



Codex Alimentarius

**Regional Workshop
for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the
Caucasus**

**WTO Agreement on
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

Programme

**Vienna, Austria
8-11 September 2014**

Monday, 8 September

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 – 09.45 **Opening Remarks**

- *Mrs. Marième Fall, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO*

09.45 – 10.15 **Assessment of needs / Overview of programme / Self-assessment Quiz**

Mrs. Marième Fall, WTO

10.15 – 10.30 **SPS vs TBT - Exercise**

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.00 **SPS vs TBT – Exercise correction**

Mr. Rolando Alcala, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

11.00 – 12.30 **The SPS basic provisions - Exercise**

Mrs. Marième Fall, WTO

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 14.20 **Overview of the IPPC**

Mrs. Ana Peralta, IPPC

14.20 – 14.40 **Overview of the OIE**

Dr. Dietrich Rassow, OIE

14.40 – 15.00 **Overview of the Codex**

Mrs. Eleonora Dupouy, Codex

15.00 - 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00 **General Q&A session on Codex, IPPC, OIE**

Codex, IPPC and OIE representatives

16.00 – 17.00 **Experience and Challenges for CEECAC countries in the application of the WTO SPS Agreement**

All participants, WTO, Codex, IPPC, OIE

Tuesday, 9 September

09.00 – 10.30 **Transparency - How to implement and benefit from transparency provisions: Transparency Obligations**

Mr. Rolando Alcala, WTO

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.00 **Transparency - How to benefit from transparency provisions: accessing electronic information on SPS issues - SPS IMS**

Mr. Rolando Alcala, WTO

12.00 – 12.30 **Transparency - How to submit electronic notifications – SPS NSS**

Mr. Pablo Jenkins, STDF

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 **The SPS Committee:**

- What it does and current issues (exercise)
- Other SPS related issues - Trade Facilitation

Mrs. Marième Fall, WTO

15.30 -15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 16.30 **National SPS Implementation Experience: Implementing transparency obligations in Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Mrs. Katerina Jonovska, Department for Border Inspection, Food and Veterinary Agency, FYRM

16.30 – 17.15 **National SPS Implementation Experience**

Participant (TBC)

Wednesday, 10 September

09.00 – 10.30 **Work of the 3 sisters: Break-out sessions with Codex, IPPC and OIE for in-depth and practical discussions on technical issues on food safety, plant protection and animal health**

Codex, OIE and IPPC representatives

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

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Codex, OIE and IPPC representatives

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.15 **Break-out sessions with Codex, IPPC and OIE (continued)**

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30 **How to address SPS trade problems – from SPS Committee to WTO dispute settlement panels**

Mr. Rolando Alcala, WTO

Thursday, 11 September

09.00 – 9.45 **STDF film on Trading Safely**

Mr. Pablo Jenkins, STDF

09.45 – 10.45 **Introduction to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)**

- Overview of STDF operations
- Funding opportunities with the STDF
- Examples of activities in the region

Mr. Pablo Jenkins, STDF

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **STDF Group Exercise**

- Use of the logical framework methodology in project design

Mr. Pablo Jenkins, STDF

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 **Panel Presentation on SPS-related technical assistance**

Round Table: Codex, IPPC, OIE, STDF, WTO

15.00 – 15.30 **Correction of Self-assessment quiz**

Mr. Rolando Alcala, WTO

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.15 **Workshop conclusions**

Mrs. Marième Fall, WTO

16.15 – 16.45 **Closing (certificates)**