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## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### UPDATE ON THE OPERATION OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

#### Overview

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) capacity building and technical cooperation established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). A range of other organizations - including the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) – as well as donors and developing countries also participate in the Facility.<sup>2</sup>
2. The STDF has two main aims:
  - to assist developing countries enhance their expertise and capacity to analyze and implement international SPS standards, improving their human, animal and plant health situation, and thus ability to gain and maintain market access; and
  - to act as a vehicle for awareness raising on the importance of SPS issues, coordination among technical cooperation providers, the mobilization of funds, the exchange of experience and the dissemination of good practice in relation to the provision and receipt of SPS-related technical cooperation.
3. This document provides an overview of STDF activities since the previous SPS Committee meeting in June 2009 in relation to the following three themes in the STDF's Operating Plan for 2009 ([http://www.standardsfacility.org/files/various/STDF\\_198\\_Add.1\\_Operating\\_Plan\\_2009\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/files/various/STDF_198_Add.1_Operating_Plan_2009_Eng.pdf)): (i) coordination and information dissemination; (ii) project development; and (iii) project funding.

#### Coordination and information dissemination

4. As part of the EC-funded "PAN-SPSO" programme, the STDF and the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU/IBAR), in close collaboration with the WTO, Codex, OIE and IPPC Secretariats, organized two "training-of-trainers" workshops held in Nairobi, Kenya (13-16 July) and in Bamako, Mali (20-23 July).<sup>3</sup> The workshops were targeted at English- and French-

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

<sup>2</sup> More detailed information on the STDF and its activities can be found on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>).

<sup>3</sup> PAN-SPSO is an initiative funded by the European Commission and implemented by AU/IBAR. It seeks to enhance the effective participation of African countries in the standard-setting activities of Codex, OIE

speaking officials of several Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and a selected group of African SPS experts. The STDF is also carrying out a scoping study on the establishment and functioning of regional and national SPS coordination mechanisms in Africa. The objective is to compile information about existing coordination mechanisms and provide guidelines on the feasibility and modalities available to further establish such mechanisms - both at regional and national levels.

5. The STDF Secretariat has organized three major events in the second half of 2009. In collaboration with the World Bank's Development Research Group, a seminar entitled: "Climate Change and Agriculture Trade: Risks and Responses" was organized in Washington, D.C. on 22-23 September. The meeting was attended by over 100 representatives from international organizations, regulatory and development agencies, research, academia and the private sector. Discussions on the first day focused on the connections between climate change, agricultural trade and food security. The second day focused on SPS risks and responses to climate change. Speakers emphasized that climate change is already having impacts on food safety and animal and plant health and that these are likely to become more intense, with implications for the future development and implementation of SPS-related standards. While some countries have started to consider how climate change will affect agricultural production and SPS risks, many are still ignoring or denying the linkages. Yet notwithstanding data gaps, action cannot wait. There was agreement that strengthening food safety, animal and plant health systems is critical to tackle the challenges faced. This will require more support to develop capacities in prediction, surveillance, diagnosis, risk assessment, regulatory frameworks, etc.

6. On 29-30 September, the STDF joined forces with ECOWAS to co-host a workshop in Bamako, Mali, on the implementation of a regional action plan to control fruit fly in West Africa, in close collaboration with the World Bank and the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP). Close to 100 participants, including government representatives, private sector, civil society, research institutions and development partners, validated the regional action plan, prepared by COLEACP, and adopted the Bamako Declaration, outlining a roadmap of recommended actions to commence implementation of the action plan in the months to come.

7. A workshop on the use of economic analysis to inform SPS decision-making, organized by the STDF Secretariat, will be held on 30 October in Geneva back-to-back with the meeting of the SPS Committee. The workshop will discuss the costs and benefits of strengthening SPS systems. Relevant experiences and lessons from both developed and developing countries will be presented, as well as guidelines to assist countries in applying economic analysis in SPS decision-making. More information about these three events, including summary reports, background documentation and presentations, is available on the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>). In addition, the STDF Secretariat will prepare short briefing notes summarizing the main discussions and conclusions emerging from the events.

