

CAREC Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade:

Achievements and Next Steps

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Modernized Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures— a **priority** area in CAREC 2030 strategy...



Trade, Tourism, &
Economic
Corridors Cluster



Agriculture &
Water Cluster

- help member countries in implementing **WTO SPS agreement**
- align SPS measures with **international standards**
- build capacity to improve **product quality** and diversity and shipment linkages
- support for transboundary animal **disease control**
- develop a CAREC **food safety** network and a common quality control system

...to support **integration** in global economy.

Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade

- concerted effort to **modernize SPS systems** and strengthen cooperation in SPS measures
- integral part of **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030**
- complement customs-related trade facilitation measures
- amid pandemic, more relevant to ensure safe trade and increase resilience against transboundary pests and diseases



Strategic and Coordinated Approach



Common Challenges in CAREC Countries



Inadequate SPS capacity to **facilitate safe trade**



Uncoordinated policies and unrealized **potential for integration**



Untapped market access **for agriculture exports**



Plant Health

- Poor understanding of both importing country phytosanitary requirements and **pest risks on import goods**
- Lack of **accurate** pest distribution **data** as basis for regulated pest lists
- Poor access to central laboratories delay sampling and testing
- Electronic phytosanitary **certification** to be incorporated into single window, etc.

Animal Health

- Lack of animal **identification** without which zoning of TADs cannot be achieved
- Division of responsibilities among different agencies
- Inadequate secondary **legislation**

Food Safety

- **Legislative** base inadequate to make HACCP compulsory
- Moving to risk-based indicators of food safety and correspondence
- Achieving balance between food **control** and trade facilitation

HACCP = Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point; TADS = Transboundary Animal Diseases

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/506151/modernizing-sanitary-phytosanitary-carec.pdf>

Key Interventions

Advisory support

Capacity building

Policy dialogues

Pilot cooperation initiatives

Investment projects



Mongolia: Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade Project



**Upgrading of
labs and border
inspection
facilities**



**Aligning
SPS with
international
standards**



**Adopting
risk-based
inspection**

Knowledge Products and Services (2021–2022)



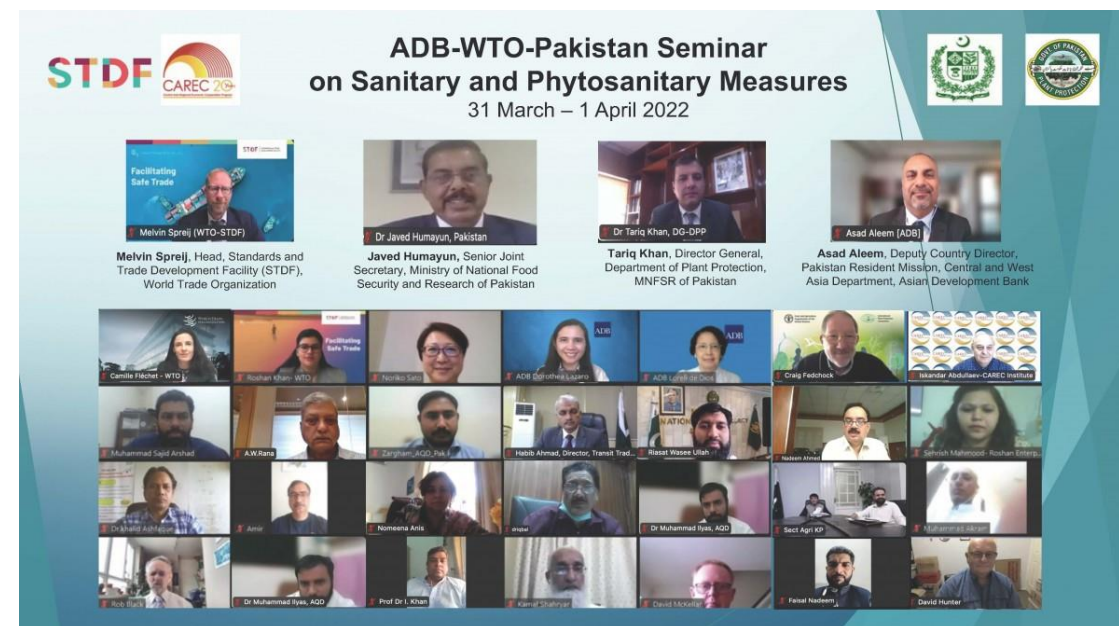
Regional Training on Laboratory Techniques for Equine Diseases (November 2021)

Knowledge-Sharing on Official Recognition of Foot and Mouth Disease-Free Status (November 2021)

Knowledge Products and Services (2021–2022)



ADB-STDF Virtual Seminar on Good Regulatory Practices to Improve SPS Measures (May 2022)



ADB-WTO Seminar on SPS Measures in Pakistan (March 2022)

Knowledge Products and Services (2021–2022)



Webinar Series on Customs and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Mongolia (June 2022)

Establishment of Pest-Free Areas in Azerbaijan (July 2022)

