North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO)

49th Annual Meeting

Hotel Camino Real, Polanco
Mexico City, Mexico
November 29–December 4, 2026

Sunday, November 29	
09:00 – 12:00	Closed session: Setup of the main office/meeting of the NAPPO logistics and organizing team - *Taxco Room*
14:00 – 17:30	Closed session: NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) meeting – *Oaxaca Room*

Monday, November 30	
09:00 – 17:00	Closed Session: NAPPO Governance Meeting (Executive Committee (EC), Industry Advisory Group (IAG), and AMC – *Oaxaca Room*
14:00 – 17:00	Registration – *Molino del Rey I Foyer*
18:30 – 21:30	Welcome Reception – *Mathias Room*

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Tuesday, December 1		
08:00 – 17:00	**Registration** - *Molino del Rey I Foyer*	
NAPPO member countries only – Concurrent government and industry meetings		
09:00 – 10:00	Government Meetings by Country – Mexico – *Jardín Room* – United States – *Arcoíris Room* – Canada – *Camelias Room*	
09:00 – 10:00	Industry Meetings by Country – Mexico – *Girasoles Room* – United States – *Oaxaca A Room* – Canada – *Oaxaca B Room*	
10:00 – 10:45	**Coffee break and photo opportunity**	
10:45 – 11:45	Government and Industry/Stakeholder Meetings by Country – Mexico – *Girasoles Room* – United States – *Arcoíris y Camelias Room* – Canada – *Jardín Room*	
11:45 – 13:00	**Lunch (On your own)**	
PLENARY SESSION - *Molino del Rey I Room*		
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome and Rules of Procedure	Jean-François Bolduc
13:10 – 13:15	Welcome from SENASICA's representative	To be confirmed
13:15 – 13:20	Opening remarks from the NAPPO Secretariat	Alonso Suazo
13:20 – 13:25	Opening remarks from the Chair of the NAPPO Executive Committee	Francisco Ramírez y Ramírez
13:25 – 13:30	Message from the IPPC Secretariat	Enrico Perotti IPPC Secretary
13:30 – 13:35	Message from the Mexican government	To be confirmed
13:35 – 14:30	Inauguration and booth visits	
14:30 – 15:00	**Coffee break and photo opportunity** **Exhibition Hall/ Booths open**	

15:00 – 15:30	Keynote address: Partnerships for plant health: the relationship between the IPPC and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)	Enrico Perotti IPPC Secretary
15:30 – 16:00	NAPPO Country Reports (8-minute report per country and 2 minutes for questions and answers) • Mexico • United States • Canada	Francisco Ramírez y Ramírez (Mexico) TBD (United States) Louis-Phillipe Vaillancourt (Canada)
16:00 – 16:30	NAPPO Industry Reports by Country (8-minute report per country and 2 minutes for questions and answers) • Mexico • United States • Canada	Mario Puente (Mexico) Brad Gething (United States) Andrew Morse (Canada)
16:30 – 17:00	Introduction to NAPPO: Who we are and what we do	Hoffman Blassio and Lydia González (Mexico) Stephanie Dubon (United States) Tanya Staffen (Canada)
17:00 – 17:10	Overview of the 2026 NAPPO work program	Alonso Suazo
17:10 – 17:20	Questions and answers, closing of the session, and announcements	Jean-François Bolduc
17:20 – 17:50	**Forestry: NAPPO at the international and regional stage** • ISPM 15 guides and manuals • Forestry expert group overview • ISPM 15 in Mexico	Meghan Noseworthy (Canada) Tyrone Jones (APHIS PPQ) Samuel Podlipsky (CANAINMA, Mexico) TBD Speaker from SEMARNAT, Mexico
17:50 – 18:00	Questions and answers, closing of the session, and announcements	Jean-François Bolduc
18:00 – 20:00	Closed session US-Canada bilateral meeting	

