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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

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### **ACTIVITIES OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY PROGRAMME IN THE REGION**

#### **BACKGROUND**

In addition to FAO and WHO activities in food quality and safety complementary to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, this document provides additional information on SPS-related capacity building activities carried out by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) for information. Projects developed or being developed by the STDF Programme and the beneficiary regions or countries are given in the Annex to this document. Further information on activities of the STDF Programme relevant to the CCLAC region will be provided by the Secretariat of the Standards and Trade Development Facility.

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

## OVERVIEW OF THE STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

1. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global programme in capacity building and technical co-operation established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). It assists developing countries to comply with food safety, animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS) measures in international trade. Other international organizations such as the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), donors and developing countries also participate.
2. The STDF has two main aims:
  - to assist developing countries enhance their expertise and capacity to analyze and to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, improving their human, animal and plant health situation, and thus ability to gain and maintain market access; and
  - to act as a vehicle for co-ordination among technical co-operation providers, the mobilization of funds, the exchange of experience and the dissemination of good practice in relation to the provision and receipt of SPS-related technical co-operation.
3. Applications for STDF funding may be made at any point in the year but should be received 45 days prior to each Working Group meeting to be considered at that time. Forthcoming deadlines for submission of applications to be considered at the STDF Working Group meetings in 2009 are scheduled for 19 December 2008, 24 April 2009 and 16 October 2009. More detailed information on the STDF can be found on the [website \(www.standardsfacility.org\)](http://www.standardsfacility.org).

### Operating Plan for 2008-09

4. An [Operating Plan for 2008-09](#) was adopted by the Policy Committee in November 2007. The operating plan focuses on four main thematic areas: (i) coordination; (ii) project development; (iii) project implementation; and (iv) dissemination of results. Greater emphasis is placed on the STDF acting as a forum for information exchange and coordination in the supply and receipt of SPS-related technical cooperation.

### Coordination

5. The STDF organized a workshop on SPS-related capacity evaluation tools developed by international organizations on 31 March 2008. Some 200 delegates from the WTO's SPS Committee, including 15 developing country officials funded by the STDF, attended. The meeting considered the merits of specific and generic tools; role of the beneficiary in the choice of tool, its application and end use; public dissemination of results versus confidential usage; and scope for collaboration and cooperation in the future development and use of these tools. Broad agreement emerged on the need to strive towards harmonization of approaches while respecting the needs of beneficiaries. Information about the workshop, including the presentations and podcasts of some sessions, is available on the [SPS gateway](#) of the WTO website.

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<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights or obligations under the WTO.

6. Within the framework of the Aid of Trade Initiative<sup>2</sup>, the STDF organized regional workshops on the mobilization of capacity building resources in the area of food safety, animal and plant health. These took place in Cambodia (20-21 May 2008), Uganda (28-29 May 2008) and Guatemala (11-12 June 2008). The workshops were the culmination of a year-long project in the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-region, East Africa and Central America to synthesize the results of existing SPS capacity evaluations, develop an inventory of technical assistance and identify "gaps" still not being addressed.

7. Participants at these workshops agreed that this work: (i) provided an important opportunity for government agencies and donors to discuss experiences in the provision of SPS-related assistance and agree on outstanding priorities; (ii) promoted a common vision of outstanding needs among government agencies at both the national and regional level; and (iii) created a valuable foundation on which to mobilize future SPS-related assistance from development partners. Complete information about these workshops, including national and regional balance sheets and conclusions, is available on the [STDF website](#).

8. The outcomes of these workshops were evaluated at the STDF Working Group meeting in June 2008. A discussion paper outlining further possible Aid for Trade activities will be discussed at the next STDF Working Group meeting in October 2008.

9. The STDF will participate in an Expert Working Group meeting organized by UNIDO in Kigali, Rwanda, 8-9 September 2008 and in an LDC Ministerial Conference in Cambodia 19-20 November on Aid for Trade: Industrial Agenda for LDCs. The STDF will present a study on SPS constraints faced by eight LDCs (Benin, Cambodia, Laos, Lesotho, Rwanda, Senegal and Yemen) which impede their export opportunities. The objective is to set the scene for further reflexion on how to mobilize and streamline Aid for Trade resources to improve SPS systems in LDCs.

