



Standards and Trade
Development Facility

Introduction to the STDF

A global partnership in SPS capacity building
and technical cooperation



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Implementing a Common Reform Agenda for Modernizing SPS Measures
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Background

- 2001** Joint statement
Executive heads
- 2002** Seed funding, official
launch
- 2004** First business plan
adopted
- 2005** STDF expanded to
include donors, etc.



What do we do?

- Increase SPS awareness, mobilize resources, strengthen collaboration, identify and disseminate good practice; and
- Provide support and funding for development and implementation of projects that promote compliance with international SPS requirements

STDF vision: *Improved SPS capacity supports sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction, food security and environmental protection*

How is STDF governed?

- Policy Committee
- Working Group
 - Partners (FAO, OIE, WB, WHO, WTO, incl. Codex/IPPC)
 - Donors (11)
 - Developing country SPS experts (6)
 - Observer organizations (OECD, UNIDO, ITC, IICA,...)
- Secretariat (WTO)

Annual Budget US\$ 5 million

STDF strategic results

- Enhanced collaboration on SPS-related technical cooperation
- Improved capacity of beneficiaries to identify and prioritize SPS needs and formulate project proposals
- Improved performance of beneficiaries of STDF-funded projects

Enhance SPS awareness, collaboration, dissemination of good practice

SPS advocacy and information exchange

- Bi-annual STDF Working Group meetings
- Briefing notes, publications, e-newsletter, etc.
- Website: www.standardsfacility.org
- STDF Virtual Library
- “Trading safely” film



Thematic work on cross-cutting topics

- Trade facilitation in context of SPS Agreement (ongoing)
- EIF/STDF Study on consideration given to SPS issues in the DTIS
- SPS Market Access Prioritization (SPS-MAP) (ongoing)
- International trade and invasive alien species (2012)
- Public private partnerships in the SPS area (2010)
- Regional/National SPS coordination mechanisms (2009)

Project Preparation Grants (PPGs)

- Funds can be used for any of the following purposes (or a combination thereof):
 - Application of capacity evaluation / prioritization tools
 - Feasibility studies
 - Project formulation

Since 2004, STDF has financed 66 PPGs

Grants ≤ **US\$50,000**



Project Grants (PGs)

- Focus on projects that:
 - identify, develop and/or disseminate good practice
 - are linked to topics covered by STDF's work
 - use regional approaches
 - collaborative, inter-disciplinary

Since 2004, STDF has financed 70 Projects

STDF contribution ≤ **US\$1 million, 3 year duration**

Beneficiaries' own contribution (financing or in-kind) - OECD DAC List

Selected examples of projects and PPGs

- Improving food safety and compliance with SPS measures to increase export revenues in the oilseeds value chain in Myanmar (STDF/PG/486)
- Strengthening pre-border plant quarantine inspection and diagnostic services in Azerbaijan (STDF/PG/316)
- Elaboration of a project to implement Tajikistan's Food Safety Strategy (STDF/PPG/447)
- Reducing mycotoxin contamination of chillies in Pakistan (STDF/PPG/431)

How to request support?

- Review eligibility criteria on STDF website
- Read Guidance Note for Applicants
- Download application form
- Consult relevant stakeholders in country / region
- Contact STDF Secretariat with questions or for advice
- Submit application by e-mail
- Requests considered two times per year
- Next deadline: 17 July 2015

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The Standards and Trade Development Facility is a global partnership that supports developing countries in building their capacity to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, guidelines and recommendations as a means to improve their human, animal, and plant health status and ability to gain or maintain access to markets.

NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FUNDING PROPOSALS: 3 JANUARY 2014

RECENT THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

- Facilitating safe trade**
The STDF hosts a thematic session entitled "Implementing SPS Measures to Facilitate Safe Trade" in Geneva on 26 March 2014, back-to-back with the WTO SPS Committee meetings.
- Invasive Alien Species**
The STDF organized a seminar on International Trade and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Geneva on 12-13 July 2012.
- Fruit fly**
The STDF, the World Bank and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) initiated a coordinated multi-stakeholder approach to control fruit fly in West Africa.
- Aid for Trade**
The STDF held side event at the Fourth Global Review of Africa Trade entitled "Public-Private Partnerships in a Value Chain Context".

WHAT'S NEW | RESOURCES | EVENTS

INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES
Mid-term strategy

29 NOV
Codex Committee on Fruit and Vegetables
Organization Center: [Liaison: T&D Services](#)

03 DEC
WTO SPS Committee Meeting
Organization: WTO
Location: Geneva, Switzerland

15 NOV
Codex Committee on Fruit
Hepburn
Organization Center: [Liaison: Marie-Hélène](#)

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