



WORLD TRADE
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2024 SPS TRANSPARENCY CHAMPIONS COURSE

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Geneva, Switzerland
30 September to 11 October 2024

Objective

The 2024 SPS Transparency Champions Course will be comprised of sessions and activities related to the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement as well as the [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](#). It will offer selected government officials an opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge and practical skills to implement and benefit from the WTO's SPS transparency framework. In addition, participants in this course will be required to prepare action plans to improve the SPS transparency framework in their countries/territories. A Follow-up Session of this course will be organized in Geneva in 2025 (to be confirmed), allowing participants to report on the implementation of their action plans.

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	Monday, 30 September	Tuesday, 1 October	Wednesday, 2 October	Thursday, 3 October	Friday, 4 October
9:30 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening session <p><i>Opening remarks</i> <i>Course objectives</i></p> <p>WTO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparency in the SPS Agreement; roles of NNAs and NEPs <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ePing's communication functions <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International standards and notification procedures <p>Codex; WOA; IPPC</p>	<i>Field-based learning activity</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break				
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WTO and non-tariff measures Key provisions of the SPS Agreement <p>WTO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ePing's search and alert functions <p>WTO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notifying SPS measures on ePing <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International standards and notification procedures <p>Codex; WOA; IPPC</p>	<i>Field-based learning activity</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch				
14:00 – 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key provisions of the SPS Agreement (cont'd) <p>WTO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ePing's communication functions <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notifying SPS measures on ePing <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion – national perspectives on preparing and submitting notifications <p>Codex; WOA; IPPC; External experts</p>	<i>Field-based learning activity</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Break				
15:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main takeaways <p>External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main takeaways <p>External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main takeaways <p>External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main takeaways <p>External experts</p>	<i>Field-based learning activity</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan development <p>Group work Virtual classroom</p> <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan development <p>Group work Virtual classroom</p> <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan development <p>Group work Virtual classroom</p> <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan development <p>Group work Virtual classroom</p> <p>WTO; External experts</p>	<i>Field-based learning activity</i>

	Monday, 7 October	Tuesday, 8 October	Wednesday, 9 October	Thursday, 10 October	Friday, 11 October
9:30 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debriefing – main takeaways from field trip <p><i>External experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving coordination on transparency-related matters <p><i>External expert (Communications)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SPS Committee ▪ SPS eAgenda ▪ S&D Treatment <p><i>WTO</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentations <p><i>Participants; Facilitated by: External experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentations <p><i>Participants; Facilitated by: External experts</i></p>
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11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transparency in the TBT, TF Agreements <p><i>WTO (TBT and TF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving coordination on transparency-related matters <p><i>External expert (Communications)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addressing concerns with SPS measures notified by other Members <p><i>WTO; External experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentations <p><i>Participants; Facilitated by: WTO</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan implementation - next steps <p><i>WTO</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch				
14:00 – 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SPS or TBT? <p><i>WTO</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving coordination on transparency-related matters <p><i>External expert (Communications)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addressing concerns with SPS measures notified by other Members <p><i>WTO; External experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentations <p><i>Participants; Facilitated by: External experts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing session <p><i>Evaluation Closing remarks</i></p> <p><i>WTO</i></p>
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