

## Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Health GICSV

### *Tuta absoluta* working group

#### Report

August 2020

<b>Date:</b>	August 26 2020
<b>Time</b>	08:00 am El Salvador time, 9:00 am México City, Bogota and Lima time, 10:00 am Asuncion and USA East time, and 11:00 am Montevideo time.
<b>Location:</b>	Video conference - Zoom Session
<b>Link to the meeting</b>	<a href="https://iica.zoom.us/j/98410499565?pwd=L1IRK0Q3bWN6TFlyTTRaMDBHdVdCdz09">https://iica.zoom.us/j/98410499565?pwd=L1IRK0Q3bWN6TFlyTTRaMDBHdVdCdz09</a>
<b>Participants:</b>	Delegates for CAHFSa Kishma Primus Ormond, CAN Juliana Duran, Jorge Palacino, Ramón Canizares and Camilo Beltrán, COSAVE Francisco Arrua, James Pazo, Luis Aquino and Enne Carrillo, NAPPO Clemente García, Neil Henry, Walter Gould, Alonso Suazo (observer), Stephanie Bloom and Nedelka Marin – Martinez, OIRSA César Ramos and for IICA (TS) Lourdes Fonalleras.

### 1. Meeting opening and agenda

GICSV Technical Secretariat (TS), invited Ms. James Pazo, COSAVE Coordinating Secretariat, to formally open the meeting on behalf of Mr. César De La Cruz, GICSV Coordinator and COSAVE Chair of the Steering Committee. Mr. Pazo stressed the importance of *Tuta absoluta* Working Group (WG). Mr. Pazo wished the WG success in their activities

### 2. Agenda issues

#### 2.1. *T. absoluta* WG Coordinator

ST recalled that *Tuta absoluta* WG has not appointed a Coordinator and proposes to start the meeting with the Coordinator definition and invites the RPPOs to submit expressions of interest and comments. TS described the WG Coordination functions, which had previously been shared by email. TS also recalled the distribution of the WG Coordinations among RPPOs that make up GICSV.

OIRSA expresses the importance of the pest in Central America region and the RPPO interest to assume the WG coordination, which is accepted by the WG. A NAPPO delegate will assist in the coordination. The WG Coordinator will be Cesar Ramos from OIRSA and will be assisted by Clemente de Jesús García Avila from NAPPO.

### 3. Working Plan from *Tuta absoluta* WG and schedule.

TS detailed the WG specific objectives defined in 2019 and the activities identified in the preliminary Work Plan prepared by the WG in 2019, which it puts for the consideration of the delegates for analysis and approval.

There are no comments on the objectives, therefore they are not modified. In relation to the activities considered in the proposed Work Plan in 2019:

- **Activity 1: Survey of phytosanitary measures applied to *Tuta absoluta* prevention and pest status in the countries.**

Objective: To know and improve prevention activities of *T. absoluta* in GICSV region.

Description: RPPOs will gather information related with NPPOs phytosanitary measures applied to prevent this pest, which will be shared with the WG.

Expected result: NPPOs are aware of phytosanitary measures applied to prevent and manage this pest and have inputs for the development and improvement of their own measures.

Product: a document that compiles the phytosanitary measures applied for *T. absoluta* by NPPOs from GICSV region.

WG Coordinator proposed to generate an homologated action plan to prevent pest entry and establishment in the regions where it is absent, and another document on a control plan for the regions where the pest is present.

After a discussion, the WG agrees to prepare an Action Plan that includes the prevention and management aspects of *T. absoluta*. For this purpose, the coordination will prepare a base document with the RPPOs contributions on prevention and control actions carried out in their field.

NAPPO will share, through the TS information on prevention measures. CAN, COSAVE and CAHFSA will consult with NPPOs about the inputs they can share to contribute to the document preparation, the information will be sent to the coordination through the TS.

The information that RPPOs can provide, will be sent to the TS before September 18.

For this activity, the WG Coordination will prepare a work plan proposal and an activities schedule that which will be shared, through the TS, before September 14, 2020.

- **Activity 2. Promote the exchange of information**

Objective: Share information on events related to the pest *T. absoluta*, its biology and management.

Description: Through the TS and GICSV website share information on events, technical documents and others.

#### **4. Other issues**

WG agree the next meeting on September 21.

The Technical Secretariat and the group express their gratitude to NAPPO on how important it was to have interpretation services during the meeting. They also expressed their special gratitude to Mrs. Nedelka Marín-Martínez for providing interpretation services during the meeting

They also thank COSAVE Coordination Secretariat for the collaboration received for the report preparation of this and other meetings.