



## CAREC Policy Dialogue on Regional Pest Surveillance Program<sup>1</sup>

Co-organized by the  
**Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture,  
 SPS National Working Group of Georgia and  
 Asian Development Bank**

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### AGENDA

<b>Day 1, 25 March 2019 (Monday)</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Session</b> 9:00 – 9:15	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <p>Ms. Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Mr. Giorgi Kobeshavidze, Deputy Head, Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Mr. Tengiz Kalandadze, Head, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, and Co-Chair, SPS National Working Group of Georgia</p>
<b>Session 1</b> 09:15 – 09:35	<p><b>Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade in CAREC</b>  <b>Presenter:</b> Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><b>10-minute presentation followed by Q&amp;A</b>  <i>The session will discuss the progress of SPS initiatives to achieve the CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST) and the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030. The discussion will provide broader context for SPS initiatives in the plant health sector to deepen regional economic cooperation.</i></p>
09:35 – 10:00	<b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b>

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<p><b>Session 2</b> 10:00 – 10:30</p>	<p><b>Initiatives on Phytosanitary Measures to Improve Market Access</b> <i>The session will discuss initiatives to align phytosanitary measures with international standards in order to access developed markets.</i> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p> <p><b>United States Agency for International Development Competitiveness, Trade, and Jobs (USAID-CTJ) Technical Assistance to Phytosanitary Authorities of Central Asian Countries</b> Presenter: Mr. Sabit Narbayev, C5+1 Initiative Lead, USAID-CTJ Project</p> <p><b>15-minute presentation followed by Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>Session 3</b> 10:30 – 11:30</p>	<p><b>Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Control at the Border</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. Tengiz Martiashvili, Head of Division, Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Control Division of Customs Department, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance</p> <p><b>Provincial Pest Surveillance Coordination in the People’s Republic of China (PRC)</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Shuping Wang, Senior Agronomist, Shanghai Customs District, General Administration of Customs, PRC</p> <p><b>20-minute presentation followed by discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Session 4</b> 11:30 – 12:00</p>	<p><b>Regional Pest Surveillance Program: Draft Concept Note</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead</p> <p><b>10-minute presentation followed by discussion</b> <i>The presenters will discuss the concept note, encompassing the economic rationale and regional mechanisms for pest surveillance.</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 13:30</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>Session 5</b> 13:30 – 14:45</p>	<p><b>Country Presentations: Issues, Challenges and Prospects in the Plant Health Sector</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert Dr. Andrei Orlinski, Scientific Officer, European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) Mr. Sabit Narbayev, USAID-CTJ Ms. Zoya Sikharulidze, Head, Department of Genetic of Resistance, Institute of Phytopathology, Shota Rustaveli State University</p> <p><b>10-minute presentation followed by discussion</b> <i>Plant health representatives to CAREC SPS NWGs will present issues, challenges and prospects in the phytosanitary sector and their national strategy plans, highlighting concerns on pest surveillance relevant to their countries. Comments on the concept note will also be discussed.</i></p>
<p>14:45 – 15:15</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

<p><b>Session 5 Continued</b> 15:15 – 16:15</p>	<p><b>Country Presentations (continuation)</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> <b>PRC, Mongolia, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</b></p> <p><b>Discussants:</b> Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert Dr. Andrei Orlinski, EPPO Ms. Galina Meparishvili, Head, Department of Plant Diseases Monitoring, Diagnostics and Molecular Biology, Institute of Phytopathology, Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi</p> <p><b>10-minute presentation followed by discussion</b> <i>Plant health representatives to CAREC SPS NWGs will present issues, challenges and prospects in the phytosanitary sector and their national strategy plans, highlighting concerns on pest surveillance relevant to their countries. Comments on the concept note will also be discussed.</i></p>
<p><b>Session 6</b> 16:15 – 16:45</p>	<p><b>Pest Risk Analysis in Practice</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Dr. Andrei Orlinski, Scientific Officer, EPPO Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead</p> <p><b>20-minute presentation followed by discussion</b> <i>The session will highlight key areas that are needed for building a PRA team and developing a PRA workplan.</i></p>
<p><b>Session 7</b> 16:45 – 17:00</p>	<p><b>Wrap up of Day 1</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p> <p><i>The session will summarize outcomes of Day 1 and outline next steps.</i></p>