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Wednesday, December 2		
Plenary Session – *Molino del Rey I*		
09:00 – 09:10	Announcements and Rules of Procedure	Jean-François Bolduc
Science and Innovation and Emerging Technologies		
09:10 – 09:30	**Keynote speech –** Comparison between genetically modified and gene-edited plants	Hernán García Ruiz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
09:30 – 09:50	**RNA interference (RNAi): A safe and effective strategy for pest control**	Andrey Zarur CEO, Greenlight Biosciences
09:50 – 10:20	**Emerging technologies – Overview** • Molecular diagnosis tools • From prediction to prevention: Using science to protect Canada's plant resources	Beatriz Xoconostle Sarah Davis
10:20 – 10:50	**Emerging technologies – Artificial intelligence applications** • Two-spotted cotton leafhopper: using AI models for two-spotted cotton leafhopper in the United States • Yellow-legged hornet	Allan Smith-Pardo (APHIS PPQ)
10:50 – 11:10	**Panel discussion –** All speakers from the morning session will sit at the podium to take questions from participants	
11:10 – 11:40	**Coffee break** **Exhibition Hall/ Booths open**	
NAPPO Project Updates		
11:40 – 11:50	**FIFA 2026**	Michelle Gray (APHIS PPQ)
11:50 – 12:00	**Revision of RSPM 35 virus and fungi pest tables**	Delia Bastida Álvarez (SENASICA)
12:00 – 12:40	**Phytosanitary Treatments** (10 min ea. with 8 min of presentation and 2 min of questions and answers) NAPPO Projects • Alternatives to methyl bromide • Water bath ring test study • IPPC Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) • Applications: Modified Atmospheres	Victor Manuel Gutierrez Palomares (SEMARNAT, Mexico) Scott Myers (APHIS PPQ) Cory Penca (APHIS PPQ)

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12:40 – 13:00	Questions and answers for the NAPPO project updates session, closing of the session, and announcements	Jean-François Bolduc
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch (On your own)** **Exhibition Hall/ Booths open**	
NAPPO – IPPC Initiatives		
14:30 – 15:30	**Sea Containers** • Update to the 2018 knowledge topic • Sea container initiative in Mexico	Wendy Asbil (pre-recorded-CFIA); and Michelle Gray (APHIS PPQ) in-person Pedro Macias Canales (Mexico)
15:00 – 15:50	**E-Commerce** • IPPC Updates – guidance doc, etc. • Activities in each country • Industry implementation	Julie Hong-Sakowski (APHIS PPQ)
15:50 – 16:20	**Coffee break** **Exhibition Hall/ Booths open**	
Other topics of interest		
16:20 – 16:40	**Effect of climate change on plant health**	Luis Ángel Rodriguez del Bosque (INIFAP, Mexico)
16:40 – 17:40	**Pathways: working together to prevent the spread of plant pests – Cross-border projects** (8 min presentations with 2 min of questions and answers) • Results and perspectives of pink bollworm and the cotton boll weevil bilateral eradication programs • The role of the Texas foundation in the eradication of the cotton boll weevil • Mediterranean fruit fly program: a trilateral model of cooperation for the region • Cotton boll weevil • Don't pack a pest and similar programs • U.S. – Canada coordinated phytosanitary mitigation framework and U.S. harmonization of cross-border pest response.	Jesús Garcia Feria (Mexico) Patrick Burson (Texas Foundation) Roberto Gómez Pausa Jason Neil (APHIS PPQ) Matt Aubuchon (APHIS PPQ)
17:40 – 18:00	Panel discussion- Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to all speakers from the afternoon session.	Jean-François Bolduc
18:00 – 20:00	United States – Mexico bilateral meetings	

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Thursday, December 3

50 Years of NAPPO: Celebrating Our History and Building the Future of Plant Health

Since 1976, Mexico, the United States, and Canada have built, through the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), a legacy of cooperation that has helped protect plant resources, strengthen phytosanitary systems, and facilitate the safe trade of plants and plant products across North America.

The purpose of this commemorative event is to recognize the key achievements and contributions that have defined NAPPO's 50-year history, acknowledge its impact on regional plant protection, and foster dialogue among governments, industry, and the phytosanitary community to identify the challenges, opportunities, and priorities that will shape its future work.

Through the exchange of experiences and perspectives, this event seeks to contribute to the development of NAPPO's **2027-2031 Strategic Plan** and define a shared vision for the next 50 years, strengthening regional cooperation in addressing emerging phytosanitary risks and the challenges of international trade.

