

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SPS/STDF/OECD WORKSHOP ON
GOOD PRACTICE IN SPS-RELATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

6 October 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.30 *Opening remarks*

9.40 *Overview of research and workshop objectives, Michael Roberts, STDF Secretary*

- Background information on STDF research on good practice (G/SPS/GEN/816)
- Overview of issues
- Expected outputs from the workshop

10.00 *Session 1: Good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation: conclusions from STDF research in three pilot regions*

- **Overview of research on good practice in East Africa** - Spencer Henson, Professor, International Food Economy Research Group, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph, Canada (www.inferg.ca)
- **Overview of research on good practice in the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region** - Kees van der Meer, Consultant
- **Overview of research on good practice in Central America** - Jason Hafemeister, Consultant
- Discussion

12.00 *Session 2: Good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation: lessons from Members' own experiences*

- Break out sessions (by language group: English, French and Spanish)

Key questions to be considered by each group will include:

- How do the conclusions arising from STDF research compare with Members' experiences of good practice in SPS-related capacity building activities?

- How can the OECD Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness be applied in the technical area of SPS-related technical co-operation?¹ What is required from donors, development agencies and beneficiaries to implement these principles?
- How can SPS-related capacity building activities have the maximum impact on trade performance?
- How can good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation be replicated more widely?

13.30 Lunch

15.00 *Session 2 (continued): Reporting back on Members' experiences of good practice in SPS-related technical cooperation*

- Reports on break out sessions (by language group: English, French and Spanish)
- Discussion

16.00 *Session 3: How can the impact of SPS-related technical assistance be maximized on trade performance?*

- Guy Stinglhamber, Director, Pesticides Initiative Programme (http://www.coleacp.org/FO_Internet/pip/Default.asp?ai_Language=1)
- To be confirmed
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- Discussion

17.15 *Session 4: Taking good practice forward*

- **Concluding remarks** - Linda Fulponi Senior Economist, Directorate for Trade and Agriculture, OECD Secretariat
- **Concluding remarks** - Michael Roberts, STDF Secretary

17.45 Close

¹See <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/11/41/34428351.pdf> for a copy of the text and http://www.oecd.org/document/18/0,2340,en_2649_3236398_35401554_1_1_1_1,00.html for more background information.