

**Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection**  
**GICSV**  
***Tuta absoluta* Working Group**

**Report *Tuta absoluta* WG meeting 01/2021**

<b>Date:</b>	June 7, 2021.
<b>Time</b>	9 a.m. Costa Rica Time
<b>Held:</b>	Videoconference. Zoom Session.
<b>Link to join the meeting</b>	<a href="https://iica.zoom.us/j/85372647683?pwd=M1BQcS9oQng4OE5lVmZBNkg4RUZSZz09">https://iica.zoom.us/j/85372647683?pwd=M1BQcS9oQng4OE5lVmZBNkg4RUZSZz09</a> Contraseña: <b>6yBp8W</b> ID: 853 7264 7683

**I. List of participants**

WG	Participant	Institution
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	<b>CAN</b>	
	Cristian Vargas	ICA Colombia
	William King	ICA Colombia
	<b>COSAVE</b>	
	James Pazo	SC COSAVE
	<b>NAPPO</b>	
	Stephanie Bloem	Executive Director
	Devaiah Muruvanda	USDA – APHIS - PPQ
	Neil Henry	CFIA
	Walter Gould	USDA – APHIS - PPQ
	Amy Roda	USDA – APHIS - PPQ
	Clemente Jesús García Avila	SENASICA México
	Maribel Hurtado	Scientific official
	<b>OIRSA</b>	
	César Ramos	OIRSA
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	María de Lourdes Fonalleras	Technical Secretariat

## 1. Opening session.

Dr. Stephanie Bloem, GICSV Coordinator, welcomes the participants and explains that at the beginning of this year GICSV Coordination was renewed and she is the new Coordinator, on behalf of NAPPO.

## 2. Agenda, consideration, and adoption

WG Coordinator, Eng Cesar Ramos, welcomed the participants and submit the agenda for WG consideration, it is approved without modifications.

AGENDA	
09:00* hs	Opening session. <i>Dra. Bloem, GICSV Coordinator</i>
09:10 hs	Agenda, consideration, and adoption. <i>Eng Cesar Ramos. WG Coordinator</i>
09:15 hs	Work Plan 2021 – 2023. <i>Moderator: Eng Cesar Ramos WG Coordinator</i>
09:30 hs	<i>Tuta absoluta</i> WG meeting schedule. <i>Moderator: Eng Cesar Ramos WG Coordinator.</i>
09:45 hs	Review of table of contents of "Reference guideline to prevent and control <i>T. absoluta</i> ". <i>Moderator: Eng Cesar Ramos WG Coordinator.</i>
10:15 hs	Next meeting date and agenda. <i>Eng Cesar Ramos WG Coordinator</i>
10:30 hs.	Close the meeting. <i>Eng Cesar Ramos WG Coordinator</i>

\*Hora de Costa Rica

## 3. GICSV Work Plan 2021 – 2023. *T. absoluta* WG deliverables validation.

TS explains that GICSV Coordinating Group updated Work Plan for 2021-2023 biennium, deliverables were not substantially modified but CG appreciate if WG validate them. TS facilitates the review of tasks and deliverables and the WG concluded:

- 3.3.1. RPPOs confirmed the WG participants.
- 3.3.2 and 3.3.3. WG Coordinator indicates that it will be analyzed at this meeting.
- 3.3.4. Exchange information to keep GICSV website updated is a permanent task for this biennium.
- 3.3.5. "Guide for *Tuta absoluta* prevention and control". This task began in 2020 and is expected to be completed in 2021. WG agree include "detection" in the title, however, will be considered in the subject analysis.
- 3.3.6. "Projection of Latin American action plan", WG reviewed and modify this topic due to the nature and scope of national and regional action plans. The WG Coordinator highlighted the idea of incorporating all the components into the document that will be working and focusing it on the impact it will have on the countries. He also pointed out that WG should analyze how this document is going to be socialized with the countries. The issue will continue to be worked on.
- 3.3.7. WG is invited to suggest tasks of interest. There are no observations by the members.

