

Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection

GICSV

Huanglongbing (HLB) Working Group

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Participants: Representatives from CAN, COSAVE; NAPPO y OIRSA. IICA (Technical Secretariat).

1. Opening sesion. *GICSV Coordinator.*

COSAVE Coordination Secretary, Ms. Carmen Berni, welcomed the participants on behalf of the GICSV Coordinator and President of COSAVE Mr. Ernesto Galliani who was unable to participate due to other activities previously scheduled. Ms. Berni mentioned the importance of continuing the activities of the GICSV HLB Working Group, which is considered a priority by the GICSV Coordinating Group. She mentioned that although the Group may change its members, it is important to continue with the task it had been carrying out. She highlighted the importance of GICSV as an area of the RPPOs of the Americas to coordinate and cooperate at regional and hemispheric levels.

The Technical Secretariat (ST) noted that the GICSV Coordinating Group, in its November 2018 meeting, assigned the Working Groups the task of defining a biannual Work Plan (2019 - 2010), which is the main objective of this meeting.

The HLB Working Group Coordinator, Mr. José Hernández, after greeting the participants and thanking IICA for its coordination, outlined the objectives that were opportunely defined by and for the Group and consulted the participants if there were modifications to the objectives defined. There being no comments, those already established remain in force.

Mr. Hernández also reports that NAPPO confirmed the participation of the duly appointed delegates. Annex 1 is the list of participants.

2. Work Plan 2019 – 2010.

Based on the Group Objectives, the following topics were proposed and analyzed for its inclusion in the Work Plan:

Hemispheric Workshop on HLB: The Group Coordinator reports that although this issue is not a priority for USDA / APHIS, NAPPO would have no objection if another RPPO proposes and organizes it.

COSAVE indicates that it agrees to keep the Workshop as an objective in the 2019-2020 Work Plan and explore dates and resources to carry it out. OIRSA confirms and maintains the interest since 2018. OIRSA also inform is organizing an International Forum for September 2019 (probably 10 and 11) and considers interesting, on that occasion, the GICSV Workshop will be held, although the Forum date is near. Is the idea for this Forum the participation of international experts and work to facilitate RPPO participation (which should finance their participation). The Forum will be held in Honduras, the agenda is broad considering a first day for HLB and a second day for other quarantine pests. It is intended for the public

and private sectors and the participation of experts from Taiwan, USA, Brazil and Mexico has been confirmed. OIRSA will share the agenda through the ST.

CAN thanks OIRSA for the opportunity and will analyze the possibility to attend it. CAN also mentions the convenience of postponing the GICSV Workshop, so that all the RPPO can be properly organized and participate.

The Group agreed to keep the GICSV Workshop on HLB in the 2019-2020 Work Plan and in the second semester to reanalyze if interest is maintained and confirmed in 2020 or if it is withdrawn from the Work Plan. In the event that the workshop is confirmed by 2020, organization activities must be done well in advance to facilitate the necessary forecasts for the RPPOs participation and speakers, as well as for their organization.

Information exchange: The Group Coordinator proposes to hold 2 or 3 meetings during the year to allow the exchange of information and experiences that the Group has been carrying out in relation to the situation of the pest, regulatory changes, management strategies, production of clean propagation material, lessons learned, innovations and others. The proposal is accepted and will be included in the Work Plan.

Materials for prevention and dissemination. At the suggestion of CAN, the Group agreed to incorporate into the Work Plan the preparation of audiovisual and other pieces that contain messages previously harmonized in the scope of GICSV. The messages will be oriented to the pest prevention and management. Audiovisual pieces and other kind of messages will be considered to facilitate another dynamic in social networks .

Specific topics to include in the work plan:

At the suggestion of COSAVE, the methodology developed for "Evaluation of the Impact of Phytosanitary Measures" and its application to the Case Study on "Phytosanitary Measures of Huanglongbing in Brazil for production of seedlings in a protected environment" will be shared. An activity that allows presenting the tool and analyzing the case study will be proposed.

USDA will share the procedures it has developed to obtain clean propagation material, the techniques they use and their dissemination to the private sector. The Group agreed it is a topic of interest and a specific activity will be incorporated into the Work Plan.

Technical Materials. OIRSA is preparing a Compendium on integrated management of HLB, which it will share through the ST. OIRSA also proposes to work on a GICSV manual or technical protocol with basic information for the production of healthy plants, management, surveillance techniques and others. It would be a more limited technical document than the compendium and would contain the RPPOs contributions and edition and layout by OIRSA. NAPPO reports that it has a document on the management of HLB, published on its website. Although there are various resources and are broad and difficult to summarize. The Group agreed to incorporate in the Work Plan.

OIRSA informs that they are working on the preparation of a field guide with photos that they can share and invites the RPPOs to join with contributions.

3. Other issues

CAN informs that it is in the consulting process with the Comité Técnico de Sanidad Agropecuaria – COTASA - to define the delegates in the Groups.

The Group Coordinator consults on the participation of the new Caribbean ORPF in GICSV work groups, IICA explains that at the November 2018 meeting, the Coordinating Group defined a strategy that is being addressed and will keep the Groups informed.

The TS will shortly share a meeting report.

The Coordinator of the Group with the ST and the COSAVE SC will elaborate, based on this meeting agreements, a proposal for a Group Work Plan.

In accordance with the Work Plan, a next meeting of the Group is proposed for June / July.

The Coordinator of the Group and the SC of COSAVE are grateful for the interest and participation of all, the cooperation of IICA in the ST and the predisposition of NAPPO to collaborate with the interpretation, as well as the effort and work of Nedelka Marin - Martinez, interpreter.

Anexo 1. List of participants

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