submission of national

comments. This workshop covered the following draft ISPMs:

- 1 Diagnostic Protocol on *Thrips palmi*
- 2 **Cold treatments for fruit flies**
- 3 Revision of ISPM No. 7: Export certification system
- 4 Revision of ISPM No. 12: Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates
- 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms (Amendment to ISPM No. 5)
- 6 Draft ISPM: Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations

3. Overview of the IPPC

Dave Nowel representing the IPPC Secretariat gave an overview of the IPPC, ISPMs and the standard setting process. It was recalled to participants that IPPC Secretariat supports the production of ISPMs, facilitates information exchange, provides input into technical assistance programmes, facilitates dispute settlement and coordinates with RPPOs.

It was noted that this meeting is held to assist countries in the preparation of their comments on draft ISPMs. Official comments should be submitted to the IPPC Secretariat by the national IPPC contact point before the deadline of 30 September 2009.

4. Overview of PAN-SPSO project

The Participation of African Nations to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards Organizations (PAN-SPSO) Project jointly implemented by AU-IAPSC and AU/IBAR was presented by Dr. Raphael Coly. Its objective is to facilitate effective participation of African countries in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and CAC during the formulation of international standards on food safety, animal and plant health.

The Beneficiary Countries are ACP member states of the African Union that are Members of the WTO, participating in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and CAC

It was noted that this workshop was organized in the frame of that project and was aimed at bringing countries to a common position and strengthening their technical capacity as regards phytosanitary standards.

5. Review of documents and discussion on draft ISPMs

There were power point presentations made on each of the draft ISPMs, following the presentation of the draft standards followed by discussions on the drafts, during which comments, corrections for inclusion on the templates were made for each draft standard.

Technical and editorial comments made on the draft ISPMs are attached to the report.

Participants were invited to take note of the comments collected at this workshop and utilize them as they felt appropriate in their preparation of national comments. National comments should be submitted through the NPPO contact point to the IPPC Secretariat no later than 30 September 2009 and participants were reminded to follow the *Instructions for the Use of the Template* annexed to each template.

6. IPPC standard setting work programme and opportunities for participation in the standard setting process

The IPPC standard setting work program was presented by Dave Nowel and the list of adopted ISPMs and topics for future ISPMs was discussed. Possibilities for input into the topics and priorities for standards already on the work program and for future standards were outlined.

6.1 Suggestions of work programme topics

The meeting went through discussions for possible topics for forwarding to the standard setting process. The English group comes forward with the following;

1. International movement of soil and growing media
2. Management and control of pathogens to reduce mycotoxin production in crops
3. Post harvest treatments for *Bactrocera invadens* in fruits
4. Treatment of Rejected Consignments

A number of possible protocols were also brought forward for management of pests.

The following were high-lighted for development of protocol:

1. Management and control of Cassava viruses
2. Management and Control of Red Spider Mites in crops
3. Management of Control of Gray leaf Spots
4. Management and control of Larger Grain Borer

5. Management and Control of Banana Bunchy Top Virus

It was also recommended that amendment to the ISPM 5 by the deletion of the term beneficial organisms was taken with mixed feeling. A number of countries proposed for the TPG to reconsider the definition and provide a new one.

8. Other issues

Three important information were provided to participants by Corné Van Alphen from Netherlands on building process of EU common position on IPPC, Lucien Kouame on **good forest health practices in support of international phytosanitary standards** and Jack Suglo on the Green Customs Initiative.

- **building process of EU common position on IPPC:** cooperation and coordination is necessary to prepare positions and statements at IPPC meetings. In order to achieve this, coordination mechanisms need to take into account systems in the region and available resources (staffing, money etc.)

For EU, the EPPO panel on CPM affairs plays a key role in the coordination of EPPO position. It prepares EPPO view on CPM issues, especially on ISPMs, discusses implementation problems with adopted ISPMs, discusses strategic issues regarding IPPC and standard development and conducts informal contacts with other RPPOs, especially with NAPPO and COSAVE.

- **guide of good forest health practices in support of international phytosanitary standards:** a written guide and training tools is under preparation so as to engage forest practioners in protecting global forest health through implementation of ISPMs in the forestry sector.

