



AGRODEP SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) NETWORK

Training Workshop

📅 May 16–17, 2024

📍 Hilton Garden Inn, Gaborone – Botswana

Session 1

Chairperson: Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)

Welcome and Opening Remarks [25 mins] **08:30 – 08:55**

- » **Dr. Moumini Savadogo**, Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063
- » **Ms. Chizoba Ezenwa**, Senior Program Manager, United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS)
- » **Dr. Daniel Reynolds**, Associate Vice President for International Programs and Executive Director of the International Institute, Mississippi State University (MSU)
- » **Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC- DARBE)

Workshop Objectives and the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium [15 mins] **08:55 – 09:25**

- » **Ms. Tsitsi Makombe**, Director, Department of External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

Q&A [15 mins]

SPS as a Measure of Public Health and Trade: Concepts, Policy Issues and Empirical Evidence [30 mins] **09:25 – 10:10**

- » **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Director, Department of Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063

Q&A [15 mins]

Group Photo and Coffee Break [20 mins] **10:10 – 10:30**

Progress in Implementing AU Continental SPS Policies and Food Safety, Plant Health, and Animal Health Strategies [30 mins] **10:30 – 11:30**

- » **Ms. Luiza Munyua**, Senior Scientific Officer, African Union – InterAfrican Phytosanitary Council (AU-IAPSC)

Q&A [30 mins]

Progress in Implementing SPS Annex of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement [20 mins] **11:30 – 12:00**

- » **Dr. Diana Akullo Ogwal**, Principal Officer, SPS Measures, Department of Trade in Goods and Competition, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat

Q&A [10 mins]

Session 2

Chairperson: Ms. Carrie Johnson, Program Manager, United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS)

Moderated Panel Discussion: Perspectives on SPS Policy Implementation Progress: Challenges and Opportunities [40 mins] **12:00 – 13:00**

Moderator: Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director, Department of External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

Panelists:

- » **Mr. Chiluba Mwape**, Senior SPS Advisor, Agriculture and Food Security Division, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)
- » **Mr. Cesarino Benjamim**, Programme Officer, Standards, Quality, Accreditation and Metrology (SQAM), Directorate of Industrial Development and Trade, Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat
- » **Mr. Charles Nyng Shey**, Director of Regulation and Quality Control of Agricultural Inputs and Products (DRCQ), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon
- » **Dr. Fatima Kareem**, Senior Scientist, Department of Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063 (virtual)

Q&A [20 mins]

Lunch [60 mins]**13:00 – 14:00****Strengthening Food Control and Phytosanitary Capacities and Governance, a Global Project Supporting 12 Countries in Africa** [45 mins] **14:00 – 15:00**

» **Mr. Saber Mansour**, Food Safety Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) (virtual)

» **Mr. Camilo Beltrán Montoya**, Agricultural Officer, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat (virtual)

Q&A [15 mins]**Prioritizing SPS Investments for Market Access (P-IMA) Framework and Funding Opportunities at the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)** [45 mins] **15:00 – 16:00**

» **Ms. Nydiane Razafindrahaingo**, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)

Q&A [15 mins]**Key Takeaways and Closing Remarks** [15 mins] **16:00 – 16:15**

» **Prof. Margaret Khaita**, Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine, Mississippi State University (MSU)

Coffee and Networking

16:15

DAY 2: SPS Policy Issues, Data, Methods, and Good Practices**Session 3a**

Chairperson: Prof. Margaret Khaita, Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine, Mississippi State University (MSU)

Reflections on Day 1 [10 mins] **08:30 – 08:40**

» **Mr. Chiluba Mwape**, Senior Advisor, SPS – Agriculture and Food Security Division, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)

Day 2 Objectives and Program Overview [10 mins] **08:40 – 08:50**

» **Ms. Tsitsi Makombe**, Director, Department of External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

SPS Data Requirements and Available Databases, including International Data Hubs [20 mins] **08:50 – 10:20**

» **Prof. George Gitau**, Professor, Epidemiology and Food Animal Medicine, Department of Clinical Studies, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nairobi, and Former Editor in Chief of the East African Journal of Science, Technology and Innovation (EAJSTI)

Africa Food Safety Data Hub [20 mins]

» **Dr. Amare Ayalew**, Programme Manager, Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA), AUC (virtual)

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) Database [20 mins]

» **Mr. Mouhamadou Hady Diallo**, Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

Q&A [30 mins]**SPS Data Challenges and Opportunities** [30 mins] **10:20 – 10:50**

Small Group Discussion Session

Coffee Break [15 mins]

10:50 – 11:05

Session 3b: Measuring the Impact of SPS Measures on Trade and Health

11:05–13:05

Chairperson: Dr. Daniel Reynolds, Associate Vice President for International Programs and Executive Director of the International Institute, Mississippi State University (MSU)

Systems Dynamic Modeling [45 mins]

» **Dr. David Smith**, Professor and Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University (MSU)

» **Dr. Kimberly Woodruff**, Associate Clinical Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Pathobiology and Population Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University (MSU)

Q&A [15 mins]

A Gravity Model Approach [45 mins]

» **Dr. Fatima Kareem**, Senior Scientist, Department of Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063 (virtual)

Q&A [15 mins]

Lunch [60 mins]

13:05 – 14:05

Session 4

Chairperson: Dr. Moumini Savadogo, Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063

Good Regulatory Practices for SPS Measures: Building a Toolkit to Improve SPS Regulation for Safe Trade and Food Security [30 mins] 14:05 – 14:50

» **Ms. Adron Naggayi Nalinya**, International Legal Specialist, New Markets Lab

Q&A [15 mins]

Writing a Policy Brief for Policy Impact [25 mins] 14:50 – 15:30

» **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Director, Department of Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063

Q&A [15 mins]

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Coffee and Networking

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