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UPDATE ON AOAD ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE SPS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM AOAD

The following communication, received on 1 March 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD).

1 CAPACITY BUILDING IN SPS ISSUES IN THE ARAB REGION

- Regional Workshop in Risk Analysis Approach to Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) with emphasis on -organizational structure of sanitary and phytosanitary procedures, risk analysis methodology, challenges of using risk analysis methodology and opportunities and implications of using the risk analysis methodology;
- Regional Workshop on SPS Measures and Procedures along the crops value chains to promote Intra-trade in Arab Region;
- Regional Workshop on Skills in Emergency management;
- Regional Workshop on Risk analysis of live animals and meats imports;
- Country base Workshop on SPS measures in Animal Diseases in Sudan;
- Country base Workshop on Veterinary Quarantine (Basic Concepts and Terminology);
- Country base Workshop Veterinary Quarantine on Import Risk Analysis of live animals and animal products (Sudan);
- Country base Workshop on Quarantine and Border Inspection Procedures (Iraq).

2 TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN SPS TO ARAB COUNTRIES

- Participation in joint efforts with Arab countries in establishment of a legal framework for the outstanding SPS Committee under the auspices of League of Arab States (Economic Sector , Economic integration Department) as part of the executive program of the Pan Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA);
- Technical support to the Arab countries to apply sanitary and phytosanitary measures to ensure food safety and prevent the spread of pests and diseases among animals and plants;
- Technical support to the Arab countries on inspection for animals at borders;
- Technical support to the Arab countries on applying international standards related to animal production and trade;
- Production and dissemination of Arab Guidelines of Veterinary Quarantine;

- Control of endemic and transboundary pests and diseases through strengthening of governments roles in disease control and dissemination, GAP and drawing of epidemic pests and diseases map;
 - Technology transfer in areas of application of integrated pest management (IPM) and use of organic and biocontrol of plants pests;
 - Initiatives on Early Warning System to monitor movements of transboundary pests in Arab Region;
 - The role of AOAD on Strategy of improvement of plants protection services against local and transboundary insects, pests, and diseases;
 - Food safety and food control according to the international standards and SPS requirements.
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