

Summary Report  
APPPC Regional Workshop on IPPC National Reporting Obligation (NRO)  
And Use of Information Exchange Portal (IPP)  
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## **Summary**

The CPM11 adopted the General and Specific IPPC National Reporting Obligation Procedures and developed a new NRO work plan until 2023 based on recommendation and input from the NRO Advisory Group (NROAG). NROs are information provided by the contracting parties that ensure a minimum amount of official phytosanitary information is available to other contracting parties for safe trade, safeguarding food security and protecting the environment from pests of plant and plant products.

The workshop objectives are to update on the new global NRO framework, addressing the request from the contracting parties in ensuring NRO activities are taken, identifying NRO challenges, establishment of national NRO work plans and sensitizing APPPC members to IPPC awareness raising and advocacy needs. Twenty five (25) participants attended the training workshop from 16 countries and experts from FAO Rome and Bangkok.

The workshop introduced the IPP website and registration of OCPs and editors to perform the uploading and editing of their country's information. There are two major categories of NROs. They are categorized as public information and bilateral information. The data entry of the IPP hands-on training was conducted with all the participants based on the reference "The guide to National Reporting Obligations for IPPC Contact Points and IPP editors". Each of them had the chance to upload some of the information they had prepared prior to the workshop. The IPPC secretariat have also developed four e-learning modules to further enhance the capacity for the OCPs and editors in uploading and editing their respective homepage.

There were two main discussions in the workshop related to the improvement of the website for searching, uploading and editing and the other discussion focus on issues, constraints and challenges in fulfilling the NROs. Several suggestions have been made for the improvement of the websites and these feedback are listed in the report for further action by the IPPC Secretariat. In the issues, constraints and challenges discussion, several major constraints have been listed. Several approaches have been suggested including build-up of national networking for collection and collation of data, regular meetings between stakeholders and conduct in country NRO awareness programmes. It was agreed that the NRO e-learning modules could be used as inter-sessional leaning for participants and initial leaning material for other officials in each country.

