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**MOBILIZING AID FOR TRADE
FOR SPS-RELATED TECHNICAL
COOPERATION IN EAST AFRICA**

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PROGRAMME

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OVERVIEW

As part of the Aid for Trade regional review event, the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) held a workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 30 September 2007 focusing on issues related to the mobilisation of capacity building resources in the area of food safety, animal and plant health (collectively known as sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS measures). That meeting focused on SPS needs in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

One strong conclusion emerging from the meeting was that: "Standards are a passport for trade. The ability to control sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) risk and meet international standards is a key element determining participation of developing countries in the trading system."

The aim of this follow-up event, hosted jointly by the Government of Uganda, the STDF and the Integrated Framework is to turn the conclusions arising from this first event into tangible outcomes. More specifically, the event will examine the following:

- "Balance sheets" of needs and technical assistance on-going or planned in the area of SPS related technical co-operation. The balance sheets make use of existing capacity evaluations and interviews with donors. As such they are an important tool for co-ordination;
- Identification of priority action areas in SPS related technical assistance not met through current or planned assistance (gap analysis); and
- Agree ways to address these outstanding needs through future SPS related assistance.

The overall aim will be to clearly identify ways in which SPS priority needs can be addressed by donors, international organizations offering technical assistance or through the STDF itself. Background reports for the workshop can be downloaded at the following webpage: [Standards and Trade Development Facility - Regional Consultations](#)

Day 1

The first day of the workshop will be based around technical discussions on the "balance sheets" and "gap analysis".

The gap analysis examines evaluations of SPS capacity which were undertaken in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, backed up by research work in the region in March and April 2008. The aim is to link these evaluations with an overview of on-going and planned donor assistance in the SPS area. From this analysis any "gaps" where outstanding needs are not being met through SPS-related assistance will be identified. During the fieldwork, beneficiaries were asked to prioritize outstanding needs. This prioritization should assist matching resources to these areas of on-going need. From the networking session in the afternoon of the first day, a series of actions to assist in matching needs with future assistance should emerge.

Day 2

The second day of the workshop will focus on priority action areas and actions needed to address those needs in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Discussion will also take place on lessons for technical assistance for Burundi and Rwanda, good practice in the area of SPS-related technical assistance and future STDF research plans on this topic. The outcome of the second day will be agreement on actions necessary to address the priority needs.

Day 1 – 28 MAY

VALIDATING PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE SPS TECHNICAL COOPERATION

09.00 Registration

09.30 Welcome address

Hon. Eng. Nelson G. Gagawala Wambuzi (MP), Minister of State for Trade

09.45 Introduction

Mr Michael Roberts, STDF Secretary

10.00 Session I: Reaching consensus on needs and priorities

Moderator: Mrs Anne M. Kamau, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office at Geneva

- **Presentation of the balance sheets of needs and priorities for further action:** Mr Melvin Spreij, STDF Secretariat

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Session I (continued):

- **Comments from national representatives, regional and international organizations and donor representatives.** How well do the balance sheets reflect the SPS needs and priorities at national and regional level?
 - Uganda
 - Kenya
 - Tanzania
 - Regional organizations (EAC, COMESA, AU-IBAR, AU-IAPSC)
 - International organizations
 - Donor representatives

13.00 Lunch

14.15 Session II: Networking on SPS priorities

The national and regional balance sheets identify various priority actions for SPS-related technical assistance. The aim of this networking session would be to allow informal discussion of the priority areas between participants (national representatives, regional and international organizations and donor representatives). Each delegation would be given a physical space within the meeting room around which to hold discussions. Within the Kenyan, Tanzanian and Ugandan delegations, a focal point would be asked to report back on the outcome of discussions on day 2. Coffee will be provided during the session.

16.45 Wrap-up session (STDF Secretariat)

- Initial feedback from networking session
- Conclusions from day 1
- Outline of work programme for day 2

17.15 Close

Day 2 – 29 MAY

HOW TO ADDRESS SPS PRIORITY ACTION AREAS

09.30 Session III: Overview of assistance

Moderator: Mr Marco J. Kassaja, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office at Geneva

- **Presentation of on-going and planned SPS-related technical assistance:** Mr Melvin Spreij, STDF Secretariat
- **Comments from international organizations and donor representatives.** Have the major technical assistance programmes been identified?

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Session III (continued):

- **Presentations on networking session by focal points (day 1)**
 - Uganda
 - Kenya
 - Tanzania
 - Regional organizations (EAC, COMESA, AU-IBAR, AU-IAPSC)
 - Reactions from international organizations and donor representatives

13.00 Lunch

14.15 Session IV: Rwanda and Burundi – Lessons for future cooperation

Moderator: Mr Elly Kamahungye, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations Office at Geneva

- **Presentations of future plans and priorities**
 - Burundi
 - Rwanda
- **Open dialogue.** The following questions may be addressed:
 - Should similar balance sheets of SPS needs and priorities be drafted for both countries?
 - What major technical assistance programmes can be identified?
 - What lessons from the current exercise can be learned for future technical assistance?
 - What is the role of the regional integration process?

15.30 Coffee

15.45 Final wrap-up session (STDF Secretariat)

- Overview of planned research on good practice
- Identification of next steps
- Presentation of conclusions

16.30 Close