8. The STDF Secretariat, in collaboration with the OECD, is undertaking a study on indicators to measure the performance and ensure sustainability of SPS-related technical cooperation. Building on earlier work on Good Practice in SPS-Related Technical Cooperation, STDF's work on SPS indicators is a direct response to the demand for a more rigorous monitoring and evaluation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) that is now at the forefront of the international development agenda. Inputs are being received from STDF partners, donors and beneficiaries, which will enable the study to highlight successful processes and indicators to quantify performance, as well as constraints faced. An introduction to this STDF work will be given to the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)/Trade Committee Working Party meeting on Aid for Trade in November 2009. The study will be ready by the end of this year.

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and IPPC, as well as the WTO SPS Committee. The STDF provides technical advice and is a full member of the PAN-SPSO Steering Committee.

9. The STDF also participated in and contributed to the following events:

- The East Asia and Pacific Regional Agribusiness Trade and Investment Conference, organized by the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation, in Singapore on 30-31 July. This event sought to initiate a long-term effort to stimulate increased intra-regional trade and investment in the agrifood sector, consistent with best practices in critical areas such as assuring compliance with food safety, environmental and social standards;
- The APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF), held in Singapore on 30 July, to discuss successes and challenges faced in strengthening food safety systems within APEC; and in a workshop, as part of the FSCF meeting, entitled "Examination of Hot Issues in Risk Analysis", organized by the Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN);
- A workshop on WTO SPS Measures, organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in collaboration with FAO, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 8 to 11 September, where more than 30 mid-level and senior agriculture officials were briefed on recent developments in the WTO SPS Committee and current STDF activities;
- A roundtable on the development of the global Food Safety Knowledge Network (FSKN) organized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and Michigan State University, held in Washington, D.C. on 28 September. The FSKN aims to strengthen the food industry's response to the complex food safety knowledge and training challenges that affect emerging markets;
- A session on SPS transparency and implications organized by the International Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) at the WTO Public Forum (30 September);
- WTO training seminars, including for Asian countries (Lao PDR, 3-7 August), and in Indonesia (6-8 October); and
- The 19th Geneva Week for non WTO-resident Members and Observers in Geneva (26-30 October).

10. The STDF film: "Trading Safely: Protecting Health, Promoting Development", was shown at the Codex Alimentarius Commission in Rome on 3 June, and on the margins of the Second Global Aid for Trade Review in Geneva on 6-7 July, as well as in a large number of SPS-related training events. The film was widely distributed through STDF partners, donors and observers. The STDF is currently developing a short (8-minute) version of the film, as well as a short institutional clip about the mission and functions of the STDF. These two new products will be available on the STDF website by the end of the year.

11. A number of improvements have been made to the STDF website (<http://www.standardsfacility.org>), and additional changes are underway. These changes include the addition of new links with film material developed by other organizations, as well as information received from Working Group members and observers on their existing and forthcoming SPS activities and initiatives. A compilation of information received in advance of the previous Working Group meeting is available on the website. Partners, donors and observers are encouraged to use the STDF website to exchange information on their work building capacity in the SPS area.

### **Project development**

12. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of

their needs and are a mechanism for ensuring synergy with other on-going initiatives, in particular the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) and the Aid for Trade initiative. Greater reliance is placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for the mobilization of funds. A total of 37 PPGs have been approved and funded by the STDF since its inception.

13. At the STDF Working Group meeting in June 2009, four PPGs were approved:

- STDF/PPG/298: Capacity Building Programme on Pesticide Residues and other Harmful Substances in Cocoa in Africa (International Cocoa Organization - ICCO);
- STDF/PPG/302: Project Preparation Grant to Support the Competitiveness of Cabbage in the Niayes Region (Senegal);
- STDF/PPG/303: Project Preparation Grant to Conduct a Total Diet Study for Sub-Saharan Africa (Centre Pasteur du Cameroun - CPC);
- STDF/PPG/305: Project Preparation Grant on Institutionalizing SPS for Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems in Africa (African Union Commission).

