

TR4 Training and Prevention in West and Central Africa

Proposal developed by COLEACP in association with the TR4 Global Alliance





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TR4 IN AFRICA

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- Bananas and plantains are of critical importance to the food security and income generation of more than 70 million Africans
- East African Highland Banana (EAHB) & plantains in West Africa appear unaffected by TR4 (but more research needed); cavendish, and some local sweet and cooking bananas are susceptible
- TR4 first reported in the African continent in 2013 (export bananas in northern Mozambique). To date no other confirmed outbreaks in SSA
- FAO emergency assistance (to 2016); African Consortium for TR4 launched to control the outbreak & prepare countries of East and Southern Africa
 - No concerted TR4-related activities in West and Central Africa, which include areas of greatest importance for production of Cavendish

OBJECTIVES

Global Objective

Best practice is disseminated and implemented among public and private sector stakeholders in the prevention, containment and management of TR4 in West and Central Africa

Specific Objectives:

- 1. Awareness is raised, and action plans for TR4 prevention and containment are established, at regional and national levels
- 2. In highest risk countries, comprehensive biosecurity systems are in developed and TR4 training systems are in place, involving both public and private sectors

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1. Awareness is raised among key public and private sector stakeholders about TR4, the potential risks, and the critical biosecurity measures that need to be implemented
- 2. A capacity is developed to implement regional and national TR4 action plans for prevention and containment; a regional hub is established to manage and distribute TR4-related information and resources
- **3.** In higher risk countries, a national TR4 biosecurity system is established, and the capacity of competent authorities to implement the system is strengthened
- 4. In higher risk countries, local experts trained as TR4 trainers, training tools adapted to the local context, and supply chain operators and extension workers trained and coached in the establishment of on-farm biosecurity measures

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Activities build on and work with existing TR4 partnerships, expertise, experience, and resources including (but not limited to):
 - FAO-WBF-IPPC and TR4 Global Alliance networks to ensure delivery of clear and consistent messages worldwide on how to prevent contain & manage TR4
 - Expertise in Latin America experienced in mobilising public and private sectors including OIRSA, CORBANA, Augura and FAO
 - The RECs in West and Central Africa (ECOWAS & ECCAS) to coordinate with national governments and manage regional actions
 - National and regional producer-exporter associations including AFRUIBANA
 - NGOs and development programmes
 - BayG.A.P and GLOBALG.A.P., to enable the rapid roll-out of training and assessment for value chain operators

Merci Gracias Obrigado Thank you

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