

Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection

GICSV

FOC R4T Working Group

REPORT WG FOC R4T 2/2021

Date:	June 29, 2021.
Time	8:30 a.m. Costa Rica Time (10:30 a.m. Raleigh, NC, EDT)
Held:	Videoconference. Zoom Session.
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I. PARTICIPAN LIST

Group	Participants	Institution
FOC R4T	CAHFSA	
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	COSAVE	
	Carlos Torres	SENASA Perú
	NAPPO	
	Ana Martha Cuellar Tule	SENASICA México
	José Fabian Zilch	SENASICA México
	Clemente de Jesús García Avila	SENASICA México
	Nedelka Marín Martínez	Interprete. Technical writer. NAPPO
	Maribel Hurtado	Scientific Official NAPPO
	OIRSA	
	Xavier Euceda	OIRSA
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	Observers	
	Sage Thompson	NAPPO. USDA/APHIS/PPQ/PHP
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1. Opening session.



Maribel Hurtado, NAPPO Scientific Officer, welcomes on behalf of GIGSV Coordinator, Dra. Stephanie Bloem, and introduces NAPPO Interpreter and Technical Writer Nedelka Martínez

2. Agenda, consideration, and adoption

WG Coordinator submits the draft agenda for consideration, it is approved without modifications.

Draft AGENDA	
08:30* hs	Opening session. <i>Dra. Bloem, GICSV Coordinator</i>
08:35 hs	Agenda, consideration, and adoption. <i>Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator</i>
08:40 hs	GICSV. 2021 – 2023 Work Plan: Objectives and deliverables WG FOC R4T <i>Moderator: Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator</i>
09:00 hs	FOC R4T in America and Caribe: RPPOs upgrade information on pest status, regulations, and others. <i>Moderator: Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator.</i>
09:30 hs	TCP / RLA / 3724. Regional emergency project Fusarium TR4 and others related to TR4. Situation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional action plan document for Latin America and the Caribbean (under FAO review). Emergency, surveillance, or other issues that should be include into virtual regional workshop program that will take place in June - July 2021. Dates propose for meetings with NPPOs on national action plans progress. <i>Moderator Eng Xavier Euceda. WG Coordinator</i>
09:45 hs	Other issues. <i>Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator</i>
09:55 hs	Next meeting: date and issues. <i>Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator</i>
10:00 hs.	Close the meeting. <i>Eng Xavier Euceda WG Coordinator</i>

*Costa Rica Time

3. GICSV. 2021 – 2023 Work Plan: Objectives and deliverables WG FOC R4T

The WG objectives and deliverables proposed for 2021 - 2023 were analyzed:

3.2.1. RPPOs confirmed delegates to WG

3.2.2. It is agreed WG have meetings every 2 months to following the work plan activities.

3.2.3. WG Coordinator and TS prepare the agendas for each meeting.

3.2.4. It is hailed the importance of the information exchange on events, technical documents and others, for updating GICSV website and, in the previous meeting, it was suggested to incorporate GICSV link into RPPOs website in order to give more visibility to GICSV and its activities, and like a virtual technical library developed by RPPOs.

WG recognizes that the tasks “3.2.5. Follow-up, review and implementation of Regional Strategy and Plan prepared by FAO” and “3.2.6. Follow up on survey carried out by FAO on surveillance capacity and response to Foc TR4....” are FAO competence matters, WG agrees to merge both in a single task that refers to “coordinating with FAO the activities that require GICSV follow-up or participation”.

3.2.7. Analyze the development of biosecurity activities for propagation materials importation, as well as Foc R4T resistant and tolerant plants. WG Coordinator proposes that draft valuable scientific documents, mentioned in previous meetings, can be as a reference for the countries. is adopted.

