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Invitation to the IPPC Regional Workshop for sustainable prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in Asia under the framework of FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SCC) Programme on 21 and 22 December 2023 in Sri Lanka

Dear Prof. Li,

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is conducting a regional workshop for sustainable prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in Asia under the framework of FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SCC) Programme entitled “Strengthening the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)” (GCP/INT/291/CPR). Sri Lanka was selected as one of the pilot countries to implement this project and a Memoranda of Understanding was officially signed between the IPPC Secretariat and Sri Lanka in February 2019 and a work plan was drafted and agreed by Sri Lanka and the IPPC Secretariat to facilitate the implementation of the project.

The overall objective and main activities of this regional workshop is to enable Sri Lanka, a) to review all the achievements, impact and lessons learned from Sri Lanka, b) to share experiences and information on prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in Asia, c) to analyze the challenges on mango pests and diseases in Asia and to discuss the way forward on collaboration to prevent and manage mango pests and diseases.

The Target audiences include officers from phytosanitary treatment, surveillance, diagnostic, field operations, research and specialists, representatives from the private sector in Sri Lanka and practitioners of the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPOs) of Sri Lanka. A provisional agenda for the training is provided in **Appendix 1**.

As the Chief Expert for this project, you are kindly invited to deliver a technical presentation on the experience on prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in China as detailed in the agenda of Appendix 1. The IPPC Secretariat will cover all your related expenses for this mission, including the international travel and accommodation costs in Sri Lanka.

Please apply for your entrance visa to Sri Lanka in your country and share with Mr Patrizio Tiscioni (Patrizio.Tiscioni@fao.org) by 8 November 2023 the following information and documentation:

- City and airport of departure;
- A copy of valid passport;
- A copy of the filled and signed Designation of Beneficiaries, attached separately to this invitation;
- A copy of the attached Supplier Wizard for DSA payment for each delegate. The banking wizard needs to be filled in completely, together with the certification tab. The certification tab needs to be hand-signed and sent back as pdf.

I would appreciate it if you could also send the PowerPoint presentation you intend to use to Ms Andile Mbhele (Andile.Mbhele@fao.org) by 30 November 2023.

I am looking forward to receiving the information detailed above and I wish to thank you in advance for your expertise and support for this important project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osama El-Lissy', written in a cursive style.

Dr Osama El-Lissy

Secretary

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Appendix 1. Draft Concept Note of the IPPC Regional Workshop for Sustainable Prevention and Management of Mango Pests and Diseases in Asia under the Framework of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme

21 - 22 December 2023

Colombo, Sri Lanka

(31 October 2023)

1. Background

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat is implementing a global project under the framework of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme entitled “Strengthening the capacity of developing contracting parties to implement the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)” (GCP/INT/291/CPR). This project was implemented since 2017 and is now coming to an end in December 2023.

Sri Lanka was selected as one of the pilot countries in the framework of this project and a Memorandum of Understanding was officially signed between the IPPC Secretariat and Cambodia in February 2019, a work plan was drafted and agreed upon to implement the project. Activities were completed, including arranging consensus workshops with relevant stakeholders to conduct a Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE). Through the project, the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) officers of Sri Lanka and relevant stakeholders were trained through participation in three consensus training workshops. The PCE concluded with validating and drafting of a National Phytosanitary Capacity Development Strategy and the revision of the phytosanitary legislation.

The project also allowed for the organization of technical training workshops on surveillance, species identification, mass rearing and treatments of fruit flies on mango for NPPO staff and stakeholders. In addition, Chinese technology and products on plant health were demonstrated in a pilot site in Sri Lanka.

This project had huge social, economic, and environmental positive impacts for Sri Lanka, through the development of the phytosanitary capacities of the country. Over 40 NPPO staff and relevant stakeholders directly benefited from the PCE and training courses, and hundreds of producers and exporters indirectly benefited from the project.

The IPPC Secretariat is organizing a regional workshop to share these successful experiences for strengthening NPPOs capacities and enhancing sustainable prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in Asia.