10. A further Aid for Trade initiative underway is a SPS country survey in Peru. The STDF will collaborate with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) on a field study to examine the need for and provision of SPS-related technical co-operation in Peru. The aim of the research is to strengthen the link between "supply" and "demand" of SPS-related technical assistance, notably by identifying gaps when they exist and catalyzing the further provision of assistance as necessary. It is expected that the study will be completed by November 2008.

11. In response to the WTO/OECD request for information (GEN/SPS/816), a total of 24 projects in East Africa, the Greater Mekong Delta Sub-Region and Central America were submitted as examples of "good practice" in SPS-related technical co-operation. Country-level research was carried out in June and July 2008 to seek the views of beneficiaries of the identified projects on elements of good practice in project design, implementation, outputs and the achievement of higher order objectives, which could be replicated in future assistance. The findings are being analyzed and compiled for presentation to a workshop on Good Practice in Geneva on 6 October 2008.

12. The STDF organized an information session on private standards on 26 June 2008. Representatives of the Africa Observer Project, the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), International Certification and Risk Services (CMi) and the World Bank made presentations. Issues considered included: (i) initiatives to make developing countries' voices heard in the private standards area; (ii) advancements in the recognition of equivalence between schemes; (iii) options to reduce the costs of certification; and (iv) opportunities to promote dialogue among private standard holders, suppliers, certifiers and other interested parties. A summary of the workshop can be found in document G/SPS/R/50. Information about the workshop, including the presentations and podcasts of some sessions, is available on the [SPS gateway](#) of the WTO website.

13. The STDF is planning to organize a meeting in the first half of 2009 on initiatives to combat fruit flies in West Africa. The meeting will provide an opportunity for concerned national and regional organizations, donors and other stakeholders to discuss mechanisms to control fruit flies and mobilize funds for a multi-year Action Plan for this purpose. The meeting will gather technical experts in fruit fly as well as decision makers from West African countries and donors active in the region. The meeting will be centred around the EC study on the damages inflicted by fruit flies on West Africa fruit production and Action Plan for a coordinated regional response. The EC study was validated by ECOWAS Member States in a meeting organized in Mali in August 2008.

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<sup>2</sup> Aid for Trade aims to help developing countries, particularly least-developed countries, develop the trade-related skills and infrastructure that is needed to implement and benefit from WTO agreements and to expand their trade. The Aid for Trade initiative was launched at the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in December 2005.

## **Project development**

14. Project preparation grants (PPGs) are a key mechanism for future STDF programme development. PPGs aim to turn good ideas into projects. As such, they can help overcome constraints faced by developing countries in the articulation of their needs. To date, a total of 27 PPGs have been approved. A target of 12 PPGs to be funded through the STDF has been set in the Operating Plan for 2008-09.

15. PPGs are also a mechanism for ensuring synergy with other on-going initiatives. For example, they can support project development for priority actions in the SPS area which have been identified in Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS) conducted through the Enhanced Integrated Framework programme (EIF).

16. The main criterion in awarding preparation grants is the likelihood that the project developed may receive funding. Final project funding may be provided by the STDF or from another funding source (e.g. a bilateral donor). Much greater emphasis is being placed on the use of PPGs to provide a basis for donor interventions and as a vehicle for mobilizing funds for projects developed by the STDF. A list of PPG funded is provided in Annex 1.

## **Project funding**

17. The STDF funds technical cooperation activities which:

- address underlying issues of SPS capacity building in beneficiary countries (in particular in low income countries, or on a regional basis), ideally through innovative, preventative and / or pilot projects which may be replicated by other donors; and
- which aim to address gaps in SPS information, training materials or which aim to improve coordination among SPS technical co-operation providers through collaborative projects.

18. Information on how to apply, eligibility criteria and application forms can be found in the [STDF Operational Rules](#). An overview of the current status of STDF projects is provided in Annex 1.

## **Information dissemination**

19. The STDF is developing a short film to raise awareness about the importance of SPS capacity for international trade and economic development. The film will provide an introduction to SPS issues and their impact on trade and showcase examples from three countries that have been affected by SPS issues. The selection and contracting of a production company to support this work is in progress following a tender process, and identification of case study countries is underway. Filming will be carried out in the case study countries from August onwards and on the margins of the SPS Committee meeting in October 2008. It is hoped that the film will be finalized by mid-2009.

