

WTO national seminar ON the

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

DRAFT Programme

Machakos, Kenya

**10-12 May 2022**



**Structure and Objective**

The seminar is aimed at familiarizing participants with the provisions of the SPS Agreement, and its associated rights and obligations, as well as with the work of the SPS Committee and how it can be used to resolve trade problems. Participants will also have an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement and be exposed to the various online tools to search for SPS-related information and submit notifications. Through this seminar, participants will learn about the work of the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). Participants will be provided an overview of STDF's work in the area of prioritizing SPS investments for market access, specifically in the context of Kenya and the East African Community (EAC).

In addition, various speakers will share information on export opportunities and market access requirements in selected markets.

The seminar will combine presentations, interactive exercises and discussion sessions aimed at enhancing participants' overall understanding of the SPS Agreement, and its relevance for agricultural trade, as well as of institutional mechanisms and online tools to enhance engagement and national coordination on SPS matters. The hands-on training exercises will be geared at preparing notifications and searching for information using the ePing SPS&TBT Platform and the Trade Concerns Database. Resource persons will include WTO and STDF representatives, as well as officials from Kenya and other speakers from international organizations.

**Venue**

The seminar will be held at **The Gelian Hotel, Machakos, Kenya**

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**Day 1 – Tuesday, 10 May 2022**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | **Opening Ceremony**   * Welcome from representative from Kenya * Representative from the World Trade Organization (WTO) |
| 9:15 – 10:00 | **Overview and Objectives**   * Structure and objective of the seminar * Introduction of participants * Self-assessment quiz   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Introduction to the WTO and the SPS Agreement**   * General introduction to the WTO * Overview of the SPS Agreement   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| 10:45 - 12:30 | **Key Principles of the SPS Agreement**   * Overview of the key principles of the SPS Agreement * Interactive exercise on the main principles and disciplines of the SPS Agreement   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **12:30 - 13:30** | **Lunch Break** |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | **Work of the WTO SPS Committee**   * Functions and roles * Committee agenda items * Specific trade concerns * Current work   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | * Role of the National SPS Committees on implementations and coordination at the domestic and regional levels.   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | Kenya’s Experience on domestic coordination  *Resource person: National Specialist* |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | **Wrap-up and Q & A** |



**Day 2 – Wednesday, 11 May 2022**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **The interplay between the SPS, TBT and Trade Facilitation agreements**  *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | **Transparency in the SPS Agreement**   * Introduction to the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **10:30 – 10:45** | **Coffee Break** |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | **National perspective**   * Sharing of national experiences in complying with and/or benefiting from SPS transparency provisions   *Resource person: National Specialist [Representatives from Kenya’s SPS Enquiry Point and Notification Authority]* |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **WTO tools and SPS online resources**   * Overview of the main sources of SPS information * Introduction to the [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](https://eping.wto.org/) and the [Trade Concerns Database](https://tradeconcerns.wto.org/en) * Interactive exercise on searching for SPS information   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **12:30 - 13:30** | **Lunch Break** |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | **SPS online resources**   * Overview of the outreach/communication functions of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform * Hands-on exercise on the outreach functions   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | **SPS online resources (cont'd)**   * Overview of the notification submission functions of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform * Hands-on exercise on the notification submission functions   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | **SPS online resources (cont'd)**   * Hands-on exercise on the notification submission functions   *Resource person: WTO representative* |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | **Wrap-up and Q&A** |

**Day 3 – Thursday, 12 May 2022**

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| **Time** | **Agenda Item** |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:00 – 9:40 | * **Introduction to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)** * **STDF projects and opportunity to benefit from STDF support**   *Resource person: STDF representative* |
| 9:40 – 10:40 | **STDF's Framework on Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA): the Kenyan experience**   * Overview of the P-IMA framework * Key findings from the Kenyan experience (2021) * **Linkages with regional P-IMA related work carried out in collaboration with Trade Mark East Africa to unlock regional trade**   *Resource person: STDF representative, Trade Mark East Africa Representative* |
| **10:40 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | **The relationship between the SPS Agreement and the international standard-setting bodies (ISSBs): Codex, OIE and IPPC**   * Harmonization in the SPS Agreement * Kenya's focal points in ISSBs   + Role and functions of the focal point   + Participation in the work of ISSBs (incl. standard-setting process)   + Current issues of interest discussed in ISSBs   *Resource persons: WTO representative; national Codex focal point; national OIE focal point; national IPPC focal point* |
| **12:30 - 13:30** | **Lunch Break** |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | * Awareness on the existing export opportunities selected markets and SPS related market access requirements; EU, US, UK, Korea Republic, Malaysia, Middle East etc. |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:15 – 16:15 | * Review of the Training programme & Way forward * *Resource person: National Specialist, WTO representative* |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | * Closing Remarks & Departure   *Resource person:* SPS Committee Secretariat |