



## STDF Independent Dialogue for the UN Food Systems Summit

### Transforming food systems for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Why does facilitating safe trade matter?

Monday 28 June 2021 @15:00 -17:00 (CET)

- *Who is involved in facilitating safe trade, and how can we strengthen trust and synergies across stakeholders and sectors to support agri-food systems transformation?*
- *What are the trade-offs in facilitating safe trade, why are they relevant, and how can they be better navigated to support agri-food systems transformation?*
- *How can STDF's global partnership influence and catalyse change that supports agri-food systems to deliver for the world of tomorrow?*

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#### Introduction

Transforming agri-food systems to deliver food security is urgent for the future. Around the world, diverse stakeholders from international leaders and to women and men producers in developing countries recognize the need for change to catalyse sustainable economic development, benefit women, youth and other vulnerable groups, and promote the health of the planet. Facilitating safe trade must play a crucial role in this change.

Trade helps to create jobs, improve incomes, attract investment and boost economic growth. Meeting international standards for food safety, animal and plant health is essential to facilitate safe trade. Safe trade enables developing countries to participate in and benefit from export-oriented agri-food value chains that generate employment and promote sustainable economic development. Safe trade protects the health of consumers, animals and plants, while helping to mitigate and adapt to the risks posed by climate change, promoting sustainable development.

The [STDF's global partnership](#) of public and private sector actors from across agriculture, health, trade and development is working to facilitate safe trade, and support sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and food security in developing countries that contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals.

International standards for food safety, animal and plant health are at the core of STDF's work to facilitate safe and inclusive trade horizons for developing countries, building on [STDF's Strategy for 2020-2024](#) "Safe and Inclusive Trade Horizons for Development Countries". Meeting these standards results in effective national food control, veterinary and phytosanitary systems, which facilitate safe trade, in line with the WTO's Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. At the same time, meeting these standards promotes agricultural development, protects the environment and helps to mitigate against the risks of climate change. Like agri-food systems, effective SPS systems depend on inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral and inclusive multi-stakeholder processes and approaches that cut across agriculture, health, environment, trade and development to enable diverse stakeholders to achieve more and stronger results together than would be possible alone.

#### The STDF Dialogue will engage members of STDF's global partnership to:

- Share experiences and learning about innovative and collaborative safe trade solutions in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, and explore how they are contributing to food systems transformation.



- Reflect on how ongoing trends – from the growth in regional and South-South trade to digitalization and inclusive and sustainable trade – are influencing SPS capacity development, and what this means for food systems transformation.
- Identify new opportunities for STDF's global partnership to influence and catalyse sustainable improvements in SPS systems that support agri-food systems to deliver for the world of tomorrow.

## Agenda

1. Opening and welcome
2. Keynote presentation: Spencer Henson, Professor, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph, Canada
3. Panel discussion:
  - Tom Heilandt, Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission / STDF WG Chair
  - Chris Brett, Lead, Agriculture & Food Global Practice, World Bank Group
  - Hyunjin Kim, Scientist, Multisectoral Actions in Food System Unit, WHO Nutrition and Food Safety Department
  - Gillian Mylrea, Head, Standards Department, OIE
  - Catherine Bessy, Food safety and quality officer, FAO
  - Craig Fedchock, Senior Advisor to the IPPC Secretariat and Director of the ePhyto Programme
  - Shane Sela, Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist, Global Trade Team, World bank Group
  - Christiane Wolff, Counsellor and Secretary of the WTO SPS Committee
  - Ahmad Muktar, Senior economist, FAO
4. STDF's short film "*Shaping a safer world*"
5. Audience engagement in breakout rooms
6. Closing Plenary: Call to action on Solutions
  - Sharing key messages from breakout rooms
  - Wrap-up and key conclusions

Moderator: Marlynne Hopper, STDF Secretariat