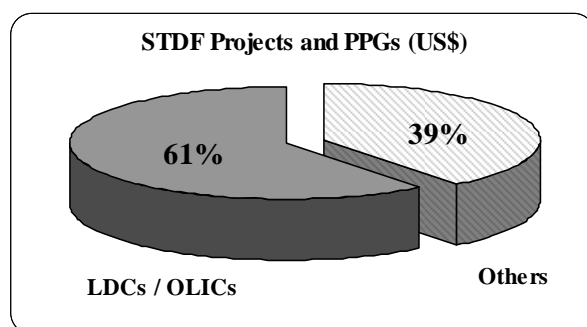
### Project funding

14. A total of 37 projects have been approved for STDF funding. At the STDF Working Group meeting in February 2009, one new project was approved for funding:

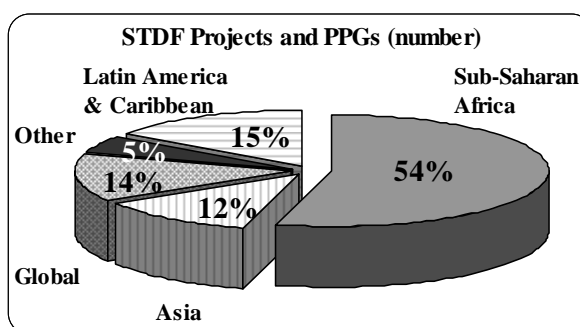
- STDF/PG/259: Strengthening Vietnamese SPS capacities for trade by improving safety and quality of fresh vegetables using a value-chain approach.

15. An overview of the current status of STDF projects and PPGs is provided in Annex I. Since its inception, the STDF has devoted 61 per cent of project resources to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs), as shown in Figure 1 below.<sup>4</sup> Figure 2 indicates that 54 per cent of the number of STDF Projects and PPGs has gone to Sub-Saharan Africa, 15 per cent to Latin America and the Caribbean and 12 per cent to Asia. In addition, 14 per cent of projects and PPGs can be classified as global.

**Figure 1:**



**Figure 2:**



<sup>4</sup> The STDF aims to devote at least 40 per cent of Facility project resources to LDCs and OLICs.

16. Applications for STDF funding can be made at any point in the year but should be received at least 60 working days in advance of each Working Group meeting in order to be considered at that meeting. The next deadline for the submission of project proposals is 24 December 2009.

# ANNEX 1

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

### (a) Projects awaiting contracting

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
STDF/PG/ 155	Nicaragua- Market Oriented Training Service on Standards Application	Establish SPS professional training units, to develop training manuals, quality and good process controls for pilot products.	IICA	Nicaragua	527,435	Oct-08	TBC	Contract with IICA requires signature.
STDF/PG/ 238	Development of accredited Good Practices and HACCP certification schemes for fresh and processed food products	Implement accredited inspection and certificates for GAPs, GMPs and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities.	TBC	Guatemala	397,419	Feb-09	TBC	Contracts with AGEXPORT and OIRSA require signature.
STDF/PG/ 259	Strengthening Vietnamese SPS Capacities for Trade	Strengthening the Vietnamese SPS capacities for trade by improving safety and quality of fresh vegetables using the value-chain approach	FAO and Fruit and Vegetable Research Institute Vietnam	Vietnam	543,770	Jun-09	TBC	Approved in Jun-09. FAO currently processing the project through its internal review channels prior to contracting (expected by end of 2009).
STDF/PG/ 267	Devising a national GAP programme and a commercial GAP standards in the Philippines	Stakeholder dialogue and market intelligence to promote GAPs / standards as a means to expand horticulture exports in the East Asian region	TBC	Philippines	210,000	Feb-09 (conditional)	TBC	Approved subject to confirmation of funds for related capacity building component. Potential donor identified. Discussions planned and availability of funds should be confirmed by Nov-09.

