



Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence

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- Vision

- *An internationally recognised centre of phytosanitary expertise*

- Mission

- *To provide phytosanitary capacity building services to clients in the public and private sectors, so that countries are better able to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and meet the phytosanitary requirements of international trade*



# Rationale

- Need for phytosanitary capacity building in Africa
  - Agriculture central to economies of many countries
  - Plant resources must be protected from pests
  - Phytosanitary issues can hinder market access
    - Trade a driver of development
- Why Kenya?
  - Identified for a centre by regional organisations
    - AU-IAPSC, COMESA
  - Recognised as having a strong NPPO



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# COPE Services

- Capacity building
- Training
  - Short courses including tailored, in-country
  - University accredited courses (e.g. Postgraduate Certificate)
- Work attachment
- Pest Risk Analyses
- Consultancy



# COPE Expertise

- Core expertise: Phytosanitary systems and services
- A “centre without walls”, small secretariat
- Primary partners
  - Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services
  - University of Nairobi
- Other partners in the region
  - National, regional, international organisations with expertise



# COPE Clients & Partners

- National Plant Protection Organisations
- Agricultural producers, exporters, traders
- Regulatory agencies
- Research, education, extension organisations
- International organisations
- NGOs supporting agricultural programmes
- Policy makers
- Individuals



# COPE Finances

- Established with a grant from the Standards and Trade Development Facility
- Co-finance from KEPHIS and Netherlands
- Aim to be self-sustaining
  - Charge for services
  - Seek sponsorship for services



# COPE Timescale

- May 2008: Start of establishment phase
  - Partners include: KEPHIS, University of Nairobi, IPPC, CABI, NPPS (Netherlands)
  - Project management committee includes: Partners, 3 NPPOs, AU-IAPSC, FAO, Private Sector, USDA
- 2009: COPE officially established
  - Memoranda of Understanding
- 2009: First training courses being piloted





# COPE Getting Involved

- Establishing the COPE
  - Regional consultations: Training needs, Curriculum design, Course development
- Contributing expertise
  - Network for Pest Risk Analysts
  - Register of trainers
- Requests for services
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