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Working in International Organizations

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Q. Expectations from the lecture?

- Strongly wish to work in an international organization. Advise me!
- Want to know as a professional career option
- Want to know as a general knowledge
- Somehow interested but vaguely
- Participate as a registered student
- My professor forced me to go
- Enter the room by mistake (who is speaking?)

What is “GMC”?

GMC?

Global Multi-Campus (GMC)

A strategic initiative of Nagoya University

- to strengthen “international linkage”
- with the partner universities
- for education and research

Actions in GMC, Joint Research Div.

Strategy

Australia
India (to come)

Events

VIP talks
Expert lecture
Model UN
Workshop
My lectures

Networking

Quad sympo
STS forum
APAIE
Policy community
Academia

Research support

Rice in Africa
Cold plasma
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Events

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDS9fFNtvpU>

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Ms. Beth Bechdol



Ms. Beth Bechdol?

– Joined FAO in 2020.

International Organizations

Question

- For each of these, is it an UN organization and/or an international organization?

	An UN organization?	An international organization?
WTO		
UNICEF		
Nagoya Univ.		
United Nations Univ.		
JICA		
OECD		
European Union		

UN System



The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶

Subsidiary Organs

- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Main Committees
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
- UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee

Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions⁸

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCSA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Departments and Offices⁹

- EOSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DCO** Development Coordination Office
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Other Bodies¹⁰

- OCT** Office of Counter-Terrorism
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSOA** Office for Outer Space Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**^{1,8} United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**¹ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**¹ United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**¹ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN**¹ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

- CTBTO** Preparatory Commission Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA**^{1,3} International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM**¹ International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW**³ Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO**^{1,4} World Trade Organization

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Specialized Agencies^{1,5}

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP**⁷
 - IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - IDA** International Development Association
 - IFC** International Finance Corporation

Notes:

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.
- For a complete list of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies see un.org/ecosoc.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