Knowledge Products and Services (2021–2022)



ADB-IPPC-USAID Series of Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Workshops for Uzbekistan (July/August/November 2022)

Stakeholders' Dialogue on Improving Veterinary Services to Facilitate Trade in Tajikistan (December 2022)

Knowledge Products and Services (2021–2022)

ADB-CAREC Institute e-learning modules



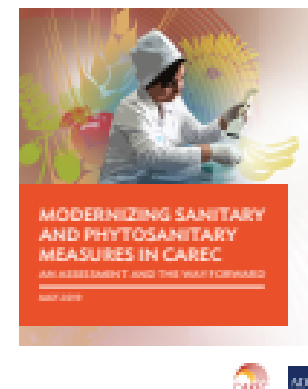
Application of HACCP Principles for the Meat Industry

● Online Course ● 22 Sep 2020 ● 113

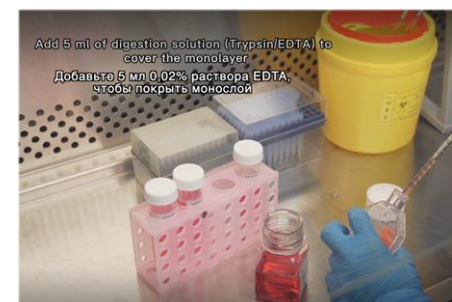
CAREC Institute E-Learning Platform



Research and policy briefs



Referencing laboratory demonstration videos



CAREC SPS Action Plan 2021–2023

Regional policy dialogue



One Health Approach
Good Regulatory Practices
Global Framework for
Progressive Control of
TADs

Capacity-building



ISPM implementation
OIE Roadmap to eradicate
FMD and PPR

Cooperation mechanisms



Joint control / border
coordination
Mutual recognition

Institutional coordination



Reactivation of SPS NWGs
Coordination with stakeholders
and other programs

Digitalization

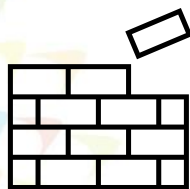


ePhyto / eVet
Joint surveillance and database

Feasibility studies



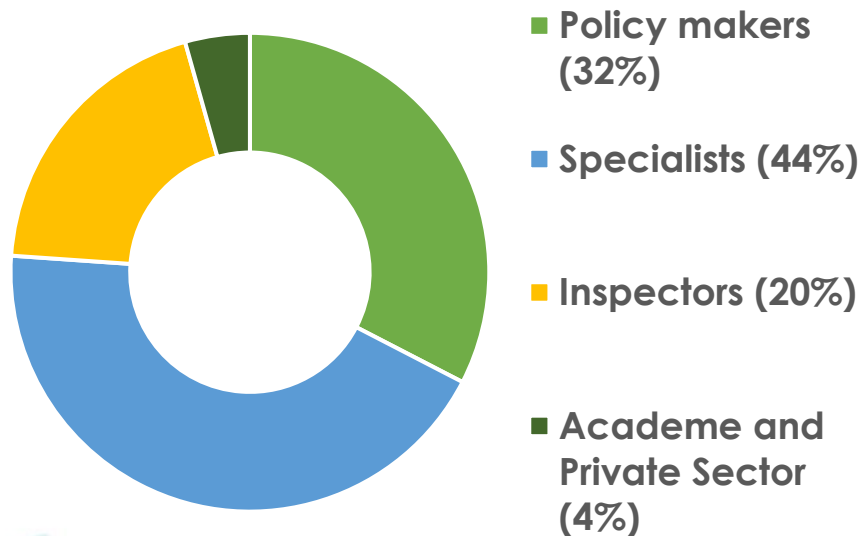
Upgrade of laboratories
Border infrastructure
Animal and plant quarantine
innovation center



Cooperation Framework to develop medium-
to long-term strategy, deepen regional cooperation, and prepare bankable
investment projects for **Agricultural Development and Food Security in the
CAREC Region**

TA 9500 Key Performance Indicators

2,151 benefited from knowledge events (2018-2022)



14 regional/subregional and 13 national activities

Survey of CAREC TA participants (November 2022, % of responses)

regional working group contributed to **stronger cooperation** and institutional coordination among stakeholders (88%)

activities **strengthened capacity** for legislation and enforcement of SPS measures (79%)

activities **enhanced compliance** with international SPS requirements to expand market access (76%)

trainings contributed to **streamlining border inspection** and documentary requirements for goods subject to SPS inspection (58%)

TA 9500 Key Performance Indicators

Outcome:

Modernized SPS systems with capacity to ensure food safety, animal and plant health



SPS working groups organized



National SPS measures substantially aligned with international standards



Technical capacities on SPS measures at selected common borders improved

Assessment criteria:

- ☐ *Relevance*
- ☐ *Effectiveness*
- ☐ *Efficiency*
- ☐ *Sustainability*

Questions:

- ☐ *Scope for replication or upscaling?*
- ☐ *Immediate requirement vis-à-vis long-term plan?*
- ☐ *Priority given limited resources?*

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