## **Evaluation**

20. An evaluation of the STDF will start is being undertaken by an independent evaluator. The objective of the evaluation is to review the performance of the STDF in accordance with the STDF Operating Rules. It will mainly look at the impact of STDF activities. A first independent evaluation of the operation of the Facility was completed in December 2005; the present evaluation should be completed by mid-November 2008.

## ANNEX 1

## IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF STDF PROJECTS AND PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS

1 September 2008

## (a) Projects awaiting contracting

| Project  | Title   | Objective  | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status  |
|----------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| STDF 126 | <b>Support for the establishment of the Horticulture Development Council of Tanzania</b>                              | Assist the Tanzanian horticulture sector to address SPS issues   | TBC                                  | Tanzania    | 268,755          | Jun-08           | TBC                | Pending |
| STDF 230 | <b>Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease in Coconuts</b>                                      | Build phytosanitary capacity to implement international standards to manage LYD in palms and thereby expand market access for coconuts | FAO                                  | Mozambique  | 385,528          | Jun-08           | TBC                | Pending |
| STDF 246 | <b>Development of SPS Action Plan for Cambodia</b>  | Identify actions to be taken to enhance the SPS system in Cambodia   | FAO                                  | Cambodia    | 250,000          | Jun-08           | TBC                | Pending |
| STDF 238 | <b>Development of accredited Good Practices and HACCP certification schemes for fresh and processed food products</b> | Implement accredited inspection and certificates for GAPs, GMPs and HACCP recognized by the competent authorities.                     | TBC                                  | Guatemala   | 397,419          | Jun-08           | TBC                | Pending |

## (b) On-going projects funded by STDF

| Project  | Title  | Objective   | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency   | Beneficiary           | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status                  |
|----------|--|---|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| STDF 48  | <b>Quality control for shea and cashew nut products in Benin</b>       | Apply good agricultural practices to overcome problems of mycotoxin contamination in shea and cashew nut production.                                | TBC  | Benin                 | 470,575          | Nov-07           | Jun-08 / Jun-09    | Implementation ongoing. |
| STDF 127 | <b>Support for SPS information systems in Benin</b>                    | Improve information flows on SPS requirements, particularly in the private sector in Benin.   | FAO, Benin Chamber of Commerce   | Benin                 | 363,858          | Nov-07           | Jul-08/Jul 10      | Implementation ongoing. |
| STDF 62  | <b>Strengthening food safety in Cameroon</b>                           | Reactivate a national committee on food safety and train public and private sector stakeholders in Cameroon.  | FAO  | Cameroon              | 461,359          | Nov-07           | Jul 08/Jul 10      | Implementation ongoing. |
| STDF 171 | <b>East African Phytosanitary Centre</b>                               | Build phytosanitary capacity and increase market access through the establishment of an East African Phytosanitary Centre.                          | Kenya Plant Health Inspection Service, University of Nairobi, CABI, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) | Kenya and East Africa | 843,240          | Nov-07           | May-08 / May-10    | Implementation ongoing. |
| STDF 170 | <b>Strengthening the capacity of government SPS officials in Nepal</b> | Train government officials on implementation of SPS measures. Project supports Integrated Framework (IF) Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS). | FAO  | Nepal                 | 321,600          | Mar-07           | Mar-08 / Mar-10    | Implementation ongoing. |

