
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2009

Information from the Secretariat¹

The following information describes the SPS technical assistance activities undertaken and planned by the WTO Secretariat for 2009, based on the "Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2008-2009" (WT/COMTD/W/160).²

1. Regional Seminars

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
09-12 February 2009	Pacific	Fiji	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
08-11 June 2009	Africa (English-speaking)	Lesotho	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
16-19 June 2009	Africa (French-speaking)	Cameroon	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
03-06 August 2009	Asia	Lao PDR	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
Week 28 September 2009 (TBC)	Africa (English-speaking)	Ghana (TBC)	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE
23-27 November 2009	Central Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Austria	WTO	Codex, IPPC and OIE

¹ 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.

² The venues and dates for planned activities are subject to changes. Tables have been updated to reflect more recently available information. Additional information, including draft programmes, eligible countries/customs territories, participants' requirements, are available at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/train_e/course_details_e.htm.

2. National Seminars³

Date	Venue	Organized by	Other participating organizations
13 February 2009	Fiji (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
11-12 March 2009	Turkey	WTO	-
24-25 March 2009	Oman (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
15 May 2009	Mauritius	WTO	-
16-17 May 2009	Saudi Arabia	WTO	OIE, IPPC, and Codex
18-22 May 2009	Angola (SPS/Agriculture)	WTO	-
19-20 May 2009	Lebanon	WTO	-
10-11 August 2009	Bangladesh	WTO	-
06-08 October 2009	Indonesia	WTO	-
TBC	Ethiopia (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
TBC	Uganda (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
TBC	Nigeria	WTO	-
TBC	Malawi (SPS/TBT)	WTO	-
TBC	Zimbabwe	WTO	-
TBC	Comoros	WTO	-

3. Geneva-based Specialized Courses

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
18 – 25 June 2009	Follow-up 4 th Specialized Course on SPS (held in 2008)	Geneva	WTO
12- 30 October 2009	5 th Specialized Course on SPS (Spanish)	Geneva	WTO

4. Geneva-based Topic-specific Symposium

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
26 October 2009	Special Workshop on the relationship between the SPS Committee and the OIE, IPPC, and Codex	Geneva	WTO
30 October 2009	STDF Workshop on the use of economic analysis to inform SPS decision-making	Geneva	WTO (STDF) ⁴

³ The delivery of national activities in 2009 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.

⁴ *Idem.*

5. Geneva-based Topic-specific Symposium

Date	Activity	Venue	Organized by
13-16 July 2009	Workshop on Participation of African Nations in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards-setting Organizations Project (PAN – SPSO)	Nairobi, Kenya	WTO (STDF) and AU-IBAR ⁵
20-23 July 2009	Workshop on Participation of African Nations in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards-setting Organizations Project (PAN – SPSO)	Bamako, Mali	WTO (STDF) and AU-IBAR ⁶
22-23 September 2009	Workshop on new developments in climate change and trade, and the implications for SPS risks	Washington D.C., USA	WTO (STDF) and the World Bank ⁷
29-30 September 2009	Workshop on the implementation of a regional action plan to control fruit fly in West Africa	Bamako, Mali	WTO (STDF) and ECOWAS ⁸

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

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
February 2009	47 th Trade Policy Course (English)	WTO (ITTC)
May 2009	48 th Trade Policy Course (French)	WTO (ITTC)

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

Date	Region	Venue	Organized by
June 2009	Asia and Pacific	Singapore	WTO (ITTC)
November 2009	Caribbean	Jamaica	WTO (ITTC)

⁵ *Idem.*

⁶ *Idem.*

⁷ This event is being organized by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). Therefore, it is not included in the general WTO "Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan 2008-2009" (WT/COMTD/W/160) aforementioned.

⁸ *Idem.*

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

Date	Activity	Organized by
July 2009	15 th Introduction Course to LDCs (Spanish)	WTO (ITTC)
September 2009	16 th Introduction Course to LDCs (French)	WTO (ITTC)

9. eTraining: Online Courses

Date	Name of course (language)	Organized by
January-February 2009	Introduction to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (English)	WTO (ITTC)
February–April 2009	Introduction to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (French)	WTO (ITTC)
July–August 2009	Introduction to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (Spanish)	WTO (ITTC)