TBC: To be confirmed

(b) Ongoing projects funded by STDF

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 48</b>	<b>Quality control for shea and cashew nut products in Benin</b>	Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production.	Centre de Recherche d'Agonkamey (CRA) /FAO	Benin	512,139	Nov-07	Jun-08 / Jun-10	Implementation ongoing. Progress report received in May-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 62</b>	<b>Strengthening food safety in Cameroon</b>	Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon.	FAO	Cameroon	499,480	Nov-07	Jul-08 / Jul 10	Implementation ongoing. Progress report received in Jan-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 69</b>	<b>Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products</b>	Assist the Yemen Seafood Exporter's Association to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products.	YSEA / International Trade Centre (ITC)	Yemen Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA)	465,560	Jun-07	Aug-07 /Dec-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted by Working Group until 31-Dec-09. . Awaiting progress report from ITC
<b>STDF/PG/ 108</b>	<b>Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee</b>	Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices.	IICA	Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	659,588	Oct-06	Oct-07 /Apr-10	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted until April 2010. Progress report and new disbursement plan submitted in Apr-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 116</b>	<b>Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica</b>	Develop a sustainable traceability system in the livestock sector which facilitates the management of the information related to agricultural units and epidemiological events.	IICA	Costa Rica	455,220	Oct-08	Mar-09 /Feb-11	Contract signed. First progress report received in Sep-09.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 126</b>	<b>Support for the establishment of the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania</b>	Assistance to the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues.	TAHA/ ITC	Tanzania	286,005	Jun-08	Jul-09 /Feb-11	Implementation ongoing. Inception report received.
<b>STDF/PG/ 127</b>	<b>Support for SPS information systems in Benin</b>	Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.	Benin Chamber of Commerce /FAO	Benin	449,365	Nov-07	Sep-08 / Aug-10	Implementation ongoing. Progress report received in Sep-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 133</b>	<b>Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific</b>	Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool.	FAO/IPPC	South Pacific Forum Members /FAO	272,645	Oct-06	Aug-07 /Jul-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension granted by Working Group until 31-Dec-09. Awaiting progress report from FAO/IPPC.
<b>STDF/PG/ 134</b>	<b>Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries</b>	Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries.	FAO	Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia	692,340	Mar-07	Jun-08 / Jan-10	Implementation ongoing. Progress report received in Aug-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 146</b>	<b>Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)</b>	Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	Ministry of Commerce (IF focal point) / UNDP	Mali	560,304	Jun-06	Jan-07 / Dec-09	Implementation ongoing. Extension of implementation period approved to end Dec-09. Progress report received in Jun-09.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 170</b>	<b>Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal</b>	Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project supports Integrated Framework (IF) Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS).	FAO	Nepal	434,698	Mar-07	Apr-08 / Mar-10	Implementation ongoing. Approx. 90% of in-country training completed. Third backstopping mission planned (Dec-09). Latest progress report received Oct-09.
<b>STDF/PG/ 171</b>	<b>East African Phytosanitary Centre</b>	Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.	CABI /FAO	Kenya and East Africa	729,375	Nov-07	May-08 / May-10	Implementation ongoing. Third progress report expected.
<b>STDF/PG/ 230</b>	<b>Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease in Coconuts</b>	Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts.	FAO	Mozambique	385,528	Jun-08	Jun-09	Implementation ongoing. Awaiting inception report from FAO/IPPC.
<b>STDF/PG/ 246</b>	<b>Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia</b>	Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia.	FAO	Cambodia	199,360	Jun-08	Apr-09 / Apr-10	Implementation ongoing. STDF participation in project steering committee meeting (Jul-09). Inception report received (Aug-09).
<b>STDF/PG/ 255</b>	<b>Regional Initiative on the fight against fruit flies in West Africa</b>	Conduct tests in pilot mango orchards using different fruit fly control and other Integrated Pest Management techniques to monitor and control fruit fly populations in 8 pilot countries.	CIRAD/ World Bank	8 West African countries	313,220	Oct-08	Apr-09 / May-10	Implementation ongoing. Progress report received in Jul-09.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 287</b>	<b>Information sharing initiative on the actions to control fruit flies in Sub-Saharan Africa: publication of a newsletter</b>	Information newsletter on fruit fly.	COLEACP	All Sub-Sahara African countries	97,800	Feb-09	Jun-09/ Apr-11	Implementation on-going.