3.2.8. Include other tasks proposed by WG, it is kept as a permanent task.

4. FOC R4T in America and Caribe: RPPOs upgrade information on pest status, regulations, and others

WG Coordinator invites participants to update pest situation in GICSV area:

- **OIRSA** points out that, according to surveillance NPPOs reports, FOC R4T it is not present in all 9 OIRSA countries members. He refers to USDA Federal Order May 20, 2021 that reported FOC R4T presence in Costa Rica, however, it was rectified by a new Federal Order, May 21 2021, that eliminates Costa Rica from the list of countries with presence of the disease. OIRSA continues work on surveillance for timely detection, for which they have the cooperation of the University of Taiwan with whom detection and identification methods are studied, including with canine units in the field.
- **NAPPO** indicates that they make progress in the phytosanitary command consolidation with OIRSA, for experts group conformation. The experts’ technical group will support decision-making process, capacity building and infrastructure strengthening. It informs they are preparing a drill for action in the event of a phytosanitary risk, bearing in mind that it is necessary to be prepared for a possible outbreak. Within the NAPPO region the FOC TR4 it is an absent pest.
- **CAN** is focuses on Ecuador actions such as biosafety measures training, virtual courses aimed at producers and technicians. CAN reports on musaceae diseases training with Agrosavia participation, led by Colombia. CAN continue to work on dissemination of biosafety measures with a focus on FOC R4T, through social networks they have a message campaign on FOC R4T security measures, symptoms of and other issues related to the disease, aimed at the producers.
- **COSAVE** region is FOC R4T free, except for Peru that last April reported the first case. The situation is the same as at detection time. A strict surveillance on 70 hectares around the initial detection is maintained, detections were made in other very small plots around the focus. Trainings are carried out; surveillance and quarantine actions have been reinforced. Currently the surveillance is done at the national level and there is no other FOC R4T report.

- **CAHFSA** is not attending the meeting.

5. TCP / RLA / 3724. Regional emergency project Fusarium TR4 and others related to TR4. Situation of:

5.1. Regional action plan document for Latin America and the Caribbean (under FAO review).

Regarding the item related to the project on regional emergency in collaboration with FAO, it is mentioned that the situation of action plans at regional level was clarified last meeting. Regarding surveillance and National Action plans, OIRSA reports that it is being developed with Nicaragua and is pending approval, as well as CAHFSA that is also working on a National Action Plan for Trinidad and Tobago.

A drill will be held in a face-to-face meeting, which is being analyzed to later invite the GICSV technical group.

The RPPOs report that they received the regional action plan for Latin America and the Caribbean from FAO

5.2. Emergency, surveillance, or other issues that should be include into virtual regional workshop program that will take place in June - July 2021 and Dates propose for meetings with NPPOs on national action plans progress.

RPPOs report that they have not received FAO communication on meetings schedule. WG agree each RPPO will contact FAO directly, taking into account that they are national matters, and, in this way, countries needed to be coordinated directly with FAO, not through the GICSV.

6. Other issues

WG coordinator reports:

- Phytosanitary command for FOC R4T was confirmed on June 3 with the participation of international scientists, various institutions, among which are SENASICA and OIRSA. Invites RPPOs to join.
- Between October 18 and 22, the 8th International Congress of plant biotechnology will be held face to face in Cuba, include a FOC R4T specific workshop. This information was shared by the GICSV Secretariat.

WG Coordinator asks CAN if COTASA maintains the technical group on FOC R4T and how the coordination of this group remains in view of the changes in CAN Head of Plant Health. CAN reported that there is no information about it yet.

OIRSA invites the WG to a virtual event on July 2, 6 pm Central America time, for recognition and farewell to Camilo Beltran, given his departure from the CAN.

7. Next meeting: date and issues.

August 31 at 8:30 a.m. Costa Rica Time, 10:30 Raleigh Time EDT.

8. Acknowledgment

Working Group members and TS thanks NAPPO for the generosity of providing interpretation for the meeting and especially Ms. Nedelka Marín Martínez for the effort made in this regard.

9. Commitments

Commitments	Responsable	Date
Update and include in the work plan a task for coordination with FAO, merging tasks 3.2.5. and 3.2.6.	WG Coordinator GICSV TS	ASAP
Contact FAO to advance national action plans	RPPOs/NPPOs	ASAP

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