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Facilitating *Safe Trade*:

**Experiences and lessons from
STDF's work**

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WTO SPS Agreement striking the balance

**Recognizing
The right to protect human,
animal, plant
life or health**



**Avoiding discrimination
and unnecessary
barriers to trade**





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Convening & Connecting:
Global coordination and knowledge
platform, network for SPS capacity
building



Piloting & Learning:
Funds for innovative, cross-cutting
SPS projects and project
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INVESTING IN SAFE TRADE:
SUPPORTING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES TO MEET
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS



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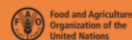


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International
Plant Protection
Convention

CODEX
ALIMENTARIUS



Realities on the ground

SPS measures may result in
justifiable transaction costs
based on need to protect health

but

Ineffective and inefficient SPS
controls disrupt trade more than
necessary, and sometimes result in
poor health protection





SPS procedural obstacles

Limited information

Multiple inspections

Lack of coordination at borders

Complex and lengthy procedures

Excessive document requirements

No complaints / appeal procedures

Arbitrariness, unpredictability



Influencing factors

Low awareness about importance
of trade facilitation

Trade facilitation not seen as part
of core role

Limited skills, technical capacity

Too little funding for operational
costs

Lack of public-private dialogue

Why this matters

More controls than justifiable

Longer than needed waiting times

Increased costs for traders,
also for governments

SMEs/women suffer the most

Informal trade



Win-win opportunities to facilitate *safe* trade



Improve transparency

Streamline and simplify SPS
processes

Use risk-based approaches

Connect customs and SPS
authorities

Future work

Use TFA to leverage resources and improve SPS border management

Use international standards (Codex, OIE, IPPC)

Review existing SPS measures

Explore use of IT for SPS compliance/controls
(STDF project on pest surveillance/reporting in SE Asia, ePhyto and eVet, etc.)

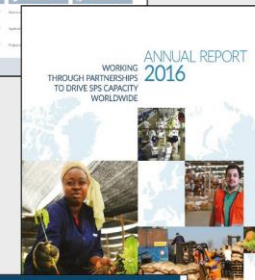
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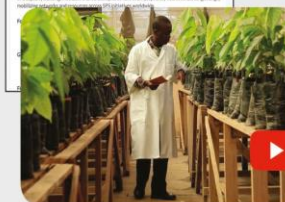


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