(c) **Completed projects funded by STDF**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 5</b>	<b>STDF Database</b>	Establish a database covering the period 2001-03 to: i) help reduce duplication and gaps in activities; and ii) track SPS-related technical assistance flows and trends.	WTO	Database	45,100	Jun-03	Jul-03 / Dec-05	Completed. Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726).
<b>STDF/PG/ 9</b>	<b>Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework</b>	Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex.	FAO	Asia Pacific countries	70,848	Nov-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed. Final project report on STDF website.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 10</b>	<b>Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda</b>	Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook.	FAO	Turkey and Uganda	59,400	Sep-03	Mar-05 / Sep-06	Completed.
<b>STDF/PG/ 13</b>	<b>Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa</b>	Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards.	OIE	Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti	329,400	Sep-04	Oct-06 / Apr-07	Completed. External evaluation ongoing.
<b>STDF/PG/ 14</b>	<b>Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services</b>	Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document.	OIE	IICA countries	39,960	Nov-03	May-04/ May-06	Completed and evaluated.
<b>STDF/PG/ 15</b>	<b>Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels</b>	Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials.	OIE	OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, Commonwealth of Independent States (OIS) and Latin America.	130,614	Sep-04	Sep-04 / Dec-07	Completed and evaluated.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 19</b>	<b>Model arrangements for SPS stakeholder involvement at the national level</b>	Improve SPS-related information flows and information sharing between the public and private sector with positive spin-offs for market access.	Abt. Associates Inc.	Sri Lanka and Paraguay	291,218	Sep-04	Dec-04/ Apr-07	Completed and evaluated. (Paraguay)
<b>STDF/PG/ 20</b>	<b>Country-based plans for SPS- related development</b>	Carry out baseline studies of SPS capacity and apply cost-benefit analysis to examine returns on investment in terms of foreign trade and an improved SPS situation.	WTO	Peru and Uganda	170,862	Sep-03	Nov-04/ Mar-07	Completed and evaluated.
<b>STDF/PG/ 37</b>	<b>Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15</b>	Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions.	IPPC, FAO	171 delegates (representing 79 countries and 6 regional plant protection organizations) attended workshop.	332,000	Sep-04	Nov-04/ Mar-06	Completed and evaluated.
<b>STDF/PG/ 56</b>	<b>Capacity building to enhance implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on animal feeding</b>	Strengthen implementation of good animal feeding practices and good manufacturing practices through development of training manuals, regional workshops in Africa, Latin America and Asia and country-level training.	International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF)	Feed industry in developing countries.	150,000	Mar-05	Sep-05/ Nov-06	Completed and evaluated. Awaiting Feed Manual from FAO/IFIF. Part of project funds not yet disbursed.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 65</b>	<b>Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea</b>	Assist the public and private sector to meet official and commercial standards for fruit and vegetable exports through development of a safety control system. Project developed based on IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Guinea	572,742	Sep-05	Dec-05/ Feb-09	Completed in Dec-08. Final project report received but not yet approved. Awaiting revised final project report from UNCTAD.
<b>STDF/PG/ 79</b>	<b>Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building</b>	Improve the sharing of information on Codex, OIE and IPPC standards (and supporting scientific evaluations) through the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health (IPFSAPH).	FAO	All developing countries	470,000	Sep-05	Apr-06 / Jun-09	Project completed in June 09. Awaiting final project report from FAO.
<b>STDF/PG/ 89</b>	<b>International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop</b>	Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA).	FAO	Officials (29) from developing and least developed countries	147,000	Sep-05	Oct-05/ May-07	Completed and evaluated.
<b>STDF/PG/ 114</b>	<b>Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production</b>	To recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain.	CIRAD	Brazil (results will be shared with partners in Peru and Bolivia)	619,664	Feb-06	Jul-06 / Nov-08	Completed. External evaluation ongoing.
<b>STDF/PG/ 120</b>	<b>Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India</b>	Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.	Regulatory Affairs Services GmbH and Canadian Food Inspection Agency	India	95,060	Feb-06	Nov-06 / Oct-07	Completed and evaluated.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Budget (US\$)	Approval date	Start /End Date	Status
<b>STDF/PG/ 145</b>	<b>Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)</b>	Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets. Project developed based on IF DTIS.	MSU /World Bank	Plant health services and horticulture exporters in Rwanda	642,545	Jun-06	May-07 /May-09	Completed. Final project report available on STDF website.
<b>STDF/PG/ 173</b>	<b>Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies</b>	Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools.	FSANZ	Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies	97,500	Mar-07	Aug-07/ Apr-09	Completed and evaluated.

## STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)<sup>1</sup>

### (a) PPGs awaiting contracting

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF/PPG/ 262	Strengthening veterinary services and promoting market access of animal products from Sahel countries to North Africa	Review of regional strategy to strengthen veterinary services	CILSS (Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel)	Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso	Feb-09	Contract with CILSS requires signature. Implementation to start in Nov-09.

