



## **2nd Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on New World Screwworm, GF-TADs of the Americas**

**October 9, 2025 – Virtual format, 9:00–11:00 AM (Panama Time)**

### **Agenda**

#### **Background**

The New World Screwworm (NWS), *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, continues to pose a health, economic, and productivity threat in the Americas. Following the reinfestation of Central America since October 2023, the Standing Group of Experts on NWS (SGE-NWS) was established under the GF-TADs framework, with the support of international, regional, and subregional organizations.

The first meeting of the SGE-NWS, held on April 29, 2025, served to consolidate the group, validate its working dynamics, and outline the foundations for a regional action plan. Technical, logistical, and financial priorities were identified, as well as the need to strengthen interinstitutional and multisectoral cooperation.

This second meeting aims to follow up on the agreements reached, review progress, and continue the collective development of sustainable strategies for the control and eradication of NWS in the Americas.

#### **Objectives**

- Present a summary of the first meeting of the SGE-NWS.
- Discuss relevant technical issues to be addressed by governments and key stakeholders.
- Strengthen technical coordination among countries and organizations to agree on next steps.
- Issue recommendations on national and regional lines of work.

#### **Approach**

The meeting will be conducted with a participatory, technical, and strategic approach, integrating the experience of both affected and screwworm-free countries, as well as that of the international organizations involved. It will follow the systemic One Health approach, incorporate the human health and wildlife dimensions, and promoting interagency collaboration to consolidate joint actions.

#### **Expected Outcomes**

1. Concrete proposals on technical areas to be strengthened within the framework of sanitary action against NWS in the countries.
2. Continue developing the structure of the Regional Articulation Opportunities Map.
3. Preliminary agreements on cooperation mechanisms and private sector engagement.
4. Establishing the next steps for follow-up on the review process of GBG control strategies across the Americas.

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| Time  | Topic  | Coordinator/Speaker  |
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| 9:00 – 9:05<br><b>5 min</b>                                     | Welcome and opening words  | Dr. Conrad Estrada - GF TADs RSC Presidency<br><br>Dr. Francisco D'Alessio, Regional Representative for the Americas, GF-TADs/WOAH Secretariat<br><br>Dr. Andrés González - Livestock Development Officer, FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC) |
| 9:05 – 9:15<br><b>10 min</b>                                    | Recap of the 1st Meeting of the SGE-NWS  | FAO/WOAH   |
| 9:15 – 9:30<br><b>15 min</b>                                    | Regional Epidemiological Situation of NWS  | Dr. Paolo Tizzani, DID-WOAH  |
| <b>MODULE 1: Management of NWS Control</b>                      |  |  |
| 9:20 -9:40<br><b>20 min</b>                                     | Successful Experience and Challenges of Public-Private Partnerships in NWS Control | Dr. Wilmer Juárez, Animal Health Director – IPSA, Nicaragua.   |
| 9:40 -9:50<br><b>10 min</b>                                     | Discussion Round and Recommendations on Work lines                                 | All  |
| <b>MODULE 2: Health Importance of Pets in the Spread of NWS</b> |  |  |
| 9:50 – 10:10<br><b>20 min</b>                                   | Role of Companion Animals in the Dissemination of NWS                              | Dra. Monserrat Jiménez, Supervisor of the NWS Program of Costa Rica  |
| 10:10 -10:20<br><b>10 min</b>                                   | Discussion Round and Recommendations on Work lines                                 | All  |
| <b>MODULE 3: Livestock movement</b>                             |  |  |
| 10:20 – 10:40<br><b>20 min</b>                                  | Importance of Movement Control as a Tool for NWS Eradication                       | Dra. Marcela Marchelli, Regional Coordinator Project for the prevention, control, and eradication of New World Screwworm (NWS) USDA-APHIS/OIRSA  |



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| <p>10:50 – 11:00<br/><b>10 min</b></p> | <p>Summary, Emerging Recommendations, and Closing</p>     | <p>Dr. Conrad Estrada - GF TADs RSC Presidency</p> <p>Dr. Francisco D'Alessio, Regional Representative for the Americas, GF-TADs/WOAH Secretariat</p> <p>Dr. Andrés González - Livestock Development Officer, FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (RLC)</p> |