



## MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE IC TEAM ON FUSARIUM TR4 8 NOVEMBER 2021

### 1. Opening of the meeting

#### 1.1. Welcoming remarks

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat welcomed participants.

### 2. Meeting Arrangements and administrative matters

#### 2.1. Selection of the Chair

- [2] Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO was selected as Chair for this meeting.

#### 2.2. Selection of the Rapporteur

- [3] Rhiannon EVANS was selected as rapporteur.

#### 2.3. Review and adoption of the report of the 1st meeting

- [4] The experts reviewed the report of the 1st meeting. The IC Team on Fusarium TR4 agreed that experts who have not reviewed the report would comment by 10 November.

#### 2.4. List of participants

- [5] The participant's list is available in Appendix 2 of this report.

#### 2.5. Adoption of the Agenda

- [6] The IC team on TR4 adopted the agenda attached to this report as Appendix 1.

### 3. Technical resources and questionnaire

#### 3.1. Review of technical resources on TR4 and discussion on missing global materials

- [7] The IC Team on Fusarium TR4 discussed the status of experts' review of technical resources. The IC Team on Fusarium TR4 commented on some resources considered "unsuitable" or that "request further review." Some experts thought some resources were unsuitable because they were applicable only in the country where developed.
- [8] The Member from Australia mentioned that some resources could be modified to be acceptable at the international level and asked if all criteria should be met to consider the resource suitable. In response, the Chair explained that resources should meet the criteria to be posted on the IPP and that there are not a minimum number of criteria to decide if suitable or not.
- [9] Some experts pointed out that the criteria for reviewing resources are unclear. The Secretariat clarified each criterion and agreed to prepare an annotated criteria to explain how to assess the contributed resources. The IC Team on TR4 agreed to finalize the review by 15 November. The Secretariat recalled that more than one person is needed to review each resource and encouraged the IC Team on Fusarium TR4 to revise.

### 3.2. Feedback on the questionnaire to assess preparedness for COMESA countries

[10] The IC Team on TR4 reviewed the questionnaire to assess preparedness for COMESA countries following the comments provided by members before the meeting. The Team considered that the questionnaire should first be sent to COMESA countries as requested by the COMESA project but could then be sent to other countries. The Secretariat would integrate the comments and launch the questionnaire.

### 4. Workplan for the IC team on TR4

[11] The IC Team on Fusarium TR4 agreed on a work plan as shown in appendix 3, including dates and responsibilities for each topic. Some issues were discussed as described below:

- **Draft and launch a specific questionnaire on preparedness, early detection, and rapid response for TR4:** some experts noted the questionnaire shouldn't target the private sector such as industries and growers, as initially proposed by a team member.
- **Draft guidelines for prevention and biosecurity preparedness for TR4:** The guidelines will include different surveillance methodologies for different programs, considering the different countries' capacities. A minimum required capacity and technologies will be included. The guidelines will provide inputs to perform simulation exercises.
- **Support surveillance and emergency response simulation exercises for COMESA countries:** this activity will be organized for COMESA countries based on the questionnaire results (see item 3.2).
- **Prepare and deliver virtual training workshops on surveillance and diagnostic on TR4:** from January to April 2021.
- **Disseminate materials for TR4 in English, Chinese, French, and Spanish:** A member suggested the drafted materials be translated into several languages. The Team will decide on the timing of this activity based on the progress of the rest of the activities.

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### 5. Any Other Business

[12] The Team confirmed the next meeting to be held on 13 December 2021. No other business was discussed.

### 6. Concluding Remarks

[13] The Chairperson and the Secretariat thanked all the experts for their participation and the meeting was closed.

## Appendix 1: Meeting agenda

### The second Meeting of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Team on *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *ubense* Tropical Race 4 (TR4)

8 November 2021 (12:00 pm – 3:00 pm), Rome Time  
Teleconference

#### PROVISIONAL Agenda

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	AGENDA ITEM	Duration (minutes)	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>		--	
1.1	Welcoming remarks	'	-	IPPC Secretariat
<b>2</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>			
2.1	Selection of the Chair of the meeting	3'		All members
2.2	Selection of the rapporteur of the meeting	3'		All members
2.3	Review and adoption of the report of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	5'		All members
2.4	Participant's list	2'		IPPC Secretariat
2.5	Adoption of the Agenda	2'		All members
<b>3</b>	<b>Technical resources and questionnaire</b>			
3.1	Review of technical resources on TR4 and discussion on missing global materials	40'		All members
3.2	Feedback on the questionnaire to assess preparedness for COMESA countries	30'		All members
<b>4</b>	<b>Workplan for the IC team on TR4</b>			
4.1	Workplan agreement and assignation of responsibilities.	40'	Brainstorming and agreement.	All members
<b>5</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	5'	13 December next meeting	
<b>6</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting</b>			

**Appendix 2: List of participants****PARTICIPANTS LIST**

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### Appendix 3: Workplan

Activities	Responsible	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1. Draft and launch a specific questionnaire on preparedness, early detection, and rapid response for TR4 (to assess the countries capacities (Focused on the national level)	<b>M. GALLO</b> will provide a draft by <u>26 November</u>														
2. Draft guidelines for prevention and biosecurity preparedness for TR4	<b>Gert KEMA and IPPC Secretariat</b> will Provide the draft structure of the content. <u>26 November</u>														
3. Support the surveillance and emergency response simulation exercises in COMESA countries (includes conceptualization and technical design)	<b>All members.</b> IPPC Secretariat will prepare the draft documents as required														

<p>4. Prepare and deliver virtual training workshops on surveillance and diagnostic on TR4 as preparation of simulation exercises.</p>	<p><b>All members.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnostic leaders:</b> Gert KEMA and M Dita, W. HABBIB</li> <li>• <b>(Diagnostic) Surveillance leaders:</b> S. GACHAMBA and C. DALE</li> </ul> <p>IPPC Secretariat will prepare a draft concept note.</p>														
<p>5. Prepare dissemination of materials for TR4 in different languages.</p>	<p>Depend on the progress of the rest of the activities.</p>														