The commemoration will also provide an opportunity to recognize those who have contributed to this shared history and to reaffirm our collective commitment to a stronger, more innovative, and future-ready plant health system for generations to come.

Fifty years of cooperation have brought us together; a shared vision propels us toward the future.

Thursday, December 3		
Plenary Session – *Molino del Rey I*		
Accomplishments from the First 50 Years		
09:00 – 09:05	Announcements and Rules of Procedure	Jean François Bolduc
09:05 – 09:10	Remarks from the NAPPO EC member – Canada	Steve Côté
09:10 – 10:10	**Case study 1** **ISPM 15** • History and contributions of the Forestry expert group	Eric Allen Marcel Dawson Brad Gething

10:10 – 10:15	Remarks from the NAPPO EC member – Mexico	Francisco Ramírez y Ramírez
10:15 – 10:45	**Case Study 2** **Biocontrol** • History of NAPPO standards • ISPM 3 • Revision of RSPM 26	Hugo Arredondo Bruno Gallant
10:45 – 11:05	**Case Study 3** **Cactus moth (*Cactoblastis sp*), a success story**	Arturo Bello (Mexico)
11:05 – 11:35	**Coffee break**	
11:35 – 11:40	Remarks from the NAPPO EC member – United States	Jessica Mahalingappa
11:40 – 12:20	**Case Study 4** **IPPC ePhyto Solution** • Implementation of ePhyto by the Industry in Mexico • NAPPO ePhyto EG update report • Revision of RSPM 8 (*The authorization of individuals to issues phytosanitary certificates*)	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ) Anna Birmingham (CFIA) Anna Birmingham (pre-recorded-CFIA); Terrance Wells (APHIS PPQ) in-person
12:20 – 12:30	Wrap up	
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch (on your own)**	
Looking Forward to the Next 50 Years		
14:00 – 14:05	Opening remarks	TBD
14:05 – 14:15	IPPC Strategic Framework	Enrico Perotti
14:15 – 14:35	**Panel discussion**: The future of international and regional phytosanitary cooperation: A strategic vision for the next decade.	Nico Horn (EPPO) Raúl Antonio Rodas Suazo (OIRSA) TBD (COSAVE)
14:35 – 15:00	Review of the 2021-2026 NAPPO strategic plan, gap analysis, and survey data	Alonso Suazo NAPPO AMC
15:00 – 16:00	Break-out session 1	
16:00 – 16:30	**Coffee break**	

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16:30 – 17:00	Break-out session 2	
17:00 – 17:30	Present results of break-out sessions	
17:30 – 17:45	Questions and answers, closing of the session, and announcements	Jean François Bolduc
18:30 – 22:30	Dinner and awards - *Molino del Rey I*	

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Friday, December 4

Commemorative Activities for NAPPO's 50th Anniversary: Roots that unite us, a legacy for the future

As part of NAPPO's 50th anniversary commemoration, the planting of a commemorative tree and the creation of a Time Capsule represent two symbolic moments that honor five decades of phytosanitary cooperation among Mexico, the United States, and Canada, recognize the achievements made possible by this partnership, and project a shared vision for the future.

The tree symbolizes the roots, growth, and strength of a collaboration built over 50 years, while the Time Capsule will preserve stories, memories, and messages that reflect the legacy of this journey and the aspirations of those who contribute to protect North America's plant resources.

Together, these activities offer an opportunity to leave a tangible mark of this milestone anniversary and reaffirm our collective commitment to future generations, ensuring that NAPPO's legacy continues to grow and strengthen regional plant health for decades to come.

Friday, December 4	
07:30	Departure from the Camino Real Hotel lobby, Polanco
09:00 – 09:10	Meeting at the National Phytosanitary Reference Center (CNRF) main auditorium
09:10 – 09:30	Tree planting
09:30 – 10:30	Tour of the CNRF diagnostic laboratories and canine unit
10:30 – 11:30	Departure to the Teotihuacan Pyramids
11:30 – 12:30	Tour of the Teotihuacan Pyramids
12:30 – 13:30	Return to the CNRF
13:30 – 16:30	Lunch at the CNRF
16:30 – 17:30	Return to Mexico City (Camino Real Polanco Hotel)

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