



# **Green Tobacco Sickness (GTS) Report**

**Cancun, Mexico**

**18 October 2023**



## **GTS – Objectives**

- 1. To determine if green tobacco sickness is a significant risk to workers based upon tobacco type and style, method of harvest and conditions at harvest and topping.**
- 2. To assess the impact of personal protection equipment (PPE) on preventing green tobacco sickness**



## GTS – TF Meetings

- **14 October 2023 – Cancun, Mexico**
  - **>27 Participants**
- **11 April 2023 – online**
  - **54 Participants**

- **PMI agreed to lead the literature review**
  - **Reviewed ~70 published papers related to GTS**
    - A common theme relates to GTS occurring with wet tobacco
    - Not a consistent diagnosis measure for GTS
    - Limited data on topping and suckering tobacco
    - Correlation with harvest method and the tobacco type/style
  - **Expect the review to be completed by 1Q-24**
  - **The TF agreed to pursue a peer review publication**

- **Awaiting results from the Turkish tobacco industry's GTS study**
- **Altria agreed to take the lead role in drafting guidelines on GTS**
- **Michele Di Giacomo elected new GTS Coordinator**
- **Fabienne Lalande elected GTS Secretary**



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**Thanks to all the Participants for their  
contribution and support**

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