The World Banana Forum (WBF) is a permanent space of assembly for participants representing the global banana supply-chain to promote open dialogue on challenges facing the banana industry. The secretariat of the WBF is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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**Working groups**

The WBF is composed of three specialized working groups carrying out activities that address key issues facing the banana sector:

1. *Sustainable Production Systems and Environmental Impact* - focusing on environmental sustainability
2. *Distribution of Value* - focusing on economic sustainability
3. *Labour Rights* - focusing on social sustainability

**Best practices**

As part of its activities, the working group on sustainable banana production is managing portals on the pesticides used in banana plantations, various practices to reduce pesticides and carbon footprint.

**Task force on TR4**

At its December 2013 Steering Committee meeting, the WBF created a Task Force on Tropical Race 4 (TR4) following the announcement that the fungal strain responsible for Fusarium wilt on Cavendish bananas, and a wide range of cultivars, had been confirmed in Mozambique.[1]

**References**

1. Website of the World Banana Forum's Task Force on TR4
See also on this website

InfoMus@ news on the WBF:
   Creation of a forum for stakeholders of the banana industry
   World Banana Forum: getting down to business
   The power of consumers
Blog posts by WBF members:
   World Banana Forum: getting down to business
   Rethinking the price of bananas

External links

Official website of the World Banana Forum
Webpage on the WBF Task Force on TR4

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