### (b) PPGs currently being implemented

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
STDF/PPG/ 165	Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar	Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.	CTHA	Madagascar	Mar-07 and Nov-07	Implementation ongoing. The study has been validated. Waiting for final project document.
STDF/PPG/ 191	Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity	Design a national SPS framework.	CARANA Corporation	Sierra Leone	Jun-07	Final report submitted. Validation workshop held in May 2009. Ongoing discussions with the AfDB and the EIF focal point to determine funding source.
STDF/PPG/ 232	A phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa	Improve phytosanitary capacity in African countries through the development and implementation of a phytosanitary capacity building strategy.	CABI	Cameroon and other African countries	Jun-08	Implementation ongoing. Final report expected in Oct-09.

<sup>1</sup> All PPGs are funded from the STDF.

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
<b>STDF/PPG/ 242</b>	<b>Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS</b>	Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a proposal to improve the competitiveness of the litchi and lobster sectors.	WTO	Comoros	Jun-08	Validation workshop planned for Oct-09. Funding avenues to be explored in-country (AFD, Arab authorities, EIF). To be submitted to Dec-09 Working Group meeting for co-financing.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 268</b>	<b>Harmonization of the Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for SPS control Management System</b>	Strengthening the relevant legislation and improving institutional coordination to raise confidence among trading partners.	NRI University of Greenwich	Tanzania	Oct-08	Implementation on-going. First mission planned in Nov-09.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 298</b>	<b>Capacity Building Programme on Pesticide Residues and other Harmful Substances in Cocoa in Africa</b>	Assist cocoa-producing countries in Africa to produce cocoa that meets the food safety requirements of the EU, the USA and Japan.	International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)	Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo	Jun-09	Implementation on-going.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 286</b>	<b>Accessing new ornamental plant market by reducing phytosanitary issues through participatory research and extension</b>	Reduce the phytosanitary risk of exporting 5 varieties of ornamental plants in order to maintain access to the US market.	CATIE	Costa Rica	Feb-09	Final project will be submitted to the STDF for funding in Dec-09.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 302</b>	<b>Project Preparation Grant to support the competitiveness of cabbage in the Niayes region</b>	Improve the quality of cabbage by putting in place systems which will follow GAP schemes, facilitate traceability and HACCP.	WTO	Senegal	Jun-09	Implementation on-going.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 303</b>	<b>Project preparation grant to conduct a total diet study for Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	Elaborate a manual describing a methodology to conduct a regional TDS to evaluate the risks of chemical contamination of food.	Centre Pasteur du Cameroun (CPC)	Sub-Saharan Africa	Jun-09	Implementation on-going.

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<b>STDF/PPG/ 305</b>	<b>Institutionalising SPS for agricultural health and food safety systems in Africa</b>	Conduct a scoping study to inform and assess the necessity of further action needed in the SPS area at the level of the AUC and the Regional Economic Communities.	WTO	African Union	Jun-09	Implementation on-going.

(c) **Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded by the STDF**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
<b>STDF/PPG/ 62</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Cameroon</b>	Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".	WTO	Cameroon	Sep-04	Project approved at WG meeting (Aug-05).
<b>STDF/PPG/ 63</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Benin</b>	Application of FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".	WTO	Benin	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Feb-06).
<b>STDF/PPG/ 65</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Guinea</b>	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Guinea	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05).
<b>STDF/PPG/ 69</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Yemen</b>	Survey of SPS issues in the fisheries sector and project design. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	WTO	Yemen	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Feb-06).

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<b>STDF/PPG/88</b>	<b>Nepal SPS training project preparation grant</b>	Evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme.	FAO	Nepal	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07).
<b>STDF/PPG/102</b>	<b>Project preparation grant for Mali</b>	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Mali	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).
<b>STDF/PPG/103</b>	<b>Project preparation grant for Rwanda</b>	Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.	WTO	Rwanda	Sep-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).
<b>STDF/PPG/116</b>	<b>Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica</b>	Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms.	WTO	Costa Rica	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08).
<b>STDF/PPG/126</b>	<b>Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania</b>	Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania.	WTO	Tanzania	Feb-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-08).
<b>STDF/PPG/127</b>	<b>Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets</b>	Establish an information centre within the Benin Chamber of Commerce to ensure that firms are aware of SPS measures affecting their existing or planned exports.	WTO	Benin	Jun-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07).
<b>STDF/PPG/155</b>	<b>Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application</b>	Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness.	Michigan State University (MSU)	Nicaragua	Oct-06	Project approved at WG meeting (Oct-08).

