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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The virtual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Focus Group on Plant Health in the Context of One Health (FG-PHOH) was convened by the IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”).

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Rotational chairing list

- [2] The secretariat had previously confirmed that the focus group will operate a rotational chairing list, ensuring each group member has the opportunity to chair the meeting.
- [3] The focus group selected Temarama Rou - Ariki Anguna KAMANA (Southwest Pacific) as chairperson of the meeting.

2.2 VM01 meeting report

- [4] The focus group adopted, in principle, the report of the previous meeting and noted that any comments or revisions to the draft report received by members would be incorporated into the final report.

2.3 Selection of the rapporteur for the meeting

- [5] The focus group selected Michelle GRAY (United States of America) as rapporteur for the meeting.

2.4 Adoption of the agenda

- [6] The focus group adopted the agenda (Appendix 1) after adding one addition to “Any Other Business” regarding allowing the NSP AMR specialist to be an observer.

3. Administrative matters

3.1 Membership list

- [7] The secretariat confirmed that the membership list for the focus group would be updated and attached to the report (Appendix 3) and made accessible through a link on the International Phytosanitary portal page for the focus group.

4. CPM FG workplan

4.1 Discussions on the work programme of the focus group

- [8] The focus group discussed its workplan, which had been developed by the secretariat and subsequently circulated to focus group members for their review.
- [9] The focus group noted several editorial adjustments to the workplan (adding a column to track the progress of activities and using colour coding for ease of reference). The focus group emphasized that the workplan should be considered a living document, incorporating revisions when new information becomes available or as CPM decisions necessitate.
- [10] The secretariat:
- (1) *agreed* to incorporate the proposed changes to the workplan for readability and improved ways of working, as proposed by the focus group; and
 - (2) *agreed* to update the workplan to reflect CPM-19 (2025) decisions and other emerging developments.

5. Progress update on the ongoing activities

5.1 Organization of CPM-19 (2025) Science Session

- [11] The secretariat provided an update on the organization of the CPM-19 (2025) Science Session on the importance of plant health within One Health, which is scheduled for Thursday 20 March from 15:00–17:00 (Rome time), including discussions on the agenda, speakers, invitation letter and case studies.
- [12] **Agenda and speakers for the science session.** The secretariat informed the group that the Science Session had been extended from 120 to 150 minutes to accommodate a country presentation. The programme was noted as currently including: opening remarks by FAO Deputy Director-General Beth BECHDOL; a virtual scientific presentation on plant health's importance within the One Health approach by the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology; and a joint presentation from the One Health Quadripartite partner organizations (World Health Organization (WHO), FAO, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)). The session would include further presentations by FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the *Codex Alimentarius* Commission, followed by a panel discussion. The secretariat informed the group that four (4) presentations from IPPC contracting parties or regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) would also be delivered during the event.
- [13] The focus group discussed the possibility of recording the Science Session to allow for wider involvement and awareness of IPPC work, of the importance of plant health within One Health. The secretariat agreed to explore this option and was further tasked with working on the registration process for the Science Session.
- [14] **Invitation letter.** The secretariat informed the focus group that the invitation letter for the CPM-19 (2025) Science Session had been sent out on 1 March 2025.
- [15] **Case study from IPPC contracting party.** The secretariat informed the focus group that a late submission of a case study for the CPM Science Session had been submitted by Italy, increasing the total number of case studies received to seven (including the submission of two case studies by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Kenya).
- [16] The secretariat clarified that four case studies in total, coming from IPPC contracting parties, an RPPO or research institute, would be selected for the event.
- [17] The secretariat:
- (3) *agreed* to work on the registration process for the One Health Science Session; and
 - (4) *agreed* to explore the possibility of recording the Science Session.

5.2 Call for case studies

- [18] The focus group further discussed the case studies that had been received for presentation during the CPM Science Session and expressed their delight at the large number received.
- [19] The focus group discussed the secretariat's suggestion to prioritize case studies from attendees who will be present at CPM-19 (2025) with secured travel arrangements, and recognized the need for a mix of both in-person and virtual presentations, noting that not all participants would be present in-person (for example, the Indonesian research institute). One focus group member also proposed to include a poster session for CPM-20 (2026), for greater visibility of these case studies and the linkages between the different disciplines in One Health.
- [20] The focus group also emphasized the need to select case studies which highlight the importance of plant health within the One Health framework and particularly noted the case studies which featured antimicrobial resistance (AMR), human disease and plant disease vectors, and integrated pest management.

- [21] The secretariat informed the group of the creation of a CPM information (CPM INF) paper summarizing the case studies received and agreed to share the document with the focus group when complete. The secretariat noted that selected case study presenters would be required to submit a five-minute presentation, highlighting key messages to inspire the IPPC community.
- [22] The secretariat also stressed that the case studies, if relevant, could be used as a key resource in the future preliminary study to be conducted by the focus group, as addressed in the focus group's terms of reference.
- [23] The focus group:
- (5) *selected* the case study presentations from the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI), Dominican Republic, Italy and Kenya (AMR case study), with Indonesia as a reserve case study.
- [24] The secretariat:
- (6) *agreed* to share the link to the information paper summarizing all case studies, their strengths, main successes and challenges, with all focus group members when ready; and
 - (7) *agreed* to contact the selected case study presenters to request the preparation of a five-minute presentation of the case study, highlighting important messages to inspire the IPPC community.