#### 4. *Tuta absoluta* WG meeting schedule

WG Coordinator proposes the following schedule and agenda for 2021 WG meetings and indicates that the objective is to work intensively in the "Guide for the prevention and control of *T. absoluta*" development in order to comply with the programmed and complete the document at the end of this year. It proposes as few meetings as possible and if necessary, additional meetings could be included.

Date	Time	Topic
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Review of draft of list of contents of "Guide for <i>Tuta absoluta</i> prevention and control" and assignment of topics to develop.
July 5 <sup>th</sup>		First document progress reviewed
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Second document progress reviewed
September 6 <sup>th</sup>		Third document progress reviewed
October 4 <sup>th</sup>		Fourth document progress reviewed
December 6 <sup>th</sup>		Document final document reviewed

WG discuss and agrees that it is convenient to focus on one topic, the "Guide", and maintain a meetings monthly schedule at the beginning of each month, although could be necessary specifics adjustments to proposed dates. With the objective of holding brief and executive meetings, the work dynamics will include the analysis and exchange of proposals and suggestions, prior to the meetings, by electronic means, to arrive at the meeting for final decisions.

WG members will send, to the Coordinator with a copy to the GICSV Coordinator and TS, comments, and suggestions regarding schedule dates (until Friday, June 11).

#### 5. Review of table of contents of "Reference guideline to prevent and control *T. absoluta*".

WG Coordinator facilitates the review of the proposed content index for "Guide" (Annex II) and recalls that it was prepared and shared as a proposal in 2020 and was shared again with 2021 meeting call.

The Coordinator emphasizes that the content topics proposed for the "Guide" is open for WG comments, hoping to enrich it with RPPOs opinion and, through them, meet countries expectations.

WG analyze the need to define "Guide" objectives in clearly way, as well as to properly identify the document audience. WG point out that they are two important elements for the analysis of the proposed content.

The Coordinator points out that progress was made in objectives and audience development, as well as items I to IX: 9.5 of proposed table of contents, which will be shared once the contents have been agreed, however, the objectives and audience will be shared as soon as possible.

WG Coordinator proposes, as a strategy to advance faster in contents development, that each RPPO take one or a few chapters to develop. Considering there are many documents on *T. absoluta* with different approaches and scopes, the WG agrees that the "Guide" should include the most innovative aspects and differentiate itself from other similar documents.

WG agrees shared with the Coordinator, with copy to the TS and GICSV Coordinator, the members comments on the title and the proposed content (index) and a proposal of the chapters that each RPPO could take for its development. Comments and proposals could be sent until June 25.

## 7. Next meeting date and agenda

Next meeting will be held on July 6 at 8 am (Costa Rican time).

## 8. Commitments

Commitments	Responsable	Date
To share with WG Coordinator (with copy to TS and GICSV Coordinator) comments on proposed dates for WG meetings.	WG Members	June 11 2021
Shared with WG Members the "Guide for the prevention, detection and control of <i>T. absoluta</i> " objective and the audience to whom this addressed.	WG Coordinator and TS.	As soon as possible
Review and share comments on "Guide for the prevention, detection and control of <i>T. absoluta</i> " content table proposal, as well as the objective and the audience to whom the document is directed. (By email to WG Coordinator and copy to the TS and GICSV Coordinator)	WG Members	June 25 2021
Propose the chapter or chapters that each RPPO will develop. (By email to WG Coordinator and copy to TS and GICSV Coordinator).	WG Members	June 25 2021
Consolidate comments and proposals on "Guide for the prevention, detection and control of <i>T. absoluta</i> " content table in a document and share with WG Coordinator and Members.	TS	June 29 2021

## 9. Acknowledgement

WG and TS thanks NAPPO for the generosity and effort in providing Spanish-English interpretation.