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**SADC SECRETARIAT REPORT TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION SANITARY  
AND PHYTOSANITARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON SPS ACTIVITIES**

MEETING OF 27-28 OCTOBER 2016

The following communication, received on 12 October 2016, is being circulated at the request of the secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

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**1 THE 2016 INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION REGIONAL WORKSHOP  
FOR AFRICA**

1.1. SADC secretariat facilitated participation of SADC member States in the 2016 Regional Workshop for Africa through support from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Southern Africa Sub-Regional Office – African Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) project. The workshop was hosted by the Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC) from 14 to 16 September 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

1.2. Participation of member States in the workshop and exercises undertaken resulted in the identification of regional phytosanitary needs, regional emerging pests, greater understanding of import verification and concrete actions for the IPPC implementation pilot on surveillance.

**2 REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SPS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

2.1. SADC secretariat facilitated a regional workshop on development of regional implementation plans for plant health and food safety held in Pretoria, South Africa from 25–26 May 2016 based on the SADC Regional SPS Strategies.

**3 REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON HARMONIZATION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT OF PESTICIDES**

3.1. SADC secretariat with support from the European Union through the Regional Economic Integration Support programme facilitated a regional workshop to harmonise regulations for the management of pesticides. The workshop was held from 14 to 16 June 2016 in Pretoria, South Africa.

**4 PEST REPORTING**

4.1. *Tuta absoluta* has been reported to have been introduced in Zambia. The National Plant Protection Organisation of Zambia reported through the International Plant Protection Convention portal on 14 September 2016.

**5 TRAINING WORKSHOP ON THE PHYTOSANITARY CAPACITY EVALUATION**

5.1. SADC secretariat participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Training workshop on Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Facilitators organised by the IPPC secretariat. The Training workshop was held in Ronciglione, Italy, from 19 to 30 September 2016.

5.2. Workshop participants were trained to broaden and enhance their expertise in facilitating the application of the PCE tool. The objective of the training was to improve existing or planned phytosanitary capacity systems the IPPC.

## **6 SPS/TBT TECHNICAL MEETING FOR THE TRIPARTITE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES**

6.1. SADC secretariat participated in the Tripartite - Regional Economic Communities Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)/Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Technical meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya from 4 to 6 July 2016. The meeting was held with support from the African Development Bank (AfDB) through a Tripartite Capacity Building (TCB) Programme for 13 Tripartite member/partner States from East African Community (EAC), SADC and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

6.2. The purpose of the meeting was to simplify SPS measures on selected trade routes and commodities in the recently launched Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) with a view to increasing intra-Tripartite trade.

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