6. Any other business

- [25] **Update on the FAO Council paper “Addressing AMR in Agrofood systems”.** The focus group noted the FAO Council paper addressing AMR in agrofood systems, which had been circulated to focus group members for information. The focus group highlighted the explicit mention of “plant health” in the document – acknowledged separately from environmental health – as a positive development, marking progress in the One Health framework. The focus group recognized the importance of continuing to push for plant health recognition at all levels within FAO, and with partners such as WHO and UNEP.
- [26] The CPM Bureau representative drew attention to the forthcoming CPM-19 (2025) decision regarding a comprehensive IPPC recommendation on AMR, noting it as an important opportunity to signal the IPPC's commitment to the One Health framework and taking its AMR responsibilities seriously. The focus group also noted the potential impact of this recommendation on the focus group's workplan.
- [27] The chairperson highlighted that the Pacific Week of Agriculture and Forestry (to be held in May 2025) would likely feature a side session by the Pacific Community and supported by FAO Sub-Regional Office on AMR and animal health, with a possible feature of plant health contributions to animal health and AMR in the Pacific region.
- [28] **International Union for Conservation of Nature - expression of interest in IPPC work on One Health.** The secretariat informed the focus group that the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) had expressed interest in the IPPC's work on One Health and specifically the focus group itself. The IUCN had noted its intention to find synergies and collaborate with the IPPC. The IUCN is currently working on promoting the linkage between forest health and human health, which was noted by the focus group as an interesting aspect for potential further exploration.
- [29] The focus group tasked the secretariat in sharing further information about the focus group to the IUCN, and to organize a meeting following CPM-19 (2025) to explore potential collaboration opportunities. The focus group also tasked the secretariat in inviting the IUCN as an observer to CPM-19 (2025).
- [30] **NSP AMR specialist.** The secretariat informed the focus group that a colleague from FAO's NSP Team who works with AMR had expressed interest in attending some of the focus group meetings, specifically when there are agenda items related to AMR.
- [31] The focus group discussed this proposal and emphasized the wider need to promote plant health's role in broader health and environmental initiatives.

[32] The focus group:

- (1) *requested* that the secretariat identify whether the IUCN can receive official “observer” status to CPM-19 (2025);
- (2) *requested* that the secretariat coordinate a meeting with the IUCN after CPM-19 (2025) to explore collaboration opportunities; and
- (3) *agreed* to invite the NSP AMR specialist as an observer to future meetings when the meeting agenda is relevant to their expertise.

[33] The secretariat:

- (4) *agreed* to share the focus group’s terms of reference with the IUCN;
- (5) *agreed* to confirm the possible attendance of IUCN as a registered observer at CPM-19 (2025);
- (6) *agreed* to coordinate a meeting with the IUCN to explore collaboration after CPM-19 (2025); and
- (7) *agreed* to include the AMR specialist in future focus group meeting invitations when aligned with relevant agenda items.

7. Closing of the meeting

[34] The chairperson thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH***(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)***5 March 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)**

Agenda Item		Document No.	Presenter(s)
1.	Opening of the meeting		
1.1	Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	--	IPPC Secretariat
2.	Meeting arrangements		
2.1	Rotational chairing list	CPM FG on OH chairing list	MADAMINOVA
2.2	VM01 meeting report		MADAMINOVA
2.3	Selection of the rapporteur for the meeting		Chairperson
2.4	Adoption of the agenda	01_FGOH_2025_March	Chairperson
3.	Administrative matters		
3.1	Membership list	CPM FG on OH membership list	MADAMINOVA
4.	CPM FG workplan		
4.1	Discussions on the work programme of the focus group: - Review of the workplan developed based on the ToR of the Focus Group	02_FGOH_2025_March	Chairperson/All
5.	Progress update on the ongoing activities		
5.1	Update on the organization of the CPM-19 Science Session on the importance of plant health within One Health: - Agenda and speakers for the science session - Invitation letter - Case study from IPPC contracting party	(Updated Concept note) 03_FGOH_2025_March	BRUNEL/MADAMINOVA
5.2	Call for case studies	Link to the call 04_FGOH_2025_March	MADAMINOVA
6.	Any other business: - Update on the FAO Council paper “Addressing AMR in Agrofood systems” - International Union for Conservation of Nature - expression of interest in IPPC work on One Health - NSP AMR specialist	--	BRUNEL/Chairperson
7.	Closing of the meeting	--	Chairperson

Appendix 2: Participants List**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH****5 March 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)****PARTICIPANTS LIST**

A check (✓) in the last column indicates confirmed attendance at the meeting

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4	Southwest Pacific (Cook Islands)	Ms Temarama Rou - Ariki Anguna Kamana Ministry of Agriculture Rarotonga, Cook Islands	✓
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Appendix 3: Documents List**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOCUS GROUP ON
PLANT HEALTH IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE HEALTH****5 March 2025, 17:00–19:00 (Rome time)****Virtual meeting****DOCUMENTS LIST**

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
CPM FG on OH chairing list	2.1	FG chairing list	2025-02-28
01_FGOH_2025_March	2.4	Provisional agenda	2025-02-28
CPM FG on OH membership list	3.1	Membership list	2025-02-28
02_FGOH_2025_March	4.1	FG workplan	2025-02-28
03_FGOH_2025_March	5.1	Updated concept note (Science Session on One Health)	2025-02-28
04_FGOH_2025_March	5.2	Call for case studies	2025-02-28