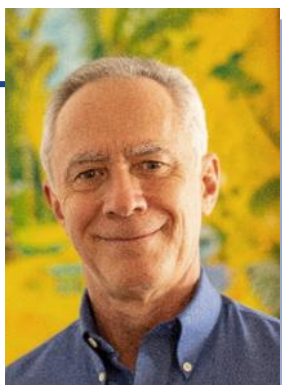




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In his previous position he was the Regional Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, overseeing the APHIS offices in Peru, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile.

This is Cristóbal's fourth tour having served previously in Mexico, Brazil and Peru.

Prior to joining the foreign service, Cristóbal worked for the USDA's Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he coordinated all international activities. Since the early 90s, he has worked in the field of risk analysis and more generally, in the application of sanitary measures in international trade. He served in several official review teams to assess the animal health status and veterinary services in several countries worldwide and has participated in multiple bilateral negotiations on the application of sanitary measures.

Cristóbal is a veterinary epidemiologist with degrees from UNAM (MVZ), the University of Edinburgh (MSc) and Colorado State University (PhD). He was recently elected by the World Assembly of delegates to the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) to serve a third three-year term as WOAH's President of the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases.

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