





Stakeholders' Dialogue on Improving Veterinary Services to Facilitate Trade in Tajikistan 13-14 December 2022, Hilton Hotel Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Jointly organized by the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) National Working Group of Tajikistan, the Asian Development Bank, and World Organization for Animal Health

Objectives: The dialogue will (i) facilitate stocktaking on issues and challenges faced by stakeholders in the veterinary sector; (ii) identify gaps of existing veterinary legislation, policies, and practices with international standards; and (iii) outline key actions, including policy reforms, investments, and capacity building to improve veterinary services and facilitate trade.

Participants: Policymakers and specialists of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Customs Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security Committee; Members of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) National Working Group of Tajikistan organized under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program; private sector; and development partners

AGENDA

Emcee: Nigina Rajabova, National SPS Consultant for Tajikistan, ADB

Day 1: 13 December 2022		
13:30 – 14:00	Registration	
14:00 – 14:20	Opening Session	
	Abdurakhmon Abdurahmonzoda , Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan (Chair of the SPS National Working Group of Tajikistan)	
	Mereke Taitubayev, Head of Subregional Office for Central Asia, World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)	
	Shanny Campbell, Country Director, Tajikistan Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
14:20 – 14:25	Introduction of the Agenda	
14:25 – 14:45	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
14:45 – 15:50	Session 1: Initiatives on Improving Veterinary Services in Tajikistan	

Presenters:

Andamov Ismoil, Head of Department of Veterinary and breeding supervision, Food Security Committee, Tajikistan (15 minutes)

Mereke Taitubayev, Head of Subregional Office for Central Asia, WOAH (12 minutes)

Dmitry Morozov, Regional Officer for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, WOAH (12 minutes)

Loreli de Dios, Trade Economist (Consultant), **Aiken Tafgar**, Program Manager/Institutional and Capacity Development Specialist (Consultant), ADB (12 minutes)

Q & A (14 minutes)

Moderator: **Mereke Taitubayev**, Head of Subregional Office for Central Asia, WOAH

15:50 - 16:10

Coffee Break

Private-Public Dialogue on Improving Veterinary Services to Facilitate Trade

The session will discuss existing policies, legislation, and challenges in the veterinary sector. Discussants will provide insights on gaps with international standards, best practices, and practical approaches to addressing these gaps and facilitating trade.

16:10 – 16:55	Session 2: Animal Identification System
	Presenter:
	Mahmadnazar Kashkuloev, Chairman of Association of Veterinarians of Tajikistan (15 minutes)
	Discussants:
	Andamov Ismoil, Head of Department of Veterinary and breeding supervision, Food Security Committee, Tajikistan (5-minute intervention)
	Kazimieras Lukauskas, Former Head of Regional Representation for Europe, WOAH, Ex-Chief Veterinary Officer of Lithuania (WOAH standards for animal identification and traceability) (15-minutes)
	Q&A (10 minutes)
	Moderator: Dmitry Morozov, Regional Officer for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, WOAH
16:55 – 17:00	Summary of Discussion

	Mereke Taitubayev, Head of Subregional Office for Central Asia, WOAH	
Day 2: 14 December		
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction of the Agenda	
	Nigina Rajabova, National SPS Consultant for Tajikistan, ADB	
10:10 – 10:50	Session 3: Risk Assessment for Animals and Products of Animal Origin (POAO)	
	Presenters:	
	Khasanov Tohir, Main Specialist of Food Security Committee at the State Border and Transport (presentation on risk assessment regulations for animals and POAO) (15 minutes)	
	Mahmadnazar Kashkuloev, Chairman of Association of Veterinarians of Tajikistan (presentation on issues and challenges from the perspective of importers and exporters) (15 minutes)	
	Moderator: Kazimieras Lukauskas, Former Head of Regional Representation for Europe, WOAH, Ex-Chief Veterinary Officer of Lithuania	
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee break	
11:10 – 12:00	Discussion	
	Discussant/Moderator: Kazimieras Lukauskas , Former Head of Regional Representation for Europe, WOAH, Ex-Chief Veterinary Officer of Lithuania (15 minutes)	
	Q&A (25 minutes)	
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
Day 2: 14 December		
14: 00 – 15:30	Session 4: Import Requirements and Inspection for Animals and POAO	
	Presenters:	
	Avgonov Abduvahov , Main Specialist of Food Security Committee at the State Border and Transport (presentation on border inspection for animals and POAO) (15 minutes)	
	Yakubov Abdusamad, Main Specialist, Food Security Committee at the State Border and Transport (15 minutes)	

	Head of Dekhkan Farm «Boboi Sharif" (presentation on issues and challenges from the perspective of importers and exporters) (15 minutes) Q & A (45 minutes)
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	Moderator: Kazimieras Lukauskas, Former Head of Regional Representation for Europe, WOAH, Ex-Chief Veterinary Officer of Lithuania
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:40	Next Steps
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	Abdullo Ziyoiyon, Head of Main Department of Trade Policy and Consumer Market, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) (Deputy Head of SPS National Working Group)
	Mereke Taitubayev, Head of Subregional Office for Central Asia, WOAH
	Kazimieras Lukauskas, Former Head of Regional Representation for Europe, WOAH, Ex-Chief Veterinary Officer of Lithuania
16:40 – 17:00	Closing Remarks
	Abdullo Ziyoiyon, Head of Main Department of Trade Policy and Consumer Market, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) (Deputy Head of SPS National Working Group)