| Project         | Title   | Objective  | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary  | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status  |
|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>STDF 134</b> | <b>Capacity building to improve fish trade performance of selected West African countries</b>             | Improve knowledge and awareness of SPS issues in the fisheries sector in five West African countries.  | FAO                                  | Benin, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone and The Gambia                                | 469,000          | Mar-07           | Mar-08 / Feb-10    | Implementation ongoing.   |
| <b>STDF 69</b>  | <b>Improved capacity to ensure safety and quality of Yemeni seafood products</b>                          | Assist the Yemen Seafood Exporter's Association to improve the quality and safety of Yemeni seafood products.  | International Trade Centre (ITC)     | Yemen Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA)   | 462,804          | Jun-07           | Sep-07 / Aug-09    | Implementation ongoing. (Approval rescinded in Mar-07 due to implementation delays of over one year). |
| <b>STDF 173</b> | <b>Assessing capacity building needs of food control systems in developing APEC Member Economies</b>      | Train food safety regulators from developing member economies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) using FAO's food safety capacity evaluation tools. | WTO                                  | Food safety authorities in selected APEC member economies                              | 96,500           | Mar-07           | Aug-07 / Apr-09    | Implementation ongoing.   |
| <b>STDF 108</b> | <b>Developing institutional capacity of countries in the Americas to participate in the SPS Committee</b> | Promote more active and effective participation in SPS Committee through a regional review of SPS compliance structures and practices.                       | WTO                                  | Member countries of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) | 585,588          | Oct-06           | Oct-07 / Feb-09    | Implementation ongoing.   |

| <b>Project</b>  | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>  | <b>Budget<br/>(US\$)</b> | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Start /End<br/>Date</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
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| <b>STDF 133</b> | <b>Building capacity to use the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) Tool in the Pacific</b>     | Train National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the South Pacific to evaluate their services using the PCE tool.   | FAO   | South Pacific Forum Members                                       | 261,780                  | Oct-06                   | Aug-07 / Jul-09            | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF 145</b> | <b>Rwanda Horticulture Export Standards Initiative (RHESI)</b>                                      | Increase Rwanda's exports of fruit, vegetables and flowers in international and regional markets. Project developed based on IF DTIS.   | World Bank                                    | Plant health services and horticulture exporters in Rwanda        | 526,674                  | Jun-06                   | May-07 / Apr-09            | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF 146</b> | <b>Strengthening phytosanitary controls in Mali (with a focus on mango exports)</b>                 | Expand international market access for fresh produce from Mali through improved phytosanitary control capacity. Project developed based on IF DTIS.   | Ministry of Commerce (IF focal point)         | Mali  | 508,000                  | Jun-06                   | Feb-07 / Feb-09            | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF 114</b> | <b>Effective aflatoxin management system in Brazil nut production</b>                               | To recover and consolidate export market access through implementation of an effective system to reduce aflatoxin contamination in the Brazil nut production chain.                                       | WTO   | Brazil (results will be shared with partners in Peru and Bolivia) | 619,664                  | Feb-06                   | Jul-06 / Jul-08            | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF 65</b>  | <b>Develop a private/public safety control system for the horticultural export sector in Guinea</b> | Assist the public and private sector to meet official and commercial standards for fruit and vegetable exports through development of a safety control system. Project developed based on IF DTIS report. | UNCTAD  | Guinea  | 600,000                  | Sep-05                   | Dec-05 / May-08            | Implementation ongoing. |



| <b>Project</b> | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>       | <b>Budget<br/>(US\$)</b> | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Start /End<br/>Date</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
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| <b>STDF 79</b> | <b>Quality information on SPS issues – a prerequisite for capacity building</b> | Improve the sharing of information on Codex, OIE and IPPC standards (and supporting scientific evaluations) through the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health (IPFSAPH). | FAO   | All developing countries | 470,000                  | Sep-05                   | Jun-06 / May-08            | Implementation ongoing. |

## (c) Completed projects funded by STDF

| Project  | Title  | Objective   | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary   | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status  |
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| STDF 13  | <b>Development of Regional Action Plans to Enhance Veterinary Capacity in East and West Africa</b> | Develop regional strategies to strengthen veterinary capacity in East and West Africa with emphasis on improved surveillance, reporting, control and implementation of international standards. | OIE, FAO                             | Mali, Ethiopia and Djibouti   | 305,000          | Sep-04           | Oct-06 /<br>Apr-07 | Completed.  |
| STDF 120 | <b>Risk analysis and risk assessment training in India</b>   | Enhance knowledge and skills of Indian officials on risk analysis and risk assessment procedures.   | WTO                                  | India   | 244,050          | Feb-06           | Dec-06 /<br>Dec-07 | Completed   |
| STDF 15  | <b>Expanding SPS capacities at national and regional levels</b>                                    | Develop a training programme and core group of trainers to deliver training for veterinary officials.   | OIE, WTO                             | OIE delegates from Mali, Thailand, Egypt, Commonwealth of Independent States (OIS) and Latin America. | 130,614          | Sep-04           | Sep-04 /<br>Dec-07 | Completed.  |
| STDF 89  | <b>International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop</b>   | Enhance expertise and capacity of countries and NPPOs to conduct pest risk analysis (PRA).  | FAO                                  | Officials (29) from developing and least developed countries  | 147,000          | Sep-05           | Oct-05 /<br>May-07 | Completed. Information available on IPPC website ( <a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSomMzc9a29z">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND01ODQ1NSY2PWVuJjMzPSomMzc9a29z</a> ). |

