

Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection

GICSV

ePhyto Working Group

Date:	April 26 th 2019
Time	8:30 am Central America; 09:30 am Lima, Asunción and USA East time 10:30 am, 11:30 am Buenos Aires y Montevideo. The meeting will last 3 hours
Hosted:	Videoconference. Zoom Sesion.
Access link	https://iica.zoom.us/j/162906950
Participantes:	Representatives from CAN, COSAVE; NAPPO y OIRSA. IICA (Technical Secretariat).

REPORT

1. Opening session.

Ms. Carmen Berni, COSAVE Coordination Secretary, opened the meeting on behalf GICSV Coordinator, Mr. Ernesto Galliani, who was unable to attend due to other commitments. Ms. Berni thanked the attendees for their participation and pointed out the importance of Electronic Certification issue for GICSV's RPPOs, as well as for their NPPOs. She highlighted the ePhyto issue relevance in the GICSV Work Plan, for which purpose it is proposed to update the ePhyto Group work plan incorporating new topics of interest, promote knowledge about ePhyto in NPPOs and other interested entities, support the regional and hemispheric initiatives and generate materials for dissemination and awareness.

Representatives of NAPPO, OIRSA, CAN and COSAVE participated and IICA as Technical Secretariat. In Annex 1 is the list of participants.

2. Meeting objectives. Consideration and adoption of the agenda.

COSAVE Coordination Secretariat analyzed the proposed agenda and highlighted the objective, the WG Worl Plan 2019 - 2020 aligned with the definitions of the GICSV Coordinating Group.

Without additional comments, the WG adopted the agenda (Annex 2)

3. ePhyto IPPC Project, update. Questions and debate.

ePhyto Coordinator Group and member of the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group, Mr. Walter Alessandrini, give a detailed presentation of IPPC Project called ePhyto Solution, its elements, benefits and progress. The presentation is the Annex 3 of this report.

He also shared a video produced by the IPPC with the idea of spreading the ePhyto Solution <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZb58a6wL9U>

4. Update ePhyto in the Regions.

Mr. Ramón Canízares reported the electronic phytosanitary certification in the CAN region, noting that the development of ePhyto in Member Countries allows them to exchange

electronic certificates with some of their counterparts. Colombia and Peru are working under Pacific Alliance framework and Ecuador participates in IPPC pilot project. He informed that the CAN, through the Technical Committee of Agricultural Health - COTASA, has programmed activities aimed at identifying areas of mutual interest and needs in the countries of the Andean Community as a strategy for selecting lines of work and prioritization of topics. The presentation is Annex 4 of this report.

COSAVE Technical Secretariat reported that ePhyto is one of the COSAVE work lines and two Working Groups address the issue: the Group on Sampling, Inspection and Certification and a specific Group to ePhyto. She also stressed that COSAVE countries have a high involvement in ePhyto Solution and its implementation. She also pointed out that COSAVE works to strengthen the capacities of its countries with the idea that everyone can advance in the implementation of the Solution and minimize the gaps between them.

NAPPO Executive Director reported that the Organization has an Expert Group that works specifically on ePhyto, which is chaired by Mr. Christian Dellis who is also one of the representatives of NAPPO at GICSV ePhyto Group. Together with Walter Alessandrini, Mr Dellis is also part of the IPPC management group of the IPPC. The NAPPO ePhyto GE meets virtually 4-5 times a year and the experts share the progress made in ePhyto in our 3 member countries. During the NAPPO annual meeting in 2018, an ePhyto demonstration was presented to inform our private sector stakeholders. A similar activity is planned for the 2019 annual meeting.

OIRSA representative, Mrs. Nancy Villegas, pointed out that Mexico and Costa Rica are the countries that lead ePhyto Solution implementation in the Region and Panama improved its installed capacity for the issue. Nicaragua has carried out internal simulation processes, among countries in the OIRSA region, in other successful platforms. El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Guatemala have expressed interest in the start of work for the implementation of the Solution and, on the other hand, Belize expresses its interest in the use of the generic system. All countries now have a Foreign Trade Single Window or similar and see the advantages of accessing the resources of the Solution. It will propose the integration of an "ad hoc" working group to generate the photograph of the installed capacity in the region, as well as the design of the road map to advance the interests expressed by each of the member states of the OIRSA region.

5. Follow up results of ePhyto Workshop Buenos Aires 2018.

Walter Alessandrini presented the Workshop contents and main conclusions, among which he stressed that the quantity and quality of information provided was adequate and helped accelerate the implementation of ePhyto in the region. Experiences exchange between countries allowed knowing the situation, which helps to guide the efforts to improve the implementation.

He pointed out that a working group was formed that will follow up on the implementation process, it has not yet met but it is expected to be done in a virtual way.

He indicated that the concerns expressed during the workshop put the issue of digital signatures back into discussion in the IPPC ePhyto steering group. It also began with the development of the incorporation of communications from the NPPO of destination to the NPPO of origin (acceptance / rejection / notes of non-compliance).

The presentation in Annex 3.

6. ePhyto WG work plan and schedule of meetings from 2019 to 2020.

It was agreed that the Work Plan will be focused to the exchange of information and experiences, capacity building and to minimize the capacity gaps for the implementation of the

ePhyto Solution. It should be a roadmap for the convergence to the regional implementation. Horizontal cooperation will be the main methodological tool.

To elaborate the Work Plan, the Group agreed that the ePhyto Group members would send to the Coordinator, Walter Alessandrini, proposals for initiatives (with a copy to the TS).

Suggestions and initiatives for the Work Plan should be sent before May 31.

7. Date and topics for next meeting.

Next ePhyto WG is scheduled for September, however if there are topics of interest, a prior meeting will be convened

Anexo 1. Lista de participantes

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Annex 2. Adopted agenda

AGENDA	
	1. Opening session. <i>GICSV Coordinator.</i>
	2. Meeting objectives. Consideration and adoption of the agenda. <i>GICSV Coordinator.</i>
	3. Project ePhyto IPPC, update. Questions and debate. <i>Group Coordinator Walter Alessandrini.</i>
	4. Update ePhyto in the Regions. <i>Moderator: Group Coordinator Walter Alessandrini</i>
	5. Follow up results of ePhyto Workshop Buenos Aires 2018. <i>Group Coordinator Walter Alessandrini</i>
	6. ePhyto WG work plan and schedule of meetings from 2019 to 2020. <i>Moderator: Group Coordinator Walter Alessandrini</i>
	7. Date and topics for next meeting. <i>Moderator: Group Coordinator Walter Alessandrini</i>