

## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2007

#### Information from the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

The following information describes SPS technical assistance activities undertaken and planned by the WTO Secretariat for 2007 based on the "Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2007" (WT/COMTD/W/151).<sup>2</sup>

#### 1. Regional Seminars

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
20–23 February 2007	Africa (French)	Mali	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
24–26 April 2007	South-East Asia	India	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
31 July–2 August 2007	Caribbean	Jamaica	WTO – IDB/INTAL	Codex, IPPC and OIE
December 2007	Africa (English)	TBC	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE

#### 2. National Seminars<sup>3</sup>

Date	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
12–17 February 2007	Mexico	WTO	-
20–22 March 2007	Sri Lanka	WTO	-
25–26 April 2007	Niger (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-

<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

<sup>2</sup> The venues and dates for planned activities are subject to changes. Tables have been updated to reflect more recently available information. Additional information, including programmes of the activities, are available at: [www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/tbt\\_e/tbt\\_tech\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_tech_e.htm)

<sup>3</sup> The delivery of national activities in 2007 depends on Members' requests, on the resources of the Secretariat to undertake them and on whether the request could be addressed through a regional activity.

Date	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
6–8 June 2007	Ecuador (SPS/Agriculture)	WTO	-
24–25 July 2007	Indonesia	WTO	-
26–27 September	El Salvador (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
November 2007	Nicaragua (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
TBC	Costa Rica	WTO	-
TBC	Rwanda (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
TBC	Yemen	WTO	-

### 3. Geneva-based Specialized Courses

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
21–22 June 2007	Follow-up 2 <sup>nd</sup> Specialized Course on SPS (held in 2006)	Geneva	WTO
22 Oct.–2 Nov. 2007	3 <sup>rd</sup> Specialized Course on SPS (French)	Geneva	WTO

### 4. Geneva-based Topic-specific Symposium

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
15-19 October 2007	Special SPS Meeting on Transparency held back-to-back with an SPS Committee Meeting	Geneva	WTO

### 5. Geneva-based Trade Policy Courses covering, *inter alia*, the SPS Agreement

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
January-April 2007	39 <sup>th</sup> Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
January-April 2007	40 <sup>th</sup> Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
April-July 2007	41 <sup>st</sup> Trade Policy Course (French)	WTO (ITTC)
Sept.-December 2007	42 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)

**6. Regional Trade Policy Courses covering, *inter alia*, the SPS Agreement**

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
March-June 2007	Asia and Pacific	Singapore	WTO (ITTC)
June-August 2007	Africa (English)	Namibia	WTO (ITTC)
Sept.-December 2007	Latin America	Chile	WTO (ITTC)

**7. Geneva-based Introduction Courses covering, *inter alia*, the SPS Agreement**

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
June 2007	11 <sup>th</sup> Introduction course for Least-Developed countries (French)	Geneva	WTO
November 2007	12 <sup>th</sup> Introduction course for Least-Developed countries (English)	Geneva	WTO

**8. Regional and Sub-regional Short Trade Policy Courses**

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
July 2007	Africa (French)	Cameroon	WTO (ITTC)

**9. eTraining: Online Courses**

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
November–December 2007 (TBC)	Introduction to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (English)	WTO (ITTC)