

Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection
GICSV
Coordinating Committee

Report CC 2 / 2021

Date	July 16 th 2021
Hora	08:30 a.m. Costa Rica Time. 10:30 a.m. Raleigh, USA, EDT.
Place	Videoconference. Session Zoom
Link to join the meeting.	https://iica.zoom.us/j/89943187233?pwd=WnN2VXQxT291a3BWQkIseG1GcnEyZz09 Meeting ID 899 4318 7233 Access code: zWiyd7

I. Participants

COORDINATOR COMMITTEE	Participants	Institution
	CAHFSA	
	CAN	
	Katty Rojas	Plant Health Responsible, CAN Secretariat.
	COSAVE	
	James Pazo	Coordination Secretary, on behalf of COSAVE President.
	NAPPO	
	Stephanie Bloem	Executive Director and GICSV Coordinator
	Maribel Hurtado	Scientific official.
	OIRSA	
	Carlos Urias	Plant Health Regional Director
	Xavier Euceda	Plant Health Direction Technical Assistant
	IICA	
	María de Lourdes Fonalleras	Technical Secretariat.

1. Opening session.

GICSV Coordinator welcomed the participants, presents and puts in context Katty Rojas, Representative of the CAN and new member of Coordination Committee. In this sense, she mentions NAPPO assumed the GICSV Coordination in March of this year and for the following biennium.

2. Agenda, consideration, and adoption.

Dr. Bloem presents the draft agenda, which is approved without modifications.

AGENDA	
08:30 am*	Opening session. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
08:35 am	Agenda, consideration and adoption. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
08:40 am	Work Plan 2021 – 2022 progress report and outputs. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
08:55 am	Working Group operation. Participation of Members designated by RPPOs. <i>Lourdes Fonalleras. GICSV Technical Secretariat.</i>
09:10 am	North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI). Webinar proposal NASCI – GICSV**. <i>Stephanie Bloem, Coordinador de GICSV.</i>
09:20 am	GICSV Constitution & Bylaw. Review for update. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
09:30 am	Other issues. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
09:35 am	Close the meeting. <i>Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>

3. Work Plan 2021 – 2022 progress report and outputs

Dr. Bloem presents a detailed report that shows the progress made to date by each of six GICSV Working Groups, as well as the status of the deliverables set out in the work plan. The report is attached in Annex I of this Report.

OIRSA, CAN y COSAVE Representatives appreciate the report and acknowledge the work carried out.

4. Working Group operation. Participation of Members designated by RPPOs

GICSV Technical Secretariat (ST) mentions that NAPPO supports interpretation and recommends that technical documents be as short as possible to facilitate translation.

TS informs a repeated situation in the Working Groups meetings, that in some way, affect the GTs performance. There were meetings in which, on behalf of a particular RPPO, people participated who were not designated as such and who in some cases were not known to the RPPO. In general, these were people from the NPPO to which the official delegates of the RPPO belong and to whom they are asked to represent their place at the meeting. In some cases, the ignorance that these people have about GICSV and the Group's work agenda, hinders the WG's progress on the Work Plan, in addition to not maintaining the orientation of the RPPO on the various issues.

TS also informs that the meetings identify the need to raise awareness in the members of the WG about their responsibilities: the representatives of the RPPO act on behalf of the RPPOs and not on behalf of the NPPO, it is frequent that members of a WG express an opinion as NPPO without considering the position of the entire region. As well as this, there are other issues that indicate the importance of making the members of the expert groups aware that their representation is as RPPOs and if reports on the pest situation in the region are required, for

example, they should reach a regional consensus on the report, the position or whatever is going to be presented.

TS recalls that in 2019 the Coordinating Committee adopted a list of responsibilities for the members of the WGs and for the Coordinators of the WGs. The CC recognizes the need for RPPOs to raise awareness on these issues. The responsibilities will be included in Coordination report.

5. North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI). Webinar proposal NASCI – GICSV

The GICSV Coordinator explains that United States and Canada have developed the North American Maritime Container Initiative (NASCI) to which Mexico has recently joined. The NASCI works to achieve good communication and harmonization in the cleaning and surveillance activities of maritime containers, considering that containers are an important route of movement for quarantine pests. This Group works closely with the industry, as well as Australia and New Zealand governments, although the latter two countries are islands that can be more easily protected and have more aggressive programs in handling maritime containers, compared to other continents and there are lessons to be learned from these countries.

In this sense, NAPPO proposes that, within GICSV scope, a webinar be held in which NASCI, Australia, New Zealand and the industry share their experiences with GICSV and develop a dialogue between participants and experts. The webinar is proposed to be held in August and would have IICA support by providing the platform and interpretation services.

The members of the Coordinating Committee point out the importance of the proposed webinar and remain attentive to disseminate and participate. It is mentioned that the topic is on the IPPC and is part of the new tasks proposed in the GICSV work plan for this biennium. The CC agrees to advance in the organization of the seminar.

6. GICSV Constitution & Bylaw. Review for update.

Considering that GICSV constitution and bylaw date from 1998, the Coordination proposes to proceed with a review for their updating. The Committee agrees with the proposal.

NAPPO proposes that the TS share a word version for RPPOs comments, and after that a session to review the comments jointly and, once an adjusted version is available, it would be shared again with RPPOs to verify the agreement with the document.

TS recalls that in 2012 this document was reviewed and at that time the update was not proceeded because the Caribbean had withdrawn its RPPO and it was awaiting the creation of a new one. Background information will be shared, as an input for the review.

Coordinating Committee agrees to proceed with the review and to do so as proposed.

7. Other issues.

COSAVE recalls “Risk-based sampling - RFM” was included in the work plan and indicates the NPPOs interest to advance on the topic.

GICSV Coordinator mentions that NAPPO has developed a set of tools, Spanish and English versions, which are available on its website. However, she proposes to develop a NAPPO tools presentation, that includes a manual, various instructions, and a training module.

TS recalls the two events held in previous years by IICA - USDA / APHIS, with CAN and NAPPO support (Bogotá and Lima), achieving a good level of theoretical training that aroused the NPPOs

interest. She also mentions that IICA received requests for cooperation from several countries to have new training in practical terms of advising countries to implement the RFM.

The CC agrees to advance the proposal of the Coordination that will review possible dates to prepare the presentation.

8. Close the meeting

Coordinator appreciates the participation and closes the meeting.

9. Commitment

Commitment	Responsible	Deadline
Adjust the presentation and share it with the coordinating committee members.	CC TS	ASAP
Share the progress report with CC members, emphasizing WG members and WG coordinator roles	Coordination Committee members (RPPOs)	ASAP
Share a word version of GICSV Constitution and Bylaw for RPPOs comments.	TS	ASAP
Review possible dates for maritime containers webinar.	NAPPO	ASAP
Review possible dates for a MFR tools presentation	NAPPO	ASAP

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