

Standing Committee for Trade & Marketing (SC – T & M)
Action Points from the First Meeting (2017)

The First Meeting of the APSA Standing Committee for Trade & Marketing was convened on 19 January 2017 through a Con Call. The following participated:

- i. Mr. K. Niranjana Kollipara, Chair
 - ii. Ms. Heidi Gallant, ED, APSA
 - iii. Ms. Amanda Forster, Chair Seed Committee, CLA
 - iv. Mr. Michael Leader
 - v. Ms. Thelma Soriano, CLA
 - vi. Dr. Narendra Dadlani, APSA
- a. The meeting discussed the activities to be undertaken by the SC – T & M during the year and review the preparations for the proposed Third APSA Phytosanitary Expert Consultation.
 - b. The Committee was informed that APSA proposed to convene the Third Phytosanitary Expert consultation in the last week of March at Bangkok. The participants of the earlier Expert Consultations have been informed about the timing of the meeting and several have confirmed their availability. At this third meeting, it was proposed to work with the NPPOs in updating their websites by sharing information on specific pests (PRAs) based on information available with members; encourage bilateral agreements among NPPOs of the region for specific PRAs; request NPPOs for prioritizing seed PRAs vis-à-vis commodity PRAs; discuss information related to Pepper regulations in different APSA nations for harmonization and develop a framework for collaboration between NPPOs and the industry.
 - c. The Committee was of the opinion that the notice for such an important meeting is short and we may not be able to attract the senior NPPO officials to the meeting. Also, as IPPC / CPM meeting is scheduled in Rome in early April, senior NPPOs may not be able to join our meeting being convened at dates so close to CPM dates. Further, as CPM 12 is expected to discuss the adoption of ISPM on International Movement of Seeds, APSA meeting at a later date will enable us to discuss the way forward in this regard.
 - d. It was decided to constitute a ‘*Working Group*’ including Mr. Niranjana; Dr. Dehua Ma; Mr. Michael Leader; Mr. Rob Keene; Ms. Amanda Forster; Ms. Thelma; Ms. Michelle Klieger and Dr. Dadlani to work out the details for the proposed Third Expert Consultation. It was suggested that we should convene the meeting in June 2017, followed by another one in December 2017.
 - e. The ‘*Working Group*’ will meet every two weeks to finalise the details. The first meeting of the ‘*Group*’ will be convened on Monday 06 February 2017. A

notice with call in details will be shared by APSA soon. The first meeting will discuss the list of invitees; agenda for the meeting and finalize the dates.

- f. APSA should reach out to the region NPPOs and follow up on the steps initiated for developing pepper PRAs based on the discussions held at Second Expert Consultation. Ms. Thelma agreed to share the information related to this as available on the website of NPPOs from Australia, New Zealand Korea and India. We can then add up the information from other nations.
- g. It was reiterated that APSA should initiate the process suggested earlier of organizing meetings of APSA delegation with individual NPPOs on specific industry phytosanitary regulatory problems with that country. It was agreed that such meetings may be convened jointly with the National Seed Associations.
