



AFRICAN UNITY

REVISED MANDATE OF THE INTER-AFRICAN PHYTOSANITARY COUNCIL (IAPSC)

Our mission:

IAPSC, an intergovernmental organization with 53 member countries under the umbrella of OAU, coordinates plant protection procedures in Africa. Under the International Plant Protection Convention, IAPSC is the regional organization for Africa.

Our vision:

- ➔ Sufficient food and feed with satisfying quality is available at any point in time for the entire population of the African continent.
- ➔ African agricultural exports increase and meet world market standards at competitive prices.
- ➔ Environmentally acceptable plant protection policies and practices that are safe for human health and which do not impede trade and/or exchange in plants and plant products.

Our objectives:

- ❖ Information management to serve African and international plant protection organizations
- ❖ Encouragement for the harmonization of African phytosanitary regulations
- ❖ Development of regional strategies against the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases
- ❖ Promotion of safe and sustainable plant protection techniques

Our activities:

- To collect, evaluate and disseminate plant protection information relevant to Africa
- To promote Integrated Plant Protection and Production Management
- To document and publish articles on modern plant protection in Africa
- To coordinate plant protection activities on regional and sub-regional levels in collaboration with relevant institutions
- To promote international conventions regarding phytosanitary measures (IPPC, WTO/SPS, TRIPS, CBD, etc.)
- To encourage the ratification of such conventions by African Governments
- To organize meetings on training, coordination and know-how transfer
- To articulate the needs of African plant protection organizations at international commissions, conferences, etc.
- To advise national agricultural decision makers on plant protection
- To liaise between the public and the private sector
- To set up sector networks and working groups for plant protection