It is important that forestry and NPPOs unite to ensure forestry sectors are engaged in international standard setting

- **Green Customs Initiative:** it is a partnership of international organizations and secretariats that cooperate to enhance the capacity of customs and other relevant border enforcement personnel to deal with trade in 'environmentally-sensitive items' such as ozone depleting substances, toxic chemicals, hazardous wastes, endangered species and living modified organisms. It offers an integrated approach for providing information, training and awareness-raising to facilitate legal

trade in such commodities and prevent their illegal trade.

9. Next steps

The meeting considered the next meeting and the possible venues that could be used. It was explained that Addis Ababa was a possible venue; however the possibilities of conference places could be limited. The Zambia representative suggested Lusaka to be the other option.

It was mentioned that the PAN-SPSSO project would consider funding the next review of draft standards.

However, countries should think of other funding strategies to sustain this important activity for the Region.

The group meeting noticed that the reduction of the number of days from five to three doesn't give enough time to discussions. It was thus proposed that IAPSC reviews the days for conducting the review of phytosanitary draft standards.

11. Closing session

Closing remarks were given by the Director of IAPSC, Dr. Jean Gérard MEZUI M'ELLA. Participants were thanked for their valuable contributions and encouraged to coordinate the submission of national country comments to the Secretariat. The FAO regional plant protection officer, Hannah Clarendon and Dave Nowell from IPPC Secretariat were also thanked for their special contribution, as were the donors EU through PAN-SPSO Project who helped make the workshop possible.

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Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 28 July 2009

Session 1.

8.30 – 9.00 am: Registration

9.00 – 9.30 am: Opening Session

Chairperson: Dr. Jean-Baptiste Bahama

Welcome: Dr. Ahmed El Sawalhy, Director, AU/IBAR
Address: Jean-G rard MEZUI M'ELLA, Director, AU-IAPSC

Session 2.

9.30 – 10:00 am Overview of workshop: IAPSC
Adoption of agenda
Election of chair
Election of rapporteur
- **Local and logistical information**
- Introduction – Objective and expected outputs of the workshop
Overview of the IPPC: IPPC Secretariat
Overview of PAN-SPSO: Dr. Raphael Coly

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 1.00pm Session 3 Review of Draft ISPMs
(NB: For each standard a Standard Committee member introduces the standard)
1. Diagnostic Protocol on *Thrips palmi*

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 Diagnostic Protocol on *Thrips palmi* **Cont**

3:30 – 3.45 pm Coffee

3.45 – 6:00 pm **Review of Draft ISPMs** Continued
2. **Cold treatments for fruit flies:-** Cold treatment of *Citrus sinensis* for *Ceratitis capitata*;
Cold treatment of *Citrus reticulata* × *Citrus sinensis* for *Ceratitis capitata*
Cold treatment of *Citrus paradisi* for *Ceratitis capitata*
Cold treatment of *Citrus reticulata* cultivars and hybrids for *Ceratitis capitata*

Wednesday, 29 July 2009

8.30 – 10.30 am 3. **Cold treatments for fruit flies continued:-**
Cold treatment of *Citrus sinensis* for *Bactrocera tryoni*
Cold treatment of *Citrus reticulata* × *Citrus sinensis* for *Bactrocera tryoni*
Cold treatment of *Citrus limon* for *Bactrocera tryoni*

10.30 – 11:00 am Coffee

11:00 – 1:00 pm 4. Revision of ISPM No. 7: Export certification system

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch at Venue

2:00 – 3:30 pm 5. Revision of ISPM No. 12: Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates

3:30 – 3.45 pm Coffee

3.45 – 5.00 pm Glossary of phytosanitary terms (Amendment to ISPM No. 5)

5.00 – 5.30 House-keeping matters

Thursday, 30 July 2009

8.30 – 10.30 am 6. Draft ISPM: Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations

10.30 – 11:00 am Coffee

11:00 – 1:00 pm **Session 6: Organization of future regional workshops on draft ISPMs (2010 session)**

- tentative date and venue 2010 consultation
- identification of sponsors
- funding strategy

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch at Venue

2.00 – 4.30 pm

- 1-/ Topics for New Standards & Priorities for Standards
- 2-/ Building process of EU Common position on IPPC Corné Van Alphen
- 3-/ Sustainable mechanisms to enhance the participation of African Nations to ISPMs and to coordinate their position;
- 4-/ Green customs and Forestry
- 5-/ Discussion and Adoption of resolutions on regional position regarding the drafts ISPMs
- 6-/ Preparation of report

4:30- 5.30

Session7: Closing of the workshop

Coffee