Some introduction of FAO

<https://www.fao.org/>

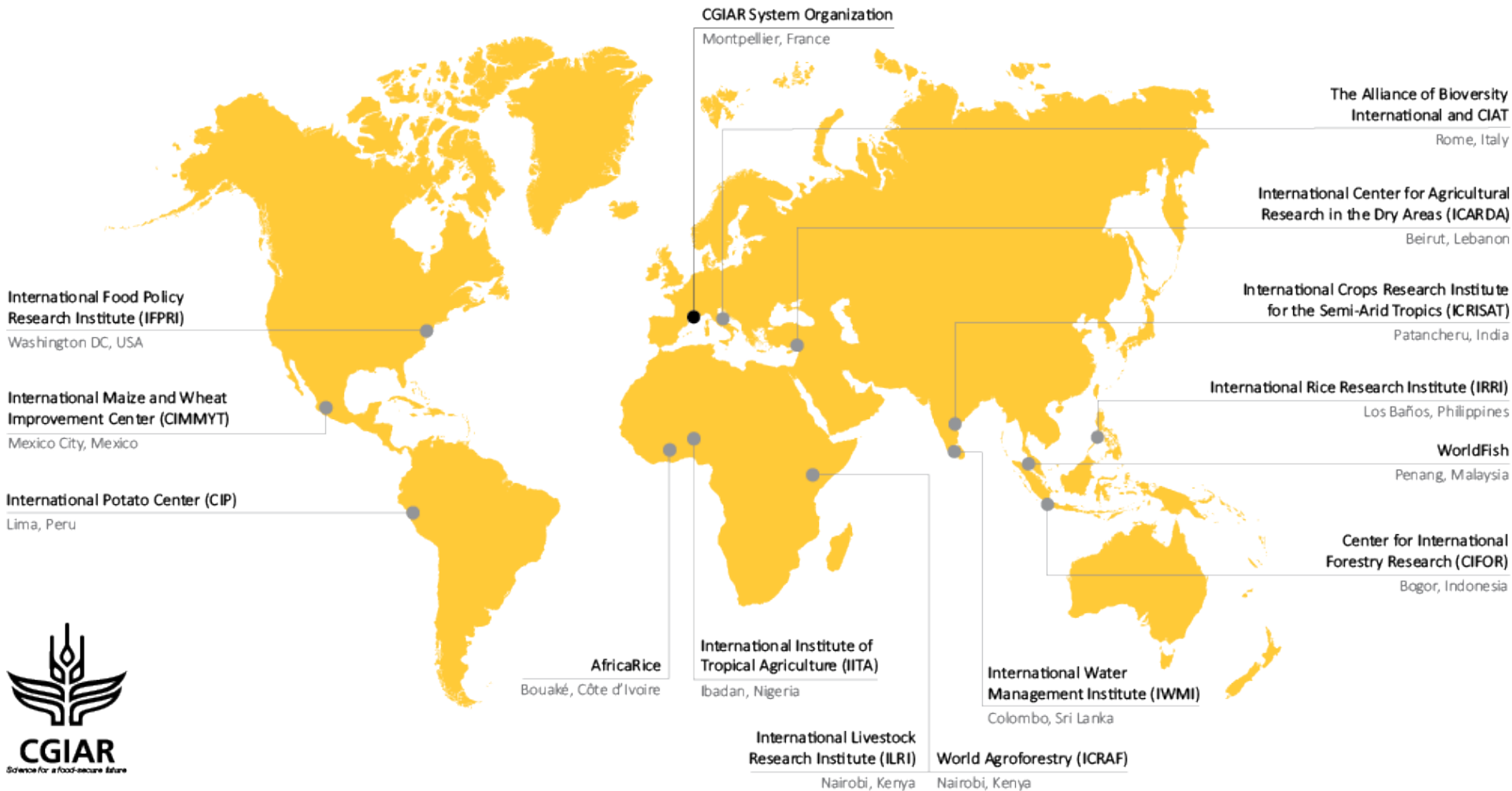
- **Where:** HQ in Rome, with 5 regional offices, 11 sub-regionals and many country offices
- **What:** UN specialized agency with 194 members
- **When:** established just after WWII
- Examples of **its function**:
 - Policy discussion forum
 - Technical supports
 - Rule making (standard settings)
 - Statistics

Other organizations related to agriculture?

- **World Food Programme (WFP)**
- **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**
- **Many research organizations under CGIAR, such as International Rice Research Institutes (IRRI)**
<https://www.cgiar.org/>

Many others

CGIAR



Source: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research site
<https://www.aciar.gov.au/Multilateral-Partnerships/cgiar>

Roles of IOs: Yokoi's views

- Info sharing (to **share**)
- Policy forum (to **discuss**)
- Rule making & implementation (to **harmonize**)
- Technical cooperation (to **help**)
- Service provision (to **serve**)

Around “rules”

- Develop and agree to the rules (**negotiation**)
- Enforce the rules (**implementation** mechanisms with or without penalties)
- Judge under the rules (**dispute settlement**)
- After the judge

IOs' roles on Information

- One of the roles of IOs: **Transparency**
 - Info collection (conducting survey by themselves or requesting/urging countries for submission)
 - Harmonization of the info
 - Provision of the info with global views

 - Analysis
 - Provision of the analytical results

Examples of databases

- World Bank: <https://data.worldbank.org/>
- OECD: <https://data.oecd.org/>
- UNDP (HDI): <http://hdr.undp.org/en/data>
- FAO (FAOSTAT): <http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/>
- WTO: <https://data.wto.org/>
- UNWomen: <https://data.unwomen.org/>
- IOM: <https://gmdac.iom.int/>
- UNESCO: <https://uis.unesco.org/>
- UNHCR: <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>

- Worldometers: <https://www.worldometers.info/>
- EUROSTAT: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/main/home>

May be useful for your group research....

Search: “Statistics” & “(organization name)”

Negative aspects of IOs in reality?

