



**FOLLOW-UP SESSION OF THE 2022 SPS TRANSPARENCY
CHAMPIONS COURSE**

Draft Programme

Geneva, Switzerland

13-15 June 2023

Activity description

The Follow-up Session of the SPS Transparency Champions Course will provide participants with an opportunity to report on the progress and results of their action plans including the lessons learned, and reflect on strategies to maintain the successes going forward. The aim is to gain a better understanding of the impact of the course on the implementation of SPS transparency provisions in participants' countries. The Follow-up Session will also reinforce participants' knowledge of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement and online transparency tools such as the [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](#). This will ensure that participants have a clear understanding of the relevant obligations, recommendations and associated tools, and are able to effectively apply this knowledge for the benefit of their countries and region.

The Follow-up Session will take place in Geneva from 13 to 15 June 2023. It will include presentations from the participants as well as the WTO Secretariat, interactive exercises, and discussion on the SPS transparency framework in participants' countries based on their experiences with the implementation of action plans. The Follow-up Session builds on two previous segments of the course: (i) the first week held in Geneva from 3 to 7 October 2022 which enhanced participants' knowledge of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement; and (ii) virtual sessions held from 19 October to 23 November 2022 during which participants worked on the elaboration of action plans and were invited to virtually attend the November 2022 SPS Committee meetings.

Day 1 – Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 – 9:30	1.1 Opening session <i>Speaker:</i> WTO Secretariat
9:30 – 10:30	1.2 Overview of the Follow-up Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief recap of the SPS Transparency Champions Course ▪ Overview of reports and questionnaire results ▪ Guidelines for reporting on the implementation of action plans <i>Resource person:</i> WTO Secretariat; Regional expert
10:30 -10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15	1.3 Interactive exercise on SPS transparency provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recap of the transparency provisions through an interactive exercise <i>Resource person:</i> WTO Secretariat
12:15 – 12:30	1.4 Organization of groups <i>Resource person:</i> WTO Secretariat; Regional expert
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	1.5 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan 1 ▪ Action plan 2 ▪ Action plan 3 <i>Resource person:</i> WTO Secretariat
14:45 – 15:30	1.6 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan 4 ▪ Action plan 5 ▪ Action plan 6 <i>Resource person:</i> WTO Secretariat
15:30 -15:45	Break
15:45 – 16:45	1.7 Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion of action plans <i>Resource person:</i> Regional expert
16:45 – 17:00	1.8 Debriefing and key takeaways <i>Resource person:</i> Regional expert

Day 2 – Wednesday, 14 June 2023

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 – 9:45	2.1 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan 7 Action plan 8 Action plan 9 <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat</p>
9:45 – 10:30	2.2 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan 10 Action plan 11 Action plan 12 <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat</p>
10:30 -10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	2.3 Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of action plans <p>Resource person: Regional expert</p>
11:45 – 12:30	2.4 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan 13 Action plan 14 Action plan 15 <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:45	2.5 Presentation of action plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan 16 Action plan 17 Action plan 18 <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat</p>
14:45 – 15:30	2.6 Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of action plans <p>Resource person: Regional expert</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 -16:30	2.7 Debriefing and key takeaways <p>Resource person: Regional expert</p>

Day 3 – Thursday, 15 June 2023

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 – 10:30	3.1 Interactive exercise on notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of the notification functions of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform ▪ Interactive exercise <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat; Regional expert</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:30	3.2 Interactive exercise on outreach and coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of the search, outreach and communication functions of the ePing SPS&TBT Platform ▪ Interactive exercise <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat; Regional expert</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	3.3 Debriefing, lessons learned and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lessons learned and key takeaways ▪ Maintaining the Transparency Champions network <p>Resource person: Regional expert</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 16:30	3.4 Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation of the course ▪ Certificates ▪ Closing remarks <p>Resource person: WTO Secretariat</p>