

WTO national Workshop ON the

agreement on the application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS AGReement)

Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, India

17-19 November 2025

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 17 November 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10:00 | **Opening session** | Officials from IndiaCamille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |
| 11:00 | **Setting the scene**  | Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |
| 11:30 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 11:45  | **The WTO SPS Agreement**Group activity: what does the SPS Agreement stand for? | Camille Fléchet, WTO |
| 13.00  | Lunch |  |
| 14:30 | **The WTO SPS Committee*** What's happening at the SPS Committee now?
* How can Members make use of and benefit from the WTO SPS Committee?
* Zooming-in on STCs

and Q&A session | Camille Fléchet, WTO |
| 15:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 16:00 | **Technology & Innovation in SPS Compliance*** E-certifications
 | Mr Simon Padilla, STDF (virtual presentation) |
| 17:00 | Wrap up of Day 1 | Camille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO  |

**Tuesday, 18 November 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10:00 | Brief recap of Day 1 | Camille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |
| 10:15 | **Technology & Innovation in SPS Compliance (continued)*** Use of AI and big data in disease surveillance
* Block chain technology for traceability in food safety
 | WHO/FAO/Australian Expert (TBC) |
| 11:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 12:00 | **Case studies: how WTO SPS principles came into play in trade disputes**Presentation and group discussion | Camille Fléchet, WTO |
| 13:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:30 | **Transparency and WTO e-tools: latest updates*** [SPS Committee transparency working group](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_transparency_e.htm)
* What's new with WTO e-tools ([Documents online](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S005.aspx); [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](https://eping.wto.org/en); [eAgenda](https://eagenda.wto.org))
 | Camille Fléchet, WTO |
| 15:30 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 15:45 | **MRLs*** Overview of trade concerns in the SPS Committee (15 minutes)
* Pesticide MRLs
* [Global trends in developed countries]
 | Mr Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO (virtual presentation)India's subject matter experts [United States speaker (TBC)] |
| 17:00 | Wrap up of Day 2 | Camille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |

**Wednesday, 19 November 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10:00 | **Systems approaches** * Main takeaways from [SPS Committee March 2025 thematic session](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_1703202510_e/sps_1703202510_e.htm) (15 minutes)
* India's approach (30 minutes)
* Systems approaches: the experience of Indonesia: Presentation and Q&As
 | Mr Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO (virtual presentation)Indian Expert from EIC (TBC)Dr Antarjo Dikin, Senior Expert, Plant Quarantine Analyst, Indonesian Quarantine Authority (virtual presentation) |
| 11:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 12:00 | **The WTO SPS Committee**Group activity: how can India make more of the SPS Committee? | Camille Fléchet, WTO |
| 13:00 | Lunch  |  |
| 14:30 | **Regionalization*** Overview of SPS Committee work and main takeaways from [SPS Committee March 2025 thematic session](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_1703202510_e/sps_1703202510_e.htm) (30 minutes)
* Keynote presentation; group discussion (1h)
 | Mr Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO (virtual presentation)Ms Varsha Joshi |
| 16:00 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 16:15 | **Looking ahead*** Wrap-up activity: key takeaways
* Final Q&A
* Next steps
 | Officials from India Camille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |
| 17:00 | **Closing*** Evaluation
* Closing remarks
 | Officials from India Camille Fléchet and Armando Enrique Pelaez, WTO |

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**Key resources**

WTO sites, platforms and documents relevant to sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

* [WTO | Sanitary and phytosanitary measures - Gateway](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm)
* [Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures](https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/15sps_01_e.htm)
* SPS Booklet: [The WTO Agreements Series, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures](https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/agrmntseries4_sps_e.pdf)
* [WTO | The SPS Committee](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/work_and_doc_e.htm)
* [WTO | Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures – members' transparency toolkit](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm)
* [WTO | Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures - Major decisions and reference documents](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/decisions06_e.htm)
* [ePing SPS&TBT platform](https://eping.wto.org/en)
* [[WTO | SPS Declaration at MC12: Responding to Modern SPS Challenges](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_declaration_mc12_e.htm)](https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/sps_f/sps_declaration_mc12_f.htm)
* [WTO S&DT MC13 Declaration](https://docs.wto.org/dol2festaff/Pages/SS/directdoc.aspx?filename=q:/WT/MIN24/36.pdf&Open=True)
* [WTO | Review of Operation and Implementation of SPS Agreement](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/review_sps_agreement_e.htm)
* [SPS eLearning Course](https://www.learning.wto.org/local/coursecatalogue/index.php?categoryid=50)

WTO video "Let's Talk Food Safety"

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7HHRTHc4zA>

Videos created and provided by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries

* National treatment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s04acalFRrc>
* Basic rights and obligations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LB7KD0Hm1X4>
* Equivalence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GxsV16ufBU>
* Harmonization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY4AIhZYC9s>
* Regionalization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sg8b-dvKH4>
* Risk assessment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwMkm95ZnE0>
* Transparency: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IkLFrtjC-U>

Standards and Trade Development Facility ([STDF](https://standardsfacility.org/)):

* STDF's [publications](https://standardsfacility.org/stdf-publications) and knowledge work including on:
	+ [Digitalization and eCert](https://standardsfacility.org/SPS-eCert)
* STDF's [briefing notes](https://standardsfacility.org/briefings), including on climate change.
* STDF's video: [Shaping a safer world](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnQE_lPtztk&list=PL7r8EY5C1PNYVGo0wMGml7vtxaajkyGO8&index=4)