



CAREC Regional Workshop on Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
 The Jannat Regency Hotel, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
 29-30 May 2018

AGENDA

Tuesday, 29 May

Time	Topic
Opening Session 08:30 – 08:45	Welcome Remarks Ms. Candice McDeigan, Country Director, Kyrgyz Republic Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, Director of Technical Regulation Department, Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyz Republic
Session 1 08:45 – 09:30	CAREC Common Agenda for the Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade Facilitation (CAST) <i>CAST is a priority of the CAREC Integration Trade Agenda under the CAREC 2030 strategy.</i> Introduction: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, East Asia Department, ADB <i>Highlights of the ADB Assessment of the SPS regulatory framework, laboratory capacity, and border services management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority actions identified at the regional level • Establishing the national and regional SPS Working Groups and developing national work plans Presenter: Mr. Robert Black, ADB Consultant (Lead SPS Expert)
Session 2 09:30 – 10:30	Development Partners' Initiatives on SPS Measures in the CAREC Region Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB <i>WTO's Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)</i> Mr. Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) <i>ADB's Technical Assistance Project on Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade and Loan Project on Regional Upgrades of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade (RUST)</i> Ms. Loreli de Dios, ADB consultant (Trade Facilitation) <i>ADB's Technical Assistance Project on Strengthening International Food Safety Standards in Agricultural Value Chains in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Member Countries</i>



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	<p>Ms. Samjhana Shrestha, Senior Economist, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>USAID Competitiveness, Trade, and Jobs Activity in Central Asia (CTJ)</i></p> <p>Mr. Geoff Wright, Chief of Party, USAID CTJ Project</p>
10:30 – 10:50	Group Photo and Coffee/tea break
<p>Session 3 10:50 – 12:15</p>	<p>Parallel Break-out Sessions: (i) Plant Health, (ii) Animal Health and (iii) Food Safety</p> <p><i>Participants will be grouped by sector to prioritize identified regional actions while noting existing subregional patterns and progress. The sessions will begin with brief sector-specific presentations followed by deliberations on guide questions. ADB SPS experts and DP representatives will facilitate the deliberations for each sector. Some of the introductory topics to be discussed are:</i></p> <p>Plant Health – <i>establishing risk-based national pest lists and import requirements</i> Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant (Plant Health) Mr. Geoff Wright, Chief of Party, USAID CTJ Project Venue: Crystal Hall, 1st floor</p> <p>Animal Health – <i>establishing categories of animal diseases important to trade, goods subject to veterinary control and notifiable diseases</i> Ms. Manon Schuppers, ADB Consultant (Animal Health) Ms. Loreli de Dios, ADB Consultant Venue: Triumph Hall, 2nd floor</p> <p>Food safety – <i>establishing food safety assessment criteria and categories for food products</i> Mr. Ahmed Khaja, ADB Consultant (CAREC Food Safety Risk Analysis Specialist) Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF Venue: Eurasia Hall, 1st floor</p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Session 3 continuation of discussions and preparations for group presentations</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee/tea break
<p>Session 4 14:45 – 17:00</p>	<p>Plenary Session to Discuss Regional Challenges in Each Sector</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Robert Black, ADB Consultant (Lead SPS Expert)</p> <p><i>Each sector will assign a representative to make a 10-minutes presentation (3 powerpoint slides) to share the outcomes of their sector discussions which include major challenges in their sectors, gap analyses for the region and any sub-regional differences that have emerged and priorities in resolving these challenges and issues.</i></p> <p><i>The group facilitators will share their perspectives. The moderator will provide a brief summary of observations made, issues raised or agreements reached will be given at the end of the session.</i></p>



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Opening 08:30 – 08:45	Recap of the First Day Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB <i>Short Film: Safe Trade Solutions</i>
Session 5 08:45 – 09:30	Introduction to SPS Legal Framework and Institutional Mechanism Mr. Robert Black, ADB consultant (Lead SPS Expert) Good Regulatory Practice and Lessons for National SPS Coordination Mechanisms Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF
Session 6 09:30 – 10:00	Breakout by Country to Draft Workplans, which will include <i>(i) Establishing National SPS Working Groups (WG). Each country will outline the procedure, composition and possible lead for their respective working groups and how to obtain its government endorsement. Representatives from National SPS working groups are expected to participate in the regional SPS working group and consideration should be given to coordination with neighboring countries or sub-regional trade partners.</i> <i>(ii) Aligning Regulations with International Standards. Participants will focus on existing laws and regulations with a timeframe to aligning them, where necessary, with international standards. These inputs will form part of the the SPS modernization strategies that will be formulated by the National SPS Working Groups and could form the basis of further support, capacity building, regional dialogue or technical assistance, if required.</i> Facilitators: Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF Mr. Robert Black, ADB Consultant (SPS Lead Expert) Mr. Geoff Wright, USAID CTJ Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant (Plant Health) Mr. Ahmed Khaja, ADB Consultant (CAREC Food Safety Risk Analysis Specialist)
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee/tea break
10:15 – 11:00	Session 6 continued ...
Session 7 11:00 – 12:15	Country Work Plan Presentations <i>(i) Establishing National SPS WGs. Each country will present maximum three (3) slides listing the composition of the WG (agencies and lead agency) and describing the process and endorsement requirements for its establishment</i> <i>(ii) Aligning laws and regulations with international standards. Each country will present a maximum of three (3) slides detailing the priority laws/regulations for aligning plant health, animal health, and food safety laws and regulations with international standards and identify existing or needed support, if any, from development partners</i>



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	<p>Moderator: Mr. Robert Black, ADB consultant (Lead SPS Expert)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Afghanistan 2. Azerbaijan 3. Georgia 4. Kazakhstan
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13:30 – 14:45	<p>Session 7 continued...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Kyrgyz Republic 6. Mongolia 7. Pakistan 8. Tajikistan 9. Turkmenistan 10. Uzbekistan
<p>Session 8 14:45 – 15:15</p>	<p>Open Forum on Country Work Plans and Next Steps</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p> <p>The session starts with feedbacks from experts and developing partners on country work plans, followed by open discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF • Mr. Geoff Wright, USAID CJT • Mr. Robert Black, ADB Consultant (Lead SPS Expert) • Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant • Ms. Manon Schuppers, ADB Consultant • Mr. Ahmed Khaja, ADB Consultant
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break
<p>Session 9 15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Available Tools for CAREC Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p> <p>Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA) Mr. Melvin Spreij, WTO STDF</p>
<p>Closing Session 16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p> <p><i>The session will discuss the next steps including reporting for Regional Trade Group, deliverables for CAREC Senior Officials Meeting and CAREC Ministerial Conference.</i></p> <p>Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p>