



## Africa Phytosanitary Research Regional Consultation workshop: Identifying opportunities, co-creating solutions

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025, Nairobi, Kenya

### Background

Plant health is increasingly under threat due to climate change, inadequate institutional capacities in different countries, and pest pressure. Global movement of plant material has led to the spread of pests from one region to others, where in some cases, they have become invasive with devastating consequences. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration between countries. Phytosanitary research coordination at national, regional, and global levels can provide opportunities for prudent resource utilization, mentorship and training, information sharing, and efficiency in response mechanisms to emerging/existing plant health challenges.

Euphresco III <https://www.phrescoglobal.net/> is a global network of organizations involved in plant health research funding, research implementation, and policy-making, seeking to develop, coordinate, fund, and conduct phytosanitary research to inform policy. The network aims to strengthen the coordination of national and regional phytosanitary research programs, primarily focusing on statutory plant health (emerging and regulated pests). Globally, phytosanitary research coordination has been identified as a key strategic activity within the IPPC Strategic Plan 2030 (Agenda 7) and within the AU-IAPSC Plant Health Strategy for Africa (2022-2036).

CABI, in collaboration with Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), AU InterAfrican Phytosanitary Council (AU IAPSC), EUPHRESCO Network Office is organizing consultation workshop on Phytosanitary Research in Africa to share information on successes and best practices on phytosanitary research.

### Workshop objectives

1. Map the current status of phytosanitary research in Africa
2. Validate phytosanitary research priorities
3. Identify challenges and opportunities for funding phytosanitary research
4. Co-create a roadmap for phytosanitary research collaboration in Africa

## Proposed programme

Date and time	Activity	Session facilitator
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>		
08.30-09.00	Welcome and introductions	KEPHIS, CABI
09.00-09.30	Opening remarks & Official opening <i>CABI Senior Regional Director</i> AU IAPSC Representative, Dr Saliou Niassy Director Phytosanitary & Biosecurity, Dr. Isaac Macharia KEPHIS MD. Prof. Theophilus Mutui – Official opening of w/s	KEPHIS, CABI
09.30-10.00	Introduction to Workshop Objectives	CABI
10.00-10.15	What is Phytosanitary Research?	CABI
10.15-11.00	Status on Phytosanitary Research for Plant health controls and Market Access - NPPO representatives	CABI
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Tea Break &amp; Group Photograph</b>	
11.30-12:15	Status on Phytosanitary Research for Plant health controls and Market Access - NPPO representatives	CABI-
12:15-12:45	Global Phytosanitary research agenda -IPPC	FAO, IPPC
12.45 -13:00	Q&A -Plenary discussions	CABI
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00-14:30	The current state of phytosanitary research - opportunities and challenges	AU IAPSC
14.45-15:15	Promoting Global Collaborative research: experiences and opportunities	EUPHRESKO III Secretariat
15.15-16.30	Group work 1– Recent Phytosanitary Research and associated institutions	KEPHIS
16.30-17:00	Summary for the day	CABI
<b>17.00-</b>	<b>Tea Break and End of Day 1</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>		
09.00-09.30	Euphresco III project-Africa	CABI
09.30-10.30	Groupwork 2- Phytosanitary Research priorities for Africa	CABI
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11.00-11.30	Group Work 2 continues	CABI
11.30-13.00	Group Work 2 presentations	CABI and KEPHIS
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14.00-15:00	Phytosanitary Research funding- Funding agencies and development partners	Representatives from Donor Community
15.00-16.30	Pitching for Phytosanitary Research Funding Opportunities	KEPHIS
16.30-17.00	Plenary discussions	CABI
<b>17.00-</b>	<b>Tea Break and End of Day 2</b>	

Date and time	Activity	Session facilitator
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>		
09.00-10.30	Phytosanitary Research – Public Sector perspective Phytosanitary Research-Private sector perspective	KALRO, Academia AFSTA, FPEAK, TAHA, EHPEA, IITA , CIMMYT
<b>10.30-11.00 Tea Break</b>		
11.00-11.30	Phytosanitary Research, Experience from the EU/EPPO region	EU/EPPO
11.30-12.00	Phytosanitary Research, Experience from the Mediterranean Region, La Réunion island in the Indian Ocean	Mediterranean Region
12.00-12.30	Phytosanitary Research, Experience from Australia	Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative, Australia
12.30-13.00	Facilitating safe trade -Case study of fruit flies	ICIPE & KEPHIS
<b>13.00-14.00 Lunch Break</b>		
14.00-14.30	Regulations and Phytosanitary Research challenges	CABI
14.30-15.30	Group work 4 Phytosanitary Research challenges	CABI and KEPHIS
15.30-16.30	Group work 4 Presentations and Plenary discussions	CABI and KEPHIS
<b>16.30- Tea Break and End of Day 3 of workshop</b>		
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025</b>		
09.00-09.30	Mapping Phytosanitary Research Needs for Africa	CABI
09.30-10.30	Groupwork 5- Mapping Phytosanitary Research priorities for Africa	CABI
<b>10.30-11.00 Tea Break</b>		
11.00-11.30	Group Work 5 presentations	CABI
11.30-13.00	Phytosanitary Research and Knowledge Management- A case of GARA	CABI
<b>13.00-14.00 Lunch Break</b>		
14.00-14.30	Africa Phytosanitary Programme (APP)	IPPC Secretariat
14.30- 15.00	Phytosanitary Research Roadmap	CABI
15.00-15.30	Capacity Development, Communication, Policy to support phytosanitary Research	Utmost Precision
15.30-1600	Workshop conclusions and next steps Closing remarks	CABI
<b>17.00- Tea Break and End of Day 4</b>		