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<b>STDF/PPG/ 171</b>	<b>Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence</b>	Revise a project document to establish a Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Kenya. If funded the project would address issues raised in the IF DTIS reports for Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.	WTO	Kenya	Mar-07	Project approved at WG meeting (Nov-07).

(d) **Completed PPGs resulting in a project funded or seeking funding from other sources**

Project	Title	Objective	Implementing/ Oversight Agency	Beneficiary	Approval date	Status
<b>STDF/PPG/ 52</b>	<b>Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia</b>	Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia. Project based on IF DTIS.	WTO	Malawi and Zambia	Mar-05	Project funded by ComMark Trust. Implementation on-going by UNIDO.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 64</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Djibouti</b>	Field research and design of project in the livestock sector in Djibouti. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	WTO	Djibouti	Mar-05	Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05) but not contracted within one year. Funding sought outside the STDF.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 66</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Mozambique</b>	Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.	UNCTAD	Mozambique	Mar-05	Project funded by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented by ComMark Trust.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 100</b>	<b>Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde</b>	Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards.	TBC	Cape Verde	Jun-07	Completed. Approved by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.

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<b>STDF/PPG/105</b>	<b>Compartment-alization</b>	Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.	OIE	Brazil and Thailand	Jun-07	Approved in Oct-08. At SPS Committee meeting in Jun-09, Brazil reported that it would fund project (STDF 265) resulting from STDF PPG 105.
<b>STDF/PPG/113</b>	<b>Strengthening SPS controls in Burundi</b>	Enhance the capacity of the Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN) including training on SPS compliance for public and private sector officials.	WTO / Burundi Standards Bureau	Burundi	Mar-07	Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding.
<b>STDF/PPG/172</b>	<b>Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity</b>	Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products.	WTO	Nigeria	Mar-07	Completed. The project proposal was not approved by the WG at the Oct-08 meeting. Revised project document will be submitted for funding at the Dec-09 meeting.
<b>STDF/PPG/221</b>	<b>Supporting implementation of SPS standards in Burkina Faso</b>	Identify specific SPS issues and constraints affecting sesame production and exports and develop a project proposal aimed at overcoming these constraints	WTO	Burkina Faso	Apr-08	Project preparation grant completed. Validation work held in April 2009 and final report submitted in Aug-09. Funding sought outside the STDF.
<b>STDF/PPG/223</b>	<b>Strengthening the official food control in Moldova to support the emerging food businesses</b>	Assess requirements to strengthen official food controls, standards and food inspection based on specific priority commodities identified in the World Bank Action Plan and develop a proposal for follow-up.	FAO	Republic of Moldova	Apr-08	Ongoing efforts by FAO to identify funding. Meetings in Moldova (Oct-09) with potential donors. Project discussed with Millennium Challenge Corporation (Sep-09).
<b>STDF/PP G/234</b>	<b>Design of Lao GAP scheme</b>	Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR.	WTO	Lao PDR	Jun-08	Final project submitted to the STDF. Decision to seek non-STDF funding.

(e) **Completed PPGs which have not been approved for funding**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Implementing/ Oversight Agency</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>STDF/PPG/ 38</b>	<b>Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries</b>	Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure.	CARICOM	Caribbean countries	Sep-04	Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 46</b>	<b>Project preparation grant on implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)</b>	Assist WHO Africa to develop a project proposal to support selected African countries to implement Codex standards.	WHO/WTO	Benin and Tanzania.	Feb-06	Completed. Project not accepted for funding.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 61</b>	<b>Project preparation grant in Cambodia</b>	Fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal. Grant application presented in July 2005.		Cambodia	Mar-05	Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding.
<b>STDF/PPG/ 101</b>	<b>Eritrea project preparation grant</b>	Apply FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" and design a project.	WTO	Eritrea	Sep-05	Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding.