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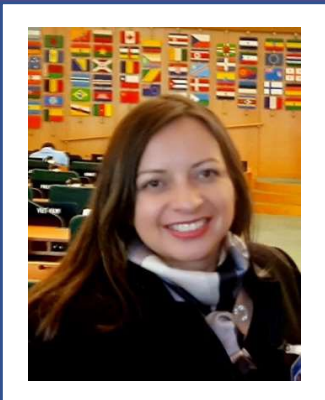
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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Maribel Hurtado has an undergraduate degree in Agronomy and a Master's in Project Development and Management. From 2007-2009 she worked as a plant protection and phytosanitary treatments specialist for the Phytosanitary Center of Excellence in Colombia, a cooperative venture between ICA (the NPPO of Colombia), IICA, APHIS and USAID. From 2009-2012 she worked for the USDA-APHIS-PPQ Center for Plant Health Science and Technology satellite office in Colombia, researching phytosanitary treatments and pest mitigation options for fresh commodities exported from Colombia to the United States. From 2012- 2017, she worked for the NPPO of Colombia (ICA = Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario) in the Epidemiology and Surveillance section, leading research projects, developing export work plans and supporting bilateral negotiations to open international markets.

From 2017-2020 Maribel was a consultant/advisor for the Agency for Rural Development within the office of Productive Integration. Her work specifically addressed the Planning and Development of Rural Agriculture and Agri-food Projects, Technical Assistance, Commercialization and Land Stewardship. Since early 2018 she has been part of the North American Plant Protection Organization Expert Group responsible for promoting the adoption of Risk-Based Sampling, including the development of training materials and chapter authorship as well as project management and compilation of the Manuals for Risk-Based Sampling.

In 2021 Maribel joined the NAPPO Secretariat as a Scientific Officer.



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