



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SPS COMMITTEE THEMATIC SESSION ON ENABLING ACCESS TO TOOLS AND
TECHNOLOGIES: FALL ARMYWORM CASE STUDY**

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019
WTO, CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD, GENEVA

PROGRAMME

In the context of the Fifth Review of the Operation and Implementation of the SPS Agreement, Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States of America and Uruguay submitted a joint proposal for the Committee on the role of the WTO SPS Agreement in enabling access to tools and technologies and facilitating international trade, and offered recommendations for further discussions in the Committee.¹ They further suggested that interested Members form a working group to undertake the activities outlined in the proposal for consideration by the Committee under the Fifth Review. At its November 2018 meeting, the Committee decided to hold a thematic session on fall armyworm (FAW).

This draft programme is based on the structure suggested by the co-sponsors of the proposal.²

The thematic session will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Tuesday, 19 March 2019, beginning at 10 a.m. in room CR.

Members are invited to provide comments on the draft programme by 28 February 2019.

Chairperson: Ms Noncedo Vutula

1 THE SPS AGREEMENT

Review of provisions of the SPS Agreement and WTO dispute settlement reports relevant to regulatory approaches that enable access to safe tools and technologies.

Speaker(s): WTO Secretariat

2 FALL ARMYWORM: THE PROBLEM, THE TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Information on the impact of the spread of this invasive pest across the globe; impact on food security and trade; the particular challenges for smallholders; description of tools and technologies for control; efficacy, resistance and economic factors to consider in integrated pest management (IPM) strategies.

Speakers:

- Academic expert on fall armyworm (*TBC*)
- Dr MaryLucy Oronje, **CABI**

¹ G/SPS/W/305.

² G/SPS/W/309 and G/SPS/W/309/Corr.1.

- **International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, CIMMYT (TBC)**
- Ms Rose Monnerat, Coordinator of research group on biological control, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation, EMBRAPA, **Brazil**
Strategies for biological control of FAW in corn crops

3 GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND DOMESTIC APPROACHES

Overview of global partnerships and development assistance efforts with focus on efforts to enable regulatory frameworks that facilitate access to safe and effective tools and technologies.

Speakers:

- **FAO expert (TBC)**
- **USAID expert (TBC)**
- **Southern Cone Plant Health Committee, COSAVE (TBC)**
- **African Union representative**
- Mr Benoit Gnonlonfin, **ECOWAS**
West Africa perspectives on FAW monitoring and its effective control
- Ms Panagiota Mylona, **European Union**
EU actions on FAW
- Mr Ming-Yao Chiang, Assistant Researcher, Council of Agriculture, **Chinese Taipei**
Controlling and investigating Spodoptera sp.
- Mr Fahari Marwa, **East African Community**
- Mr Neil Ellis, Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, **Australia**

4 MEMBERS' EXPERIENCES: SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES IN IMPROVING REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS TO SUPPORT FARMER ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Members report on their experiences and recommend ways in which the SPS Committee could enhance their efforts.

Speakers:

- Mr Jan Hendrik Venter, Manager, Early Warning Systems, Directorate Plant Health, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, **South Africa**
Fall Armyworm outbreak: The South African experience
 - Dr Zachary Kinyua, Assistant Director and Head, Crop Health Research, Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization, **Kenya**
Challenges and current initiatives on management of FAW
 - **Honduras (TBC)**
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