

WTO national Workshop ON the

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

Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, India

6-8 May 2025

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 6 May 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10:00 | **Opening session** | Officials from India |
| 11:00 | **The WTO SPS Agreement**  Introduction to SPS Agreement, focusing on key provisions and terminology | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 12:15 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 12.30 | **The WTO SPS Committee**   * Role and function * MC12 SPS Declaration * MC13 S&DT Declaration   and Q&A session | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 13.15 | Lunch |  |
| 14:30 | **6th review of the Operation and Implementation of the SPS Agreement**  Presentation and group activity | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 15:30 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 16:00 | **Global trends on MRLs**   * Case studies on trends undertaken by developed countries * Codex food safety Standards and MRL setting process * Pesticide MRLs in the WTO SPS Committee | India's subject matter experts  Sanjay Dave, former Codex Chairperson TBC Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 17:30 | Wrap up of Day 1 | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |

**Wednesday, 7 May 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10:00 | Brief recap of Day 1 | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 10:15 | **Challenges faced by Indian Regulators in formulation and implementation of SPS measures**   * FSSAI * DAHD * DAFW | Officials from India |
| 11:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 12:00 | **Latest updates on WTO tools and sources of SPS Information**   * Documents Online * ePing SPS Platform * eAgenda * Trade Concerns Database   and Q&A session | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 13:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00 | **Trade Facilitation & Market Access**   * Role of SPS measures in agricultural exports and imports * Mutual recognition agreements and equivalence of SPS measures * Case studies on trade disputes related to SPS measures | Officials from India  Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 15:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 16:00 | **Technology & Innovation in SPS Compliance**   * Digitalization of SPS certification   + main takeaways from SPS Committee thematic session on digital tools   + national experience | Camille Fléchet and Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO  Officials from India |
| 16:30 | **Technology & Innovation in SPS Compliance**  (continued)   * Use of AI and big data in disease surveillance * Block chain technology for traceability in food safety | Officials from India |
| 17:30 | Wrap up of Day 2 | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |

**Thursday, 8 May 2025**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 10-00 | Brief recap of Day 2 |  |
| 10:15 | **SPS challenges in international trade**   * Identifying SPS challenges * Question and answer session driven by issues raised by Indian exporters | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO Officials from India |
| 11:00 | **STDF: knowledge work, PPGs, and projects** | Sanjay Dave, former Developing Country Expert from Asia to STDF TBC |
| 11:45 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 12:00 | **Systems approaches**   * Main takeaways from SPS Committee March 2025 thematic session * National experiences | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO  Officials from India |
| 13:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:30 | **Regionalisation**   * Overview of SPS Committee work * Main takeaways from SPS Committee March 2025 thematic session * Case studies on trends undertaken by developed countries * Global best practices | Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO  Officials from India |
| 16:00 | Tea/Coffee |  |
| 16:15 | **Looking ahead: future trends in SPS**   * Globalization and emerging risks * Anticipating future SPS challenges in an evolving global landscape * Preparing for new SPS risks with advancing technology * Key takeaways and final Q&A * Next steps | Officials from India  Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, WTO |
| 17:30 | **Closing**   * Evaluation * Closing remarks | Officials from India  Camille Fléchet and  Fabrizio Meliadò, 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)
* [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)