

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 India  Camille 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)