- Diluted **sovereign rights** of individual members
- **Complexity** to reach compromise
- Influence of specific member(s)
- International **politics**
- **Slower** decision making (faster in unilateral actions)
- Decisions may depend on **majority**
- **Bureaucracy** inside the organizations
- **Efficiency?**
- **Go anywhere** if poorly/wrongly governed by members

Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO/WHO)

- Joint commission on food safety and quality
- 44th Codex Session for new food and production system (NFPS)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQy2E2SHnCk&list=PL-L DX tm4szUyP759L1>

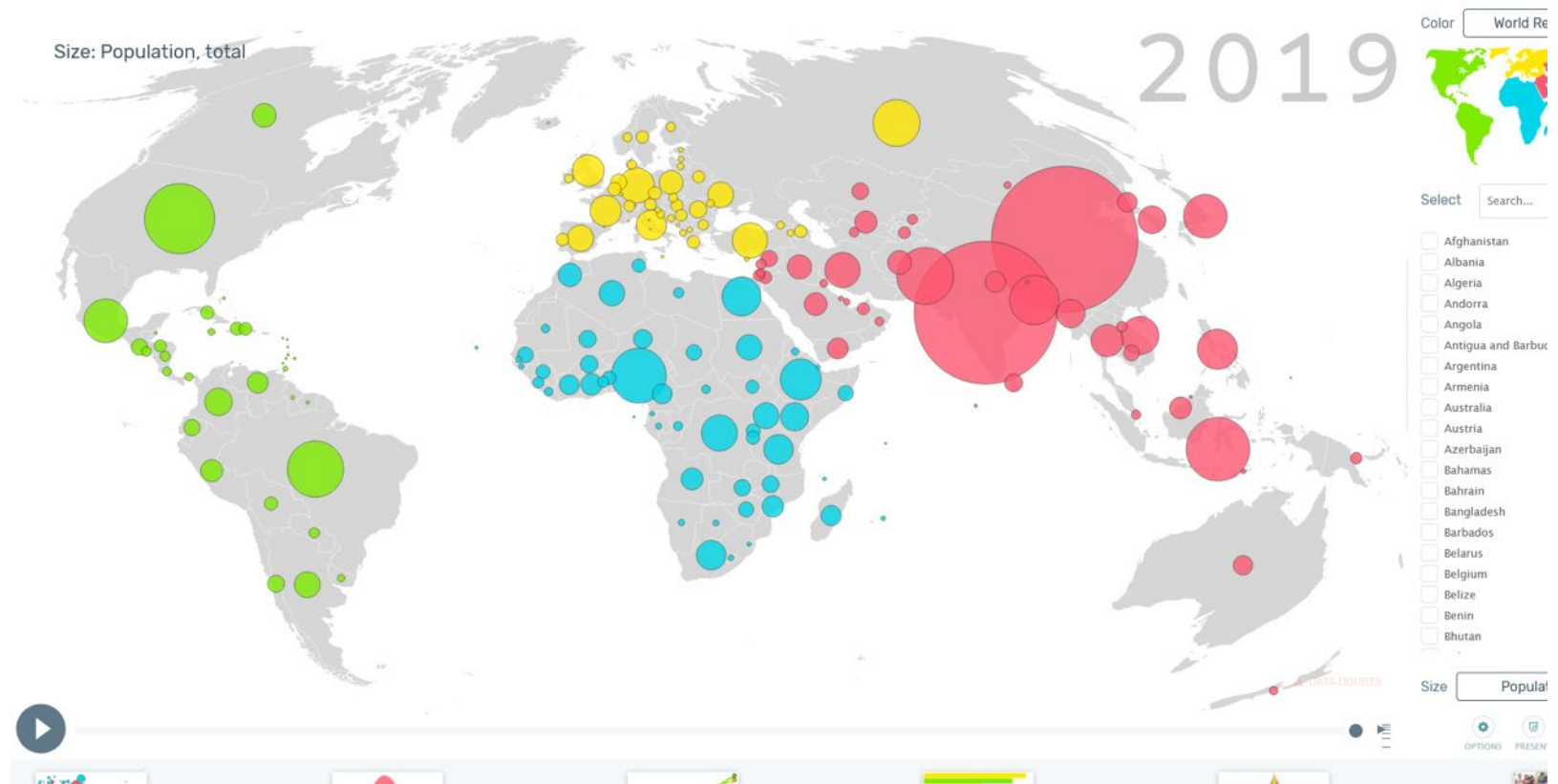
Convention on Biodiversity

- COP15 in Montreal, December 2022
- Very last day for adoption (plenary)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNZ4Y0nQh-8>

Development

A tool to observe changes over time

- <https://www.gapminder.org/tools/>



Gapminder

- Gapminder
 - <https://gapminder.org/>
- Gapminder test
 - <https://forms.gapminder.org/s3/test-2018>
- Gapminder tools