| Project | Title   | Objective   | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency          | Beneficiary  | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status  |
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| STDF 56 | <b>Capacity building to enhance implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on animal feeding</b>               | Strengthen implementation of good animal feeding practices and good manufacturing practices through development of training manuals, regional workshops in Africa, Latin America and Asia and country-level training. | International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) | Feed industry in developing countries.   | 150,000          | Mar-05           | Sep-05 / Nov-06    | Evaluation completed. Report distributed at Jun-07 WG meeting.  |
| STDF 37 | <b>Assistance to developing countries in the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) 15</b> | Train officials on implementation of ISPM 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) to ensure minimal trade disruptions.  | IPPC, FAO                                     | 171 delegates (representing 79 countries and 6 regional plant protection organizations) attended workshop. | 332,000          | Sep-04           | Nov-04 / Mar-06    | Completed. Training materials available on IPPC website ( <a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND000TEyNyY2PWVuJmZPSomMzc9a29z">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND000TEyNyY2PWVuJmZPSomMzc9a29z</a> ) |
| STDF 14 | <b>Evaluation of capacity of national veterinary services</b>   | Develop a veterinary capacity evaluation tool based on the IICA Performance Vision Strategy document.   | OIE   | IICA   | 37,000           | Nov-03           | May-06             | Completed.  |
| STDF 20 | <b>Country-based plans for SPS-related development</b>  | Carry out baseline studies of SPS capacity and apply cost-benefit analysis to examine returns on investment in terms of foreign trade and an improved SPS situation.  | WTO   | Peru and Uganda  | 170,862          | Sep-03           | Nov-04 / Mar-07    | Completed. Update of information being undertaken by Prom Peru. Independent evaluation to be contracted.  |

| Project | Title   | Objective  | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary            | Budget<br>(US\$) | Approval<br>date | Start /End<br>Date | Status  |
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| STDF 19 | <b>Model arrangements for SPS stakeholder involvement at the national level</b>   | Improve SPS-related information flows and information sharing between the public and private sector with positive spin-offs for market access                            | WTO                                  | Sri Lanka and Paraguay | 291,218          | Sep-04           | Dec-04 / Apr-07    | Completed. Awaiting final project report. Independent evaluation to be undertaken.  |
| STDF 9  | <b>Model programme for developing food standards within a risk analysis framework</b>   | Strengthen capacity of low income countries in the Asia Pacific Region to develop food standards based on international requirements and participate in Codex            | FAO                                  | Asia Pacific countries | 70,848           | Nov-03           | Mar-05 / Sep-06    | Project completed.  |
| STDF 10 | <b>Support to pilot activities for national implementation of the International Portal on Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health in Turkey and Uganda</b> | Establish national windows for IPFSAPH through training and the development of a handbook  | FAO                                  | Turkey and Uganda      | 59,400           | Sep-03           | Mar-05 / Sep-06    | Completed. Independent evaluation planned.  |
| STDF 5  | <b>STDF Database</b>  | Establish a database covering the period 2001-03 to: i) help reduce duplication and gaps in activities; and ii) track SPS-related technical assistance flows and trends. | WTO                                  | Database               | 73,474           | Jun-03           | Jul-03 / Dec-05    | Project completed. Database available on STDF website ( <a href="http://stdfdb.wto.org">http://stdfdb.wto.org</a> ). Report submitted to SPS Committee (G/SPS/GEN/726). |

(d) **Projects developed by STDF but funded by other organizations**

| <b>Project</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>                   | <b>Budget in<br/>US\$</b> | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Start /End<br/>Date</b> | <b>Status</b>   |
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| <b>STDF 100</b> | <b>