2. Objectives

This regional workshop has four objectives:

- a) To review all the achievements, impact and lessons learned from Sri Lanka, including on the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation.
- b) To share experiences and information on prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in Asia.
- c) To analyse challenges on mango pests and diseases in Asia.
- d) To discuss the way forward on collaboration on mango pests and diseases in Asia.

3. Tentative Agenda of the Events

The regional workshop will take place on **21 and 22 December 2023**, with the tentative agenda as shown in Annex 1.

4. Expected Participants

This regional workshop is designed to accommodate up to 50 local and international participants. The target audience includes the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPOs) staff of Sri Lanka, relevant private sector stakeholders, and NPPOs' representatives from neighbouring countries.

5. Expected Output

Through this regional workshop, people will have a platform to learn, share information and extend acquired knowledge to their respective countries.

Appendix 2. Tentative Agenda for IPPC Regional Workshop for Sustainable Prevention and Management of Mango Pests and Diseases in Asia under the Framework of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme in Sri Lanka

21 and 22 December 2023

DAY 1 (Thursday, 21 December 2023)	
<p>Session 1: Welcome, Opening and Introductory Remarks (09:00-10:00)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representative from Ministry of Agriculture in Sri Lanka 2. Representative from FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) 3. Representative from FAO South-South and Triangle Cooperation Division (PST) 4. Representative from FAO/IPPC Secretariat
Group Photo and Tea Break (10:00-10:30)	
<p>Session 2: Keynote Addresses (10.30-12.30)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achievements and impacts of FAO-China SSC Representative from PST (45 min) 2. Achievements and impacts of the IPPC-China project on Phytosanitary Capacity Development FAO-China SSC Representative from IPPC Secretariat (45 min) 3. Achievements and impacts of IPPC-China project on phytosanitary capacity development in Sri Lanka Representative from Ministry of Agriculture in Sri Lanka (45 min)
	Discussion (45 minutes)
Lunch Break (12.30-14.00)	
<p>Session 3: Technical Presentations (14.00-15.30)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) results Expert from the NPPO of Sri Lanka (15 min) 2. Phytosanitary and plant protection systems in China Expert from National Agro-Technical Extension and Service Center (NATESC) of China (15 min)

	<p>3. Experience on prevention and management of mango pests and diseases in China</p> <p>Expert from China Agricultural University (15 min)</p>
	Discussion (45 minutes)
Tea Break (15.30-16.00)	
<p>Session 4: Briefing from Stakeholders at Global, Regional and National Levels</p> <p>(16.00-17.30)</p>	<p>Five presentations, 10 minutes each (50 minutes in total)</p> <p>TBD</p>
	Discussion (40 minutes)
<p>Reception at Hotel (TBC), Sri Lanka</p> <p>(18.00 - 20.00)</p>	
DAY 2 (Friday, 22 December 2023)	
<p>Session 5: Country Reports</p> <p>(09.00-10.00)</p>	<p>Country reports covering the current situation, prevention and management, challenges and solutions, and the way forward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bangladesh (10 min) 2. India (10 min) 3. Myanmar (10 min) 4. Nepal (10 min) 5. Pakistan (10 min) 6. Vietnam (10 min)
	Discussion (30 minutes)
Tea Break (10.30-11.00)	
<p>Session 6: Group Discussions</p> <p>(11.00-12.30)</p>	<p>Three groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group One - Challenges and solutions 2. Group Two - Technologies and innovation 3. Group Three - Enabling environment.
Lunch Break (12.30-14.00)	
<p>Session 7: Groups Reports</p> <p>(14.00-15.00)</p>	<p>Brief report from three groups, 10 minutes each (30 minutes in total)</p>
	Discussion (30 minutes)
<p>Session 8: Conclusion</p> <p>(15.00-15.30)</p>	<p>Three closing remarks, 10 minutes each speaker)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local government

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. FAOFAP3. FAO/IPPC Secretariat
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