Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense – Tropical Race 4, also known as “Foc TR4” – is the most imminent threat to the banana and plantain sector and the economic livelihood of farmers who depend on banana and plantain production for their subsistence. As there is currently no effective treatment for Foc TR4, the only viable option is to take preventive biosecurity measures.

The GLOBALG.A.P. TR4 Biosecurity Standard outlines a risk mitigation plan for minimizing the spread of Foc TR4 to, within, and from farms. It is an affordable standalone standard for both smallholders and large-scale banana and plantain producers who do not have another form of GLOBALG.A.P. certification.

The standard has been integrated into the GLOBALG.A.P. IT systems, which provide a platform for approving certification or verification bodies and their auditors or consultants, as well as registering audits or validating letters of conformance.

**BENEFITS FOR PRODUCERS**

- Learn more about Foc TR4 and access resources to help continuously improve your production practices.
- Implement biosecurity measures to prevent the spread/introduction of Foc TR4 on your farm.
- Demonstrate commitment to responsible farming practices and the long-term sustainability of your farm.
- No need for prior GLOBALG.A.P. certification.

**BENEFITS FOR TRADERS/EXPORTERS/RETAILERS**

- Ensure that your suppliers are taking action against the threat of Foc TR4.
- Raise awareness about the severity of Foc TR4 among your suppliers.
- Assess suppliers on their commitment to sustainability.
- Demonstrate commitment to responsible farming practices and a sustainable industry.

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