

Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Health

GICSV

Tuta absoluta working group

- Date:** May 21, 2019, 8:30 am Central America time; 09:30 am Lima time, 10:30 am Asuncion and US, Easter time, 11:30 Montevideo time. The meeting will last approximately three hours.
- Location:** Videoconference. Zoom session lasting three hours.
- Link to access the meeting** <https://iica.zoom.us/j/816076704>
- Participants:** Delegates from CAN, COSAVE; NAPPO and OIRSA. IICA as Technical Secretariat.

1. Meeting opening and welcome

The GICSV Technical Secretariat (TS) opened the meeting, explained that the group coordinator will be Ing. Cristina Galeano from COSAVE, the Coordinating Secretariat and introduced the participants. Annex 1 of this document includes the list of participants.

2. Brief presentation on the GICSV and background information on its creation. Meeting objectives.

The TS provided an explanation of the GICSV, its constitution, structure and duties, as well as the background information of why the GICSV Coordinating Group decided to create a *Tuta absoluta* working group (WG). It indicated that the main reason to create the WG is the recent increase in pest spread, especially in Central America, and the need to coordinate efforts for its prevention and management.

OIRSA mentioned the presence of outbreaks in Panama and Costa Rica as well as Haiti.

The TS explained that the objective of this first WG meeting is to determine the objectives of the group and a workplan for 2019 and 2020. Annex 2 of this document contains the agenda. The participants discussed the group's objectives, reaching the following agreement:

General objective of the group: contribute to the prevention and management of *Tuta absoluta* in the GICSV's region.

Specific objectives:

- highlight and share measures aimed at managing and preventing the spread of *Tuta absoluta*. These measures are those used by the GICSV's RPPO member countries. Implementation results should also be shared.
- help in preparing risk assessments.
- exchange technical and scientific information on the pest, its prevention and management.

- exchange information on technical and scientific events related to *Tuta absoluta* prevention and management.
- promote technical cooperation among the members to strengthen their capabilities according to their needs and resources.

3. 2019 – 2020 workplan

Annex 3 of the document contains the proposed workplan.

4. Election of a group coordinator

The Election of the Coordinator will be included in the next meeting agenda.

Annex 1. List of participants

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Annex 2: AGENDA

1. Meeting opening and welcome . *GICSV Coordinator*.
2. Brief presentation on the GICSV and background information on the group creation. Guidelines. Meeting objectives. Consideration and adoption of the agenda *GICSV Coordinator*.
3. 2019 – 2020 workplan
4. Election of a group coordinator.