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**2023 ADVANCED SPS COURSE – FOLLOW-UP SESSION OF JUNE 2024
PROGRAMME**

Geneva, 10-13 June 2024
World Trade Organization
(Centre William Rappard)

OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

The follow-up session of the 2023 Advanced SPS 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 and build on successful outcomes. This follow-up session will also confirm participants' understanding of the SPS Agreement, online transparency tools, and the work of the SPS Committee to further assist participants in applying their knowledge for the benefit of their countries and encourage participation in the work of the SPS Committee. Importantly, the follow-up session will be a good opportunity to reinforce the network of SPS experts created via the course and explore synergies in the SPS area.

The follow-up session will take place in Geneva on 10-13 June 2024. It will include presentations from the participants as well as the WTO Secretariat and coaches¹, interactive exercises, and discussions based on participants' experiences with the SPS Agreement and implementation of action plans.

¹ Coaches assisted participants in developing their action plans. Coaches who will be involved in the follow-up session are Mr George Opiyo (Uganda National Bureau of Standards), Ms Catalina Pulido (STDF), Mr Rolando Alcalá and Ms Camille Fléchet (WTO SPS team).

Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<i>9:00-10:30</i>	Welcome session Overview of the follow-up session; analysis of progress reports; feedback from participants on the action plan process <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, Catalina Pulido, George Opiyo</i>	Transparency and ePing refresher <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, George Opiyo</i>	SPS Committee update Interactive recap exercise; participants' feedback on November 2023 Committee week; update on ongoing work; overview of upcoming meeting <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet</i>	Presentation of action plan results (IV) <i>Facilitator: Catalina Pulido</i>
<i>10:30-10:45</i>	coffee break	coffee break	coffee break	coffee break
<i>10:45-12:15</i>	Interactive recap exercise on the SPS Agreement <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet</i>	ePing refresher (continued) <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, George Opiyo</i>	SPS disputes Group discussions based on case stories <i>Camille Fléchet</i>	Group discussion regarding action plans presented in previous session <i>Facilitator: George Opiyo</i> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> What is next? <i>Individual work; participants feedback</i>
<i>12:15-13:30</i>	lunch break	lunch break	lunch break	lunch break
<i>13:30-15:15</i>	Presentation of action plan results (I) <i>Facilitator: Rolando Alcalá</i>	Presentation of action plan results (II) <i>Facilitator: Camille Fléchet</i>	Presentation of action plan results (III) <i>Facilitator: George Opiyo</i>	Closing session
<i>15:15-15:30</i>	coffee break	coffee break	coffee break	
<i>15:30-16:15</i>	Group discussion regarding action plans presented in previous session <i>Facilitator: George Opiyo</i>	Group discussion regarding action plans presented in previous session <i>Facilitator: George Opiyo</i>	Group discussion regarding action plans presented in previous session <i>Facilitator: George Opiyo</i>	
<i>16:15-16:30</i>	Debrief / Q&A <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, Catalina Pulido, George Opiyo</i>	Debrief / Q&A <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, Catalina Pulido, George Opiyo</i>	Debrief / Q&A <i>Rolando Alcalá, Camille Fléchet, Catalina Pulido, George Opiyo</i>	