



*Enhancing Phytosanitary Systems for Healthy
Plants, Safe & Sustainable Trade”*



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
PLANT HEALTH
2020

Sub-theme:

International Year of Plant Health

Title:

Kenya report

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Introduction

- ❑ The year 2020 was declared as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH 2020) by the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 20th December 2018.
- ❑ This followed the Government of Finland's proposal supported by FAO member countries to establish IYPH 2020 in the UN system.
- ❑ This was endorsed by Commission of Phytosanitary Measures in 2015 when it decided to pursue an international Year of Plant health 2020.



Introduction Cont.

- ❑ IYPH 2020 provided a platform for national, regional and global plant health organizations to raise awareness of the importance and positive impacts of plant health in addressing issues of universal importance including hunger, poverty, threats to the environment and economic development.
- ❑ Kenya being an agricultural economy embraced IYPH 2020 and raised awareness on importance of plant health.



Introduction Cont.

- ❑ Creation of awareness was particularly important to Kenya because in the recent past, pest incursion have not only led to reduction in yields and loss of income but also to restriction of international markets.
- ❑ Further, new pest threats are also looming in the horizon with Mozambique having recently reported a new devastating banana wilt disease (Tropical Race 4 (*Acronym* TR4)) therefore posing a threat to Kenya's banana production.



ACTIVITIES TO MARK IYPH IN KENYA



Official launch of IYPH- Breakfast meeting



Kenya marked the beginning of the International Year of Plant Health with a breakfast meeting that brought together various stakeholders at the end of the year 2019 – 11th December 2019.



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH (IYPH 2020)
STAKEHOLDERS BREAKFAST BRIEFING
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2019
Crowne Plaza Hotel

MC: DR. ESTHER KIMANI MANAGING DIRECTOR KEPHIS

TIME	SESSION	FACILITATOR
6.00 am – 6.30 am	Arrival and Registration	Ms. Emily Wairimu Ms. Mellon Kabole Ms. Hellen Mwarey - KEPHIS
6.30 am – 7.15 am	Breakfast	All
7.20 am – 7.30 am	Introductions	Dr. Isaac Macharia- General Manager Phytosanitary Services - KEPHIS
7.30 am – 8.30 am	Welcoming and Opening remarks	Mr. Robin Achoki - Chairman KEPHIS Board of Directors
		FAO representative
	Video and Presentation on IYPH	Dr. Esther Kimani - KEPHIS
8.30 am – 8.45 am	Ministry of Agriculture -Call for action	HON. MWANGI KIUNJURI, E.G.H. - Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries
8.45 am – 8.50 am	Vote of Thanks	Mr. James Ang'awa - KEPHIS
8.50 am – 9.00 am	Media Briefing	Media
9.00am	DEPARTURE	All

GUESTS LEAVE AT OWN PLEASURE

Opening remarks by Mr. Tobias Takavarasha- FAO representative



The Food Agriculture Office (FAO) representative was honored to open the International Year of Plant Health. FAO is assigned by United Nations (UN) to be the custodian of the IYPH. Mr. Tobias Takavarasha applauded KEPHIS for inviting FAO on celebrating the beginning of the IYPH



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REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH BREAKFAST MEETING HELD AT CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL ON 11TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30AM.





Review of Plant Protection Act – Cap 324



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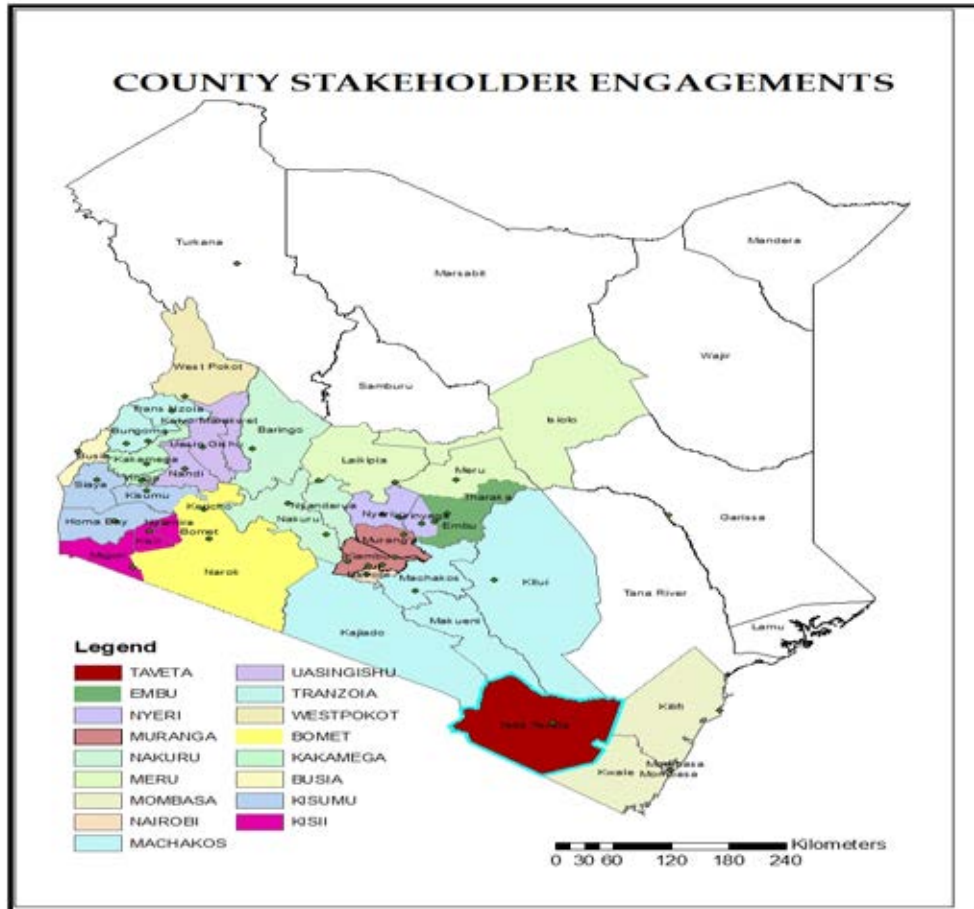
- ❑ Kenya marked the international year of Plant Health with review of policies;
 - ❑ commencement of review of the Plant Protection Act - Cap 324;
 - ❑ development of regulations and
 - ❑ Continuation of the development of the National Phytosanitary Policy
- ❑ The enhanced legislation will provide a more responsive regulatory environment that will boost prevention of introduction and spread of plant pests.



