A global partnership in SPS capacity building and technical cooperation

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STDF mandate

• increase SPS awareness, mobilize resources, strengthen collaboration, identify and disseminate good practice; and

• support and funding for development and implementation of projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements

Our vision: Improved SPS capacity supports sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction, food security and environmental protection
Value added

- Network and reference point for SPS coordination and good practice.
- Expertise and skills of STDF partners, donors, developing country experts, observers and beneficiaries.
- Linkages to SPS Committee, Aid for Trade, Enhanced Integrated Framework, other SPS-related programmes, etc.
Members

- Founding partners (FAO, OIE, WB, WHO, WTO)
- Selected developing country experts (6)
- Donors (13)
- Observers (e.g. ITC, UNIDO)

Operations

- Medium Term Strategy (2012-16)
- Policy Committee
- Working Group
- Secretariat
- Annual budget (target): US$5 million
Developing country experts from Asia

Davinio P. Catbagan
Animal health expert
The Philippines

Sidney Suma
Plant health expert
Papua New Guinea
Other developing country experts

• Delilah Cabb, SPS Enquiry Point, Belize (Central America)
• Guilherme Antônio da Costa Júnior, Brazil
• Martha Byanyima, Uganda
• Nagat El Tayeb, Sudan
Strategic results

• Enhanced collaboration on SPS-related technical cooperation.

• Improved capacity of beneficiaries to identify and prioritize SPS needs and formulate project proposals that are able to secure funding from STDF or external funding sources.

• Improved performance of beneficiaries of STDF-funded projects.
Examples of our work

SPS advocacy and information exchange

- “Trading safely” film
- Briefings
- E-mail list, e-newsletters
- Virtual library
Virtual Library - online access to SPS documents
Thematic events on the linkages between SPS and other topics

- International trade and invasive alien species (2012)
- Public-private partnerships in support of SPS capacity (2010)
- SPS risks and climate change (2009)
- Using economic analysis to inform SPS decision-making (2009)
- Good practice in SPS technical cooperation (2008)
Action-oriented research and support to SPS decision-makers

• Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) to rank SPS priorities
• Public-private partnerships in support of SPS capacity
• Regional SPS frameworks and strategies in Africa
• National SPS coordination mechanisms
• Pilot training / guidelines on project design and formulation (with the Enhanced Integrated Framework)
• Links between SPS and trade facilitation (2013)
Work on SPS and Trade Facilitation

• To raise awareness about the need for improved coordination among food safety, animal / plant health authorities, customs, etc.

• To identify key needs, opportunities and good practices to effectively engage SPS authorities in coordinated border management.

• Targeted at SPS authorities, customs and other border agencies.
Scope of work

- Joint research with regional institutions in Africa, Asia & Pacific, and Latin America & Caribbean to identify and analyse how SPS authorities are involved in coordinated border management.
- Synthesis study on experiences, lessons, good practices and recommendations.
- Dissemination and discussions of the findings.
Key questions

• How are SPS authorities working with customs and other border agencies (nationally and regionally)?
• What are the key drivers and challenges?
• What innovative approaches and tools are being used and what are the experiences?
• What is the role of private sector, regional institutions and development partners?
• What are the priorities for change?
Grants for project development

• Application of capacity evaluation / prioritization tools
• Feasibility studies
• Project development

• Grants ≤ US$50,000
• Synergies with other initiatives
• Mobilizing donor funds
Project grants to improve SPS situation and enhance market access

Focus on projects that:

• identify, develop and/or disseminate good practice
• are linked to topics covered by STDF's work
• use regional approaches
• are innovative, collaborative, inter-disciplinary

STDF contribution ≤ US$1 million, 3 year duration, or less
Asia & Pacific Region accounts for 22% (by value, US$) of all STDF PPGs and projects (March 2012)

Countries in Asia and the Pacific can also benefit from outputs of STDF projects in other regions and from coordination activities.
Some examples

- ASEAN Pesticide Residue Data Generation Project
- Beyond Compliance: Integrated systems approach for pest risk management in Southeast Asia
- Market access through competency-based education and training in horticulture (Vietnam and Thailand)
- Ginger competitiveness project in Nepal (STDF/EIF)
- Competency development scheme for cinnamon in Sri Lanka
- Use of Phytosanitary Evaluation Tool (PCE) Tool in the Pacific
How to request a PPG or project?

- Consult “Guidance Note” and application forms
- Talk to relevant stakeholders in country/region
- Contact STDF Secretariat with any questions
- Complete and submit application
- Revise, as needed, based on feedback from STDF Secretariat
- Requests considered two times per year
  - Next deadline: 28 December 2012
For more information

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