

## **Recommendations on an action plan from the APPPC workshop on ePhyto**

### **Action recommendations at country level:**

#### Primary:

1. each country to make a policy decision to pursue ePhyto developments (or not!)
2. defining user needs and system functionality (industry and NPPO)
3. increase awareness across all stakeholders - public, industry, Politicians, government departments
4. review IT systems to determine if they are able to support ePhyto
5. review legislation to ensure it supports implementing ePhyto and commence change processes, if required
6. estimate costs and benefits to gain funding approval Consider cost recovery mechanisms – to charge exporters/importers for service (this may require regulation changes)
7. build, test and deploy/implement

#### Related:

8. make contact with and cooperate with customs to ensure compliance and alignment of National trade single window with ePhyto system as well as engagement of other stakeholders concerned
9. examine and plan changes to existing import/export certification systems and processes
10. country to country trial when countries are ready
11. consider contingency plan for national ePhyto system
12. capacity development of staff (training)
13. contact person for ePhyto through IPPC Contact point, Information on country website (Country ePhyto rep link to CPM rep)
14. ASEAN country should consider participation in ASEAN trade single window technical working group
15. gain awareness of APEC ecommerce initiatives (funding)

### **Action recommendations at regional (APPPC) level:**

#### Primary:

1. establish a regional ePhyto working group to coordinate activities  
Member countries for the working group include: Thailand, Korea (support), Australia (lead country), Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc. (to be finalized at next session of APPPC)
2. seek agreement at the next APPPC biennial session for ePhyto work plan and funding:  
Coordinate actions across countries and identify countries for pilot and Leadership in pilot: Provide technical input to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group

#### Related:

3. support information and Technology exchange between countries e.g. develop case study

### **Action recommendations to IPPC ePhyto steering group:**

#### Primary:

1. provide/communicate global timetable of activities

2. coordinate the developing of guidelines for ePhyto at country level, e.g. legislation, infrastructure, processes ( ISPM 12 Appendix 1)
3. define criteria for participation in the IPPC ePhyto global Hub pilot.

Related:

4. develop communication materials to facilitate policy discussion/decisions, Common presentation on ePhyto (benefits, cost etc)
5. APPPC Secretariat to inform the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group that APPPC countries wish to strongly participate in Hub pilot
6. establish procedure to recommend and approve future changes to ISPM 12 App 1
7. develop contingency/continuity plans for consideration in a IPPC global ePhyto Hub (in case of failure of system)
8. possible Side session of ePhyto at CPM involving inputs from APPPC.

#### **Action recommendations to CPM:**

Primary:

1. countries to express continued support for ePhyto activities
2. countries to express support for IPPC global ePhyto hub development and generic web based system at CPM.

Related:

3. encourage CPM to have a campaign to promote ePhyto among all members e.g. (letter from the IPPC Secretariat to ministers) direction on communication for IPPC on ePhyto
4. promoting a Global ePhyto symposium.