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2024 INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE CONGRESS



On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), we would like to invite you to participate in the forthcoming International Weed Science Congress that will take place from July 7-11, 2024, in Jerusalem, Israel.

The International Weed Science Society (IWSS) Board together with the LOC are currently establishing a Scientific Program Committee, to offer an up-to-date scientific program including oral presentations and posters covering the most important challenges in weed science today. Well renowned world scientists to lead a wide range of topics and sessions will be invited.

In keeping with the tradition, there will also be optional workshops and training courses before the congress starts, and you are welcome to propose topics. In addition, professional excursions encompassing the advanced Israeli agriculture combined with touristic attractions are planned, which will accommodate both scientists and accompanying persons to join and enjoy the congress. We would like to emphasize that the congress is open to weed scientists from all over the world.

Jerusalem is the holiest city for all the three Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) visited by >3.5 million tourists every year from all over the globe and boasts of > 50 Christian churches, 33 Muslim mosques, and 300 Jewish synagogues in the city to mesmerize the guests.

Israel is not only the most advanced country in the field of agriculture applying artificial intelligence, but also in other streams of science. The LOC has the most experienced and renowned weed scientists who are trying hard to offer you a memorable congress. We look forward to your participation.

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SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGIONAL TASK FORCE OF NPPOS FROM WEST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL

The 6th Annual Meeting of the Task Force of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) and Partners of West Africa and the Preparation of the meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CMP-17) were organized with the joint support of USDA-FAS and ECOWAS in cooperation with the plant protection services of the General Directorate of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock (DGASP) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE) of Cabo Verde from February 27 to March 03, 2023 in Praia, Cabo Verde.

Objectives of the meeting

The objectives of the meeting included

- (i) the review of the priorities of the Task Force of NPPOs and Partners in West Africa and the Sahel
- (ii) the discussion of key sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues and,
- (iii) the preparation of common positions of West African and Sahelian member countries on the agenda of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CMP-17).

Participants

The meeting was attended by representatives from 16 West and Central African countries, namely: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo. Only Sierra Leone was absent due to administrative problems at the national level. The technical and financial partners also took part in this meeting, including: AGRHYMET, CABI, ECOWAS, CORAF, CILSS, UEMOA and USDA.

Focus of the meeting

The meeting focused on two issues:

1. Annual meeting of the NPPO Task Force and partners

The following items were reviewed:

- Review of the NPPO Regional Task Force action plan and assessment of progress made, challenges and actions to be taken;
- Review and discussion of priority phytosanitary and SPS issues in West Africa and the Sahel;
- Communications from partner institutions on information of interest to the countries of the region (USDA, FAO, ECOWAS, CILSS, UEMOA, AGRHYMET, CORAF and CABI);
- Discussion of the funding mechanism of the Task Force activities, especially with regard to the countries' contribution;
- Identification and adoption of the New Intervention Priorities for the region.

2. Preparation of the meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CMP-17)

This second meeting focused on the following topics:

- Presentation of the key points of the contribution of West Africa and Sahel to the CMP16;
- Introduction on the mission, objectives, procedures and participation in the CMP: during and after the meeting;
- Expected roles of NPPOs during CMP-17;

- Review - discussion and adoption of common issues and positions to be advocated at CMP-17;
- Division of labor among NPPOs for presentation of positions at CMP-17.

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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