

Uzbekistan: Virtual Training on Plant Quarantine Legislation, Phytosanitary Risk Management and Plant Clinics

February – March 2021, Zoom

Following Uzbekistan's accession to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in January 2020, the State Plant Quarantine Inspection (SPQI) under the Cabinet of Ministers has been mandated to introduce initiatives to adopt IPPC principles under the framework of the Presidential Decree on Additional Measures to Develop the Activities of the State Plant Quarantine Service and Roadmap 2020-2023. SPQI has also adopted the ePhyto system for digital phytosanitary certification.

To support these initiatives, the Asian Development Bank through the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Common Agenda for the Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade (CAST) under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 is providing technical assistance to address gaps in legislation and strengthen phytosanitary system and inspection capacity to meet international best practices. The series of webinars on plant quarantine legislation, phytosanitary risk management and plant clinics highlights (i) reforms needed to adopt IPPC principles; (ii) implementation of trade facilitating measures and risk-based phytosanitary border controls; and (iii) development of extension services to support farmers and pest surveillance activities.

23 February,
3 and 10 March

Seminar 1. Phytosanitary Risk Management

Presenters: Prof. Rob Black, Consultant/Plant Health Expert, ADB
Mr. David McKellar, Consultant/Plant Health Expert, ADB

The sessions will discuss phytosanitary risk management and development of a national quarantine pest list, highlighting the need for regulated import commodities list that complies with the World Trade Organization (WTO) SPS Agreement and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards in order to implement risk-based phytosanitary measures and border controls.

25 February

Seminar 2. Plant Health Legislation

Presenters: Prof. Rob Black, Consultant/Plant Health Expert, ADB
Ms. Umida Haqnazar, National Consultant, ADB

The session will discuss IPPC principles, the current plant health legislation in force and new draft Plant Quarantine Law.

17 and 24 March

Seminar 3. Plant Clinics

Presenters: Prof. Rob Black, Consultant/Plant Health Expert, ADB
Mr. David McKellar, Consultant/Plant Health Expert, ADB

The sessions will discuss the importance of plant clinics as a crop protection extension service to farmers, as well as to pest surveillance programs of SPQI.

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