



**NAPPO**

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



**44th NAPPO (VIRTUAL) ANNUAL MEETING  
November 3-5, 2021**

Dear colleagues,

April 13, 2021

On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ), it is my pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the 44th NAPPO Annual Meeting, which this year will take place virtually from November 3 through 5.

As the regional plant protection organization of North America in existence since 1976, NAPPO provides a unique forum for public and private sectors in Canada, Mexico, and the United States to collaborate on the development and harmonization of regional science- and risk-based plant health standards and initiatives aimed at protecting agricultural, forest, and other plant resources against regulated plant pests while facilitating safe trade.

Each year, the NAPPO Annual Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for government officials, industry representatives, and research scientists to come together and discuss key issues affecting plant protection in North America. The meeting also allows us to examine ways to increase safe inter- as well as intra-regional trade in plants and plant products, as well as to exchange ideas on activities aimed to promote regional and international phytosanitary cooperation and harmonization.

NAPPO's goals for this year's virtual Annual Meeting are to ensure a compelling agenda, to provide for easy access to the meeting by all participants, and to ensure that all participants are kept abreast of NAPPO accomplishments and initiatives. While we regret that we cannot meet in person this year, going to a virtual format gives us the exciting opportunity to stay connected with additional stakeholders who would not otherwise be able to join us in person. During this year's Annual Meeting, each NAPPO Expert Group will report on their work towards fulfilling the NAPPO strategic plan objectives. In addition, the theme for this year's Seminar will be on "systems approaches". Stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate in government and industry sessions by country. Additional information on the NAPPO Annual Meeting is available at: <http://www.nappo.org>.

I hope that we can count on your attendance at the 2021 virtual NAPPO Annual Meeting and I look forward to your participation. Please also share this invitation with other interested parties.

Sincerely,

Dr. Osama El-Lissy

PPQ Deputy Administrator/ NAPPO Executive Committee Chairperson from the United States