 - <https://www.gapminder.org/tools/>
- Findings?



Want to apply to
International Organizations?

Process of application

Find employment page

- Collective and individual sites
- Automated notification

Select vacancies

- See deadlines, minimum requirements, preferable assets, process

Fill the forms

- Letter of intents (why you apply)
- General info, skills (languages, IT, ...)
- academic & professional experiences (with achievements)
- publications, activities (works done)
- Referee

Submit the application

Interviewed

- Assessment exercises may be required

Offered

Needs

- Communication (languages vs. non-lang.)
- Specific expertise and broad interests
- Convincing with logics ...
- Team working
- Proper actions with diverse culture
- Health
- Eyes on minority

Advantages / challenges

Advantages

- Global coverage
- Diverse experiences
- Opportunities
- Freedom
- Private life
- Income?
- Travels around

Challenges

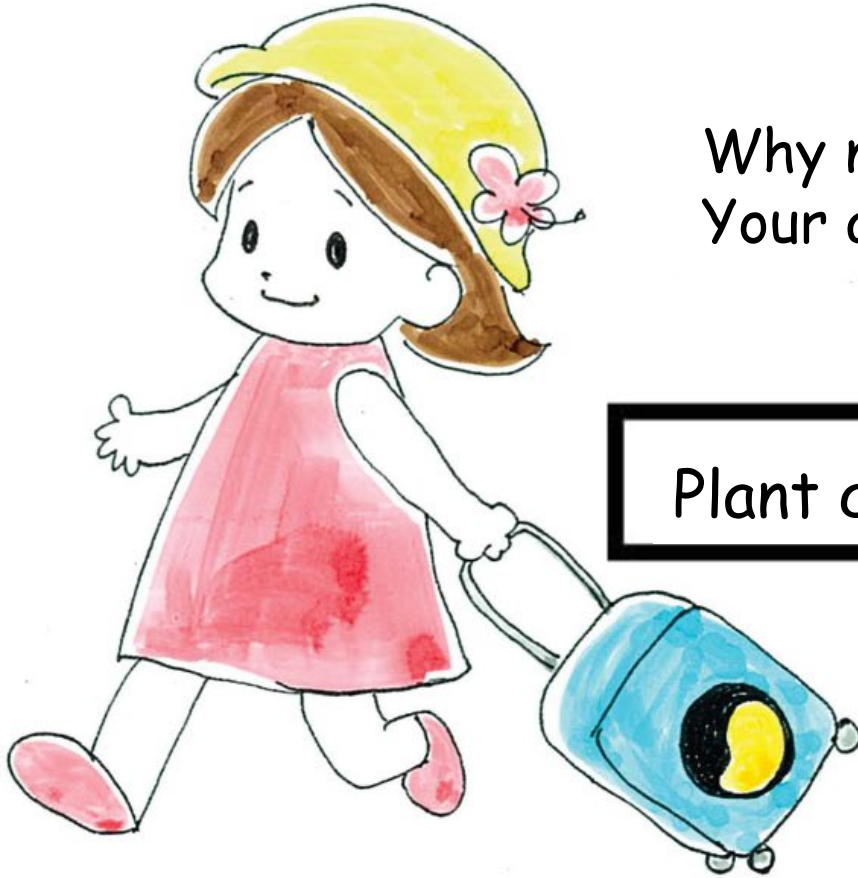
- Far from family?
- Different environment?
- Different culture?
- Security? Hardship?
- Health issues?
- Education?