Areas Strengthened

- Provision of a national plant protection organization (NPPO)
- Pest risk analysis,
- Provision of and recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence,
- Surveillance,
- Pest reporting,
- Phytosanitary integrity and security of consignments,
- Pest listing;
- Prompt action and emergency measures;
- Emergency fund;
- Notification of non-compliance;
- Regulation of biological articles and control agents.
- Laboratories

Stakeholder engagements



1. Taveta
2. Embu
3. Nyeri
4. Meru
5. Mombasa
6. Nairobi
7. Machakos
8. Kisii
9. Busia
10. Kakamega
11. Bomet
12. West Pokot
13. Transzoia
14. Uasingishy
15. Kisumu
16. Muranga



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Stakeholder engagements

Republic of Kenya



Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock,
Fisheries and Cooperatives



KAKAMEGA/VIHIGA COUNTY STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE PLANT PROTECTION BILL AND REGULATIONS

PROGRAMME - 3rd November, 2020
Venue - KALRO Kakamega

TIME	ACTIVITY	Facilitator
8.00 am – 8.30 am	Registration	KEPHIS
8.30 am – 8.45 am	Introductions and opening remarks	KEPHIS MOALF County Representatives
8.45 am – 9.00 am	Official Opening of the meeting	CECM Agriculture -Host County
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Overview of Plant Health and International Year of Plant Health	KEPHIS
9.15 am – 10.00 am	The Plant Protection Bill	KEPHIS
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Discussions	MOALF



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Expert talks

The International Year of Plant Health Calls for Greater Care for Plants



The International Year of Plant Health Calls for Greater Care for Plants

~ By Simeon Kibet ~

In 2018, the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly declared the year 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH), a once in a lifetime opportunity for governments around the



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Essay Writing Competition



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION



The year 2020 is officially being marked worldwide as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) following a declaration by the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 20th December 2018 through resolution **A/RES/73/252**.

IYPH 2020 provides a platform for national, regional and global plant health organizations to raise awareness of the importance and positive impacts of plant health in addressing issues of global importance, including hunger, poverty, threats to the environment and economic development.

As part of national activities to mark the International Year of Plant Health, KEPHIS has organized an essay writing competition targeted at university and college students to enhance understanding on the importance of plant health.

Thematic Areas:

University and college students will write essays along the following thematic areas:

1. Pests and diseases such as the Fall Army Worm, *Jurta absoluta* (leaf miner) and the Maize Lethal Necrosis Disease (MLND) have caused major crop losses in maize and tomatoes in Kenya. What solutions do young people have that could mitigate these losses? In your opinion, is enough being done to combat plant pests and diseases in Kenya?
2. It is now a fact that climate change is affecting food production and is here to stay. Erratic weather patterns have made food production a challenge, especially amongst farmers who still follow the traditional weather patterns. Researchers have also developed crop varieties that are drought tolerant and disease resistant in efforts to mitigate climate change. What strategy/strategies would you put in place to educate farmers on unpredictable weather patterns and get their buy in on the need to change their farming methods in tandem with the times? Give

of an improved variety definitely is a good starting point in alleviating poverty and enhancing good production environment. However adoption and use of certified seed of improved varieties is still very low among Kenyan farmers. What strategies should be put in place to increase adoption and use of certified seeds? Elaborate on one of the appropriate strategies which is cost effective that can be implemented to address the issue. What is the role of the youth in this strategy?

6. In the Crops Act (2013), agriculture is a devolved function giving county governments control of agriculture in their respective counties. Pests and diseases can spread from one region to another through planting material leading to increased cost of management and loss of livelihood. What measures should county governments take to prevent the introduction and spread of pests and diseases to protect their agricultural resources?

Duration of the Essay Writing Competition

Two (2) months from 1st March 2020 – 30th April 2020

Requirements of Entry into the Essay Writing Competition

- The Competition is open to Kenyan University students aged between 18-30 years
- Identification will be required to show proof of age and the university that one is studying in.
- The essay should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words in word format and have a maximum of 4 (four) high resolution pictures with explanatory notes. All entries should also have the following clearly indicated: Full names (as shown in the national identity card) university name, course that one is undertaking, telephone contact and email address
- Clearly indicate the thematic question you are answering, for example Question 1, Question 4 etc.



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Impact of IYPH awareness activities

- There is greater understanding of the importance of prevention of introduction and spread of pests.
- All stakeholders understand the role the NPPO plays in phytosanitary matters.
- There is concerted effort and partnership in prevention of introduction and spread of pests and diseases into Kenya.



Official closing of IYPH activities in Kenya

- ❑ This conference will officially mark the closing activities dedicated to the international Year of Plant Health in Kenya.
- ❑ Awareness creation however continues.



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