



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	eCert	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	April 6, 2016	
Chairperson:	Luís Leonel Espinoza	
Participants:		
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### Summary

Project:	Provide assistance and technical support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group
Consensus:	Members introduced themselves and the objective of the expert group was explained. The EG discussed how to best provide support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group.
	<p>Christian Dellis provided a summary of the activities of the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group (SG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SG has reviewed and made recommendations on the survey that went out to all NPPOs on the status of eCert in their countries. Nine countries have been chosen for the hub pilot project and eight for the generic trial. Countries with the generic system are ones that do not have their own set-up: Egypt, Ecuador, Ghana, Senegal, Honduras, Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Samoa. Those included in the hub pilot: Kenya, Chile, China, Australia, the Netherlands, Korea and the US.</li> <li>• The SG will be meeting early May, after which CD will have a better idea of time frames of when the hub and the generic system will be available.</li> <li>• Some countries using the generic system are from Latin America. So one way the NAPPO EG could help is by reaching out to those countries to offer support. The US would like to explore the possibility of a NAPPO EG meeting, especially with Mexico, in one of those countries.</li> <li>• One of the main challenges is still the standardised lists and terms used in the phytosanitary schema, e.g., the status of certificates. CD has a document that he can share for the EG to provide feedback: it needs to be very prescriptive to avoid different interpretations.</li> </ul>
	Canada noted that it has provided IPPC with Shane Sela to support the work with the ePhyto hub. OIRSA is also supportive and will be providing funds to

	the IPPC.	
	Mexico requested to be included as a participant in the hub pilot; CD will bring it to the SG for consideration.	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Christian Dellis	Suggest to the SG that Mexico be included in the hub study.	
EG	Provide support on reviewing the lists of terms, especially the status of certificates.	
EG	Reach out to countries that are trialling the generic system to help them set it up. Share experience on how to train inspectors on using the system.	
EG	Start planning for a face-to-face meeting – country to be determined in July.	
CD/NAPPO Secretariat	Contact Walter Alessandrini (COSAVE ePhyto representative) to participate in next EG call.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 11, TBC	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
1. Follow-up on action items.		