



ADB–WTO–Pakistan Virtual Seminar on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

31 March 2022, 1400 – 1530 Islamabad time
1 April 2022, 1400 – 1600 Islamabad time
Via [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 962 1363 3435 Password: CAREC1234



AGENDA

OBJECTIVES

The seminar will discuss the importance of the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), digital innovations to facilitate agri-food trade, and development partners' SPS initiatives in Pakistan, including ADB's ongoing and planned support under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program and country programming, and International Trade Center's Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) project. The seminar will also introduce the practical guide on [Good Regulatory Practices](#) (GRPs) to improve SPS measures, and a framework for [Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access](#) (P-IMA) to inform and improve decision-making processes.

PARTICIPANTS

SPS National Working Group of Pakistan; Department of Plant Protection, Animal Quarantine Department, and Livestock and Dairy Development Department of the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFSR); Ministry of Commerce; Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority; Federal Board of Revenue; international organizations; other development partners; private sector and other stakeholders.

DAY 1: 31 MARCH 2022, 1400 – 1530 Islamabad time

<p>1330 – 1400 Islamabad time: Logging in the zoom meeting <i>1030 – 1100 Geneva time, 1630 – 1700 Manila time</i></p>	
<p>1400 – 1415 <i>Islamabad time</i></p>	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Javed Humayun, Senior Joint Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research of Pakistan</p> <p>Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p>Asad Aleem, Deputy Country Director, Pakistan Resident Mission, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>
<p>1415 – 1450</p>	<p>Session 1: WTO Agreement on the Application of SPS Measures (SPS Agreement) and Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs) to Improve SPS Measures</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Camille Fléchet, Dispute Settlement Lawyer, Agriculture and Commodities Division, SPS Section, WTO</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Loreli de Dios, Consultant, ADB</p>
<p>1450 – 1520</p>	<p>Session 2: Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Roshan Khan, Economic Affairs Officer, STDF, WTO</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Loreli de Dios, Consultant, ADB</p>
<p>1520 – 1530</p>	<p>Wrap-up by WTO Secretariat</p> <p>Melvin Spreij, Head, STDF, WTO</p>

DAY 2: 1 APRIL 2022, 1400 – 1600 Islamabad time

<p>1330 – 1400 Islamabad time: Logging in the zoom meeting <i>1030 – 1100 Geneva time, 1630 – 1700 Manila time</i></p>	
1400 – 1410	<p>Introduction of the Agenda</p>
1410 – 1455 <i>Islamabad time</i>	<p>Session 3: Development Partners’ Initiatives on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in Pakistan</p> <p><i>Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program Initiative to Promote Modernization of SPS Measures for Pakistan</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>ADB’s Assistance to Transforming Agriculture in Pakistan</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Noriko Sato, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP) and Revenue Mobilization, Investment and Trade (ReMIT)</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Qasim Chaudry, Associate Programme Adviser, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, International Trade Center</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Roshan Khan, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p>
1455 – 1550	<p>Session 4: Digital Innovations in Agri-food Trade</p> <p><i>ePhyto</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Craig Fedchock, Senior Advisor and ePhyto Programme Director, International Plant Protection Convention</p> <p><i>Pest Surveillance Data Development in Pakistan</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Tariq Khan, Director General, Department of Plant Protection (DPP), Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFSR), Pakistan</p> <p><i>Animal Identification and Registration</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Luigi Possenti, IZS Teramo, Italian National Services for Animal Identification and Registration, Collaborating Center of the World Organisation for Animal Health</p>

	<p><i>Animal Identification and Traceability Systems</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Muhammad Afzal, FMD Management Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization, Pakistan Office</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Roshan Khan, Economic Affairs Officer, STDF, WTO</p>
1550 – 1600	<p>Wrap-up: Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Tariq Khan, Director General, DPP, MNFSR, Pakistan</p>