



# NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	SEEDS-ToBRFV	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	March 27, 2020	
Chairperson:		
Participants:		
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<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	A pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pests focused on ToBRFV.	
General comments:	First conference call with the new EG to work on the harmonization protocols for seed pests focused on ToBRFV. Conference call followed the agenda items provided by the NAPPO Secretariat to the EG.	
Item 1:	Welcome remarks and EG member introductions	
Consensus:	The NAPPO ED welcomed and thanked EG members for joining the first EG conference call. EG members introduced themselves and provided their names, position, affiliation, location of their workplace, a brief description of their professional background and the nature of the work they do.	
Item 2:	Overview of NAPPO EG	
Consensus:	<p>The ED provided a brief overview of how NAPPO EGs work and the type of resources provided by the NAPPO Secretariat to facilitate the EG work. This information was also provided in the documents sent to the EG prior to the Conference call. The ED and TD indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is primarily done virtually. Conference calls are normally scheduled once a month.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group needs to elect a Chair and Vice-chairperson. The large size of the group requires a Vice-Chairperson.</li> <li>• Members are appointed by the NAPPO AMC.</li> <li>• AMC members normally participate in conference calls.</li> <li>• Resources to facilitate the EG work include Momentum telecom for document visualization and collaboration, the NAPPO intranet platform (portal) as a repository of information, and face-to-face meetings.</li> <li>• A conference call report is generated after each call and is available through the NAPPO website.</li> </ul>
Item 3:	Project overview
Consensus:	<p>The ED informed the EG that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive summary provides information on the goal and objectives of this project.</li> <li>• The project was refocused to a one pest approach.</li> <li>• The AMC/EC agreed that the approach would focus on harmonization of detection protocols for the ToBRFV (regulated pest in all three NAPPO countries).</li> <li>• The project will greatly benefit the industry and have an immediate impact on trade in all three NAPPO countries.</li> <li>• The ED requested EG members to think about the terms of reference (ToR: Description of what the EG must deal with) for this project.</li> <li>• First task of EG will therefore be to develop the ToR for the project.</li> <li>• The ED suggested the EG to provide documents, publications or any other type of material that might be relevant to develop the ToR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Documents sent to the NAPPO Secretariat.</li> <li>○ Secretariat will translate the information if needed.</li> <li>○ Documents will be shared latter using the EG intranet portal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ToR will be shared with the NAPPO AMC and EC upon completion.</li> <li>• The NAPPO AMC and EC will review the ToR to continue with the proposed project.</li> <li>• In the future, a second part of the project (broaden the scope with other pathogens) will be implemented once the information with the pilot is gathered by the EG.</li> </ul>
Other subjects:	Next steps
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EG members to elect Chair and Vice-chairperson. Members were encouraged to use the information provided by all EG members in their introductions as a criterium to select the Chair and Vice-chairperson.</li> <li>• Provide documents to the Secretariat to upload in the EG portal (intranet) and share with the EG.</li> </ul>

<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
NAPPO Secretariat	Create the EG intranet platform and provide members with their usernames and passwords.	ASAP
EG members	Send documents relevant to develop the project ToR to the NAPPO Secretariat.	ASAP
EG members	Think about the selection of EG Chair and Vice Chairperson.	ASAP
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 27 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
1. Election of Chair and Vice Chairperson.		
2. Discussion on the Terms of Reference for the project.		