Thematic topics: Trade (WTO)

Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues

3 areas are covered by WTO/SPS Agreement

- Human health including food safety (Codex < - - FAO/WHO)
- Animal health (OIE)
- **Plant health (FAO/IPPC)**



Why not loving green around?
Your action matters!



<https://www.maff.go.jp/pps/j/kids/pps.html> 20240618

*The website is written in Japanese but we introduced in English for a lecture use.

More from MAFF, Plant Protection Office

- Plant Quarantine in Japan (30 min. in Japanese):

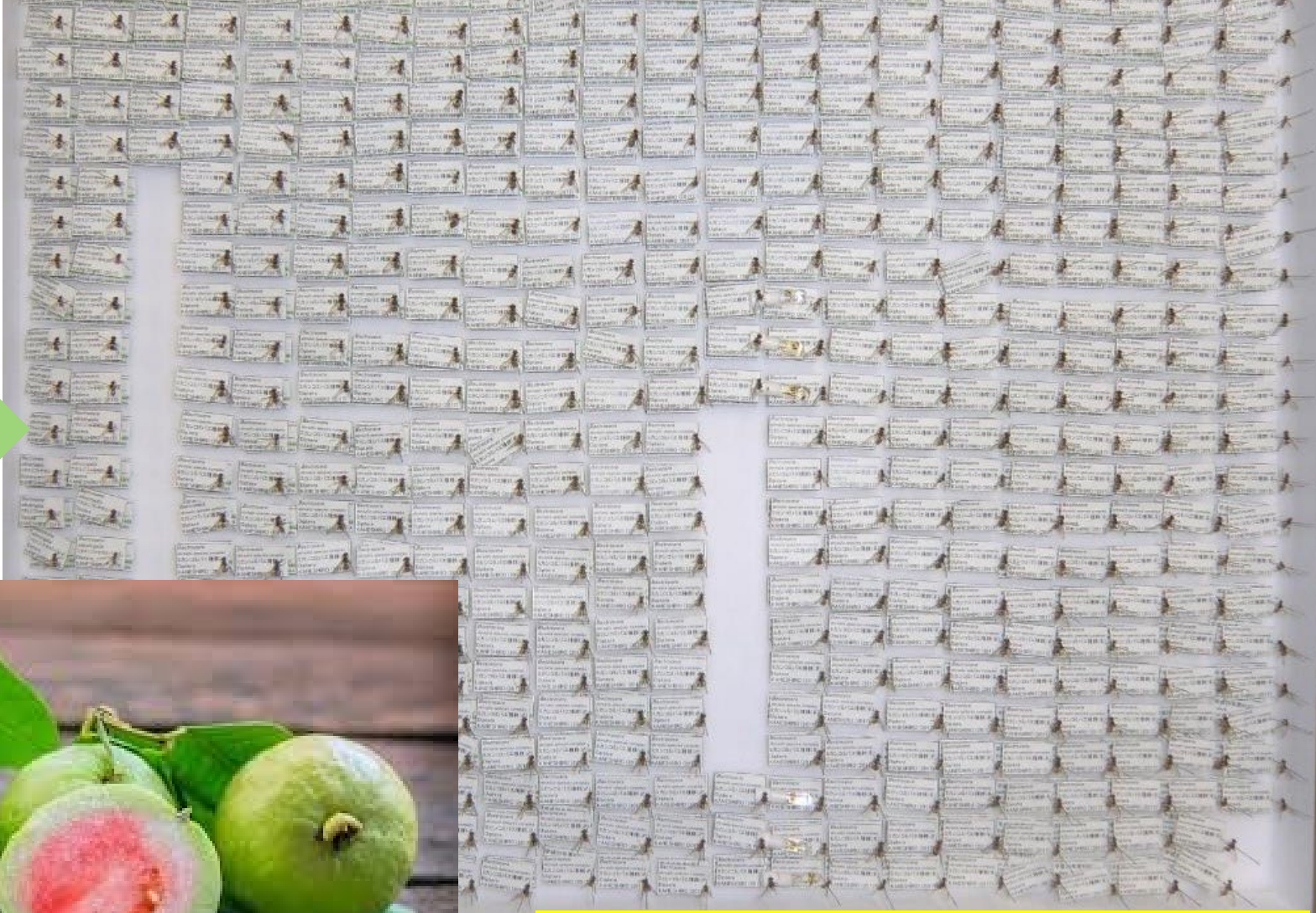
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnlZNW-kRL8>