<p><b>Day 2, 26 March 2019 (Tuesday)</b></p>	
<p><b>Session 8</b> 09:00 – 09:30</p>	<p><b>Demonstration of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) Computer-Assisted Pest Risk Analysis (CAPRA) software</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Andrei Orlinski, Scientific Officer, EPPO</p> <p><i>The session will examine ways that the Computer Aided Pest Risk Analysis software can assist with more accurate PRA decisions.</i></p>
<p><b>Session 9</b> 09:30 – 10:00</p>	<p><b>Finalization of the Concept Note</b></p> <p><b>Co-Chairs:</b> Mr. Giorgi Kobeshavidze, Deputy Head, Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p>

	<p><b>Discussants:</b> Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead  Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert  Dr. Andrei Orlinski, Scientific Officer, EPPO  Mr. Sabit Narbayev, C5+1 Lead, USAID-CTJ</p> <p><i>The concept note will be finalized, taking into consideration issues raised by member countries, and technical requirements of and best practices in pest surveillance.</i></p>
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 10</b> 10:20 – 11:30	<p><b>Designing and Implementing a Regional Pest Surveillance Program</b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert  Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead</p> <p><i>The session will discuss implementation of a regional program for pest surveillance based on the agreed draft concept note. The discussion will focus on regional cooperation mechanisms such as resource sharing, information exchange for risk profiling and analysis, and coordinated surveillance activities. Discussion on regional sub-grouping of quarantine pests of concern to major crops grown in sub-regions.</i></p>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Session 11</b> 13:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Country Statements</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Giorgi Kobeshavidze, Deputy Head, Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance</p> <p><i>NWG representatives per country will issue concluding statements regarding adoption and implementation of the regional pest surveillance program.</i></p>
<b>Session 12</b> 14:30 – 14:45	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p> <p><i>The session will lay out next steps and regional activities to institutionalize a regional pest surveillance program. The session will also introduce the program for the study visit.</i></p>
14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Mr. Giorgi Kobeshavidze, Deputy Head, Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance  Mr. Tengiz Kalandadze, Co-Chair, SPS National Working Group of Georgia  Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p>

<b>Day 3, 27 March 2019: Site Visits</b>	
9:00 – 10:15	Travel from Hotel Courtyard by Marriott to Red Bridge border crossing point (BCP)
10:15 – 11:15	<p>Visit at the Red Bridge BCP to demonstrate new SPS infrastructure with new equipment and explain procedures</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Mrs. Tamar Bukrashvili, Mr. Tengiz Martiashvili, RS, SPS NWG of Georgia  Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead  Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert  Ms. Zoya Sikharulidze and Ms. Galina Meparishvili, Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi</p>
11:15 – 12:00	Travel from Red Bridge BCP to the Greenhouses in Gardabani
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Visit at greenhouses in Gardabani to discuss Good Agriculture Practices (GAP), surveillance methodologies for sheltered crops and Integrated Pest Management issues</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Mrs. Tamar Bukrashvili, Mr. Tengiz Martiashvili, RS, SPS NWG of Georgia  Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead  Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert  Ms. Zoya Sikharulidze and Ms. Galina Meparishvili, Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi</p>
13:00 – 15:30	Lunch (includes travel from Greenhouses to the restaurant)
15:30 – 16:00	Travel from the restaurant to the phytosanitary laboratory in Tbilisi
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Discussions at the phytosanitary laboratory</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Mrs. Tamar Bukrashvili, Mr. Tengiz Martiashvili, RS, SPS NWG of Georgia  Prof. Robert Black, ADB Consultant, SPS Lead  Mr. David McKellar, ADB Consultant, Plant Health Expert  Ms. Zoya Sikharulidze and Ms. Galina Meparishvili, Institute of Phytopathology, Shota Rustaveli State University, Batumi</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Return to Hotel Courtyard by Marriott