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BRIEF UPDATE TO THE OCTOBER SPS COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM ZAMBIA

The following communication, received on 1 October 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Zambia.

Context

Zambia is a beneficiary of technical assistance from cooperating and development partners in food security and SPS matters. This is a brief update on projects the country is benefiting. Zambia would like to thank all the donors for their support for the past and present projects.

1 PLANT HEALTH

1.1 Regional Projects

1.1. COMESA - Breaking Trade Barriers: Facilitating Trade Project funded by STDF to increase intra-COMESA trade in Agri food products by reducing costs associated with SPS measures for selected commodities.

1.2. BONAZAZI Fruit Fly Project funded by FAO: To harmonize approaches to tackle the threats posed by fruit flies in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Surveillance programme is currently underway.

1.3. Capacity Building in SPS funded by Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) implemented by FAO: To address pests and diseases of animals and plants control through effective prevention and control mechanisms in order to improve food and nutrition security and enhance regional and international trade of food and agro products in Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region.

1.4. Maize Lethal Necrosis Diseases (MLND) surveillance project funded by the World Bank through Africa Productivity Programme for Sothern Africa (APPSA): Participating countries include Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.

1.2 Country Specific Updates

1.2.1 Recently approved Project Preparation Grant from STDF

1.5. To Strengthen Phytosanitary Capacity in the horticulture industry. Zambia will also apply the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool.

1.2.2 Market Access to South Africa

1.6. Zambia has been granted a market access for grapes (2014) and pure honey (2015).

1.2.3 Seed Crop Inspections

1.7. To facilitate safe trade and update the pest list.

1.2.4 NPPO Website development

1.8. To enhance transparency: posting fees, online application forms, online payment, etc.

2 ANIMAL HEALTH

2.1. Animal Health World Bank Project: receiving support from the World Bank through livestock development and animal health project.

- i. Animal health disease surveillance and control on major trans boundary diseases;
 - ii. Infrastructure: breeding centres, livestock service centres, construction of regional laboratories and check points; and
 - iii. Support to livestock small scale farmers through matching grants.
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