



**49<sup>th</sup> NAPPO ANNUAL MEETING**  
**November 29 to December 4, 2026**  
**Hotel Camino Real Polanco**  
**Mexico City, Mexico**

December 15, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee, I am honored to invite you to the 2026 NAPPO Annual Meeting. This meeting will be especially meaningful as it commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organization, which was established in 1976 as the Regional Plant Protection Organization (RPPO) for North America.

For five decades, NAPPO has provided a unique forum for collaboration between the public and private sectors in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, focusing on the development and harmonization of regional phytosanitary standards based on science and risk analysis. This sustained effort has decisively contributed to protecting agriculture, forestry, and other plant resources, while facilitating the safe trade of plants and plant products in the region.

Year after year, the NAPPO Annual Meeting has established itself as a strategic forum for dialogue and technical exchange, where government officials, industry representatives, experts, and scientists discuss the main challenges and opportunities facing plant health in North America. Over the years, this forum has allowed to:

- Strengthen regional and global cooperation on phytosanitary issues.
- Promote regulatory harmonization and recognition of systems approaches.
- Address emerging issues that affect plant health, such as climate change, technological innovation, and, more recently, the use of advanced tools like artificial intelligence in plant protection.

As part of the 2026 Annual Meeting, a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative program will highlight NAPPO's key milestones, achievements, and contributions over the past fifty years to strengthening regional plant health.

This celebration will not only be an opportunity to recognize the progress made but also to reflect on future challenges and renew the shared vision of a more resilient region in the face of regulated pests, with robust phytosanitary systems, and safe and sustainable agricultural trade.

We are confident that the 2026 Annual Meeting will interest you, and we look forward to your valuable participation as we celebrate 50 years of phytosanitary cooperation in North America and continue to shape the future of plant protection in our region, from November 29 to December 4, at the Hotel Camino Real Polanco in Mexico City. Details of the event, as well as logistics for the annual meeting, will be available at <http://www.nappo.org>.

We would appreciate it if you could share this invitation with other interested parties and institutions.

Sincerely yours,

*Francisco Ramírez y Ramírez*

NAPPO Executive Committee

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