

The 16th APPPC Regional Workshop on Review of Draft ISPMs
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The 16th APPPC regional workshop on review of draft ISPMs was organized from 19-23 October 2015 in Jeju, Republic of Korea with participation of delegates from 19 countries in the region. This is the 10th hosted and funded by the Republic of Korea. The workshop was opened by Mr Suhyon Rho, Director General of the Department of Plant Quarantine, Rep. of Korea. Dr Piao Yongfan, Executive Secretary of APPPC, welcomed participants on behalf of APPPC and FAO regional office for Asia and Pacific to the 16th APPPC workshop.

It was stressed that the workshop would not only review the draft ISPMs but also discuss several important subjects of IPPC, APPPC and CPM, while the workshop provided opportunity of capacity development in some areas to participants.

The workshop produced regional comments on the drafts through reviewing two drafts by participants, which will be shared by NPPOs of member countries in the region as one of valuable references for NPPOs to develop own inputs to the drafts.

The status of country pest surveillance and update development as well as work plan for the surveillance were shared by participants through presentations followed by discussions on how to move forward.

Participants were updated with development of ePhyto, arrangements of IYPH, status of registration of ISPM15 symbol, procedure for submission of formal objection of the adoption of an ISPM, importance of NROs, phytosanitary resources, development of IPPC commodity standards as well as development of an APPPC RSPMs, etc.

Several specific activities in line with the APPPC work plan (2016-2017) adopted by the 29th Session of APPPC were highlighted, especially the implementation of ISPMs such as APPPC surveillance implementation work plan (2016-2020) with focus of the next two years, which has been made based on progress achieved in the past four years.

The participants highly appreciated the results of the activities of the workshop and shared a significant amount of information in various business of IPPC, CPM and APPPC. It was hoped that the outputs of the workshop may help NPPOs of member countries actively participate in the CPM11 in 2016 with their significant inputs and interventions if necessary.