- PQ Channel (YouTube, in Japanese):

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVc03uX0lwZsWtS3T38jTqm8m4tGJPToB>

Fruit flies detected in Guavas from the Philippines - 2017

<https://www.maff.go.jp/j/syouan/syokubo/keneki/attach/pdf/arikata-14.pdf> 20240618



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Period length of detection?
Quantity of Guavas?

From my experiences ...

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

The Secretariat team is hosted by FAO

International Plant Protection Convention: IPPC



Missions

- Cooperative actions to prevent new pest entry and spread
- Promote proper measures for pest controls

Activities

- Standard development (ISPM)
- Promote implementation
- Info exchange (notification)
- Dispute settlement

Members & Secretariat

- More than 180
- Secretariat is hosted by FAO



Conference meetings of IPPC



Smaller meetings



Secretariat team



Interns in FAO



About myself

Around 20 years old ...



24 years old in 1984



Visited no country
except Japan

30 years old in 1990



Visited six countries:
US, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica,
Spain and USSR

Since last year

Countries visited after joining Nagoya Univ.,

- India
- Cambodia **NEW!**
- Singapore
- Kenya
- Australia
- UAE (Abu-Dhabi)

My experiences ...

13-15 Swimming

18-22 Ski jump

22- Public Official
(mostly Min. of Ag. & 2yrs in Min. of Env.)

Out of
Japan

29-31: Cornell Univ. Master (Agriculture)

31-39: Trade Negotiation, WTO panel

Out of
Japan

39-41: OECD (Ag. Env. Policy Analysis)



My experiences ...

Out of
Japan

39-41: OECD (Ag. Env. Policy Analysis)

45-49: JICA, JETRO



In Bolivia

In Bangladesh



My experiences ...

Out of
Japan

39-41: OECD (Ag. Env. Policy Analysis)

45-49: JICA, JETRO

Out of
Japan

49-54: FAO (IPPC Secretary)



My experiences ...

Out of
Japan

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Out of
Japan

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54-58: Director, PQ Research Center

58-61: Director, WTO team

61-63: Senior Coordinator, BRAIN

+ Advisor to the Minister
(MAFF, Global Env. Issues)



My experiences ...



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61-63: Senior ()

+ Advisor to the Minister
(MAFF, Global Env. Issues)



My experiences ...

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Out of
Japan

39-41: OECD (Ag. Env. Policy Analysis)

45-49: JICA, JETRO

GWC
Lecturer

Out of
Japan

49-54: FAO (IPPC Secretary)

TUFS
PhD course

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(MAFF, Global Env. Issues)

TUFS
Lecturer

63- : Nagoya Univ. and your lecturer!

Questions?

- International organizations are plenty and diverse.
- Even experienced ones know limitedly.
- More knowledge would be better for further consideration.
- Want to work in any? It seems difficult, and it is. Come to me later for more practical advice.
- Loving communication would be a way.

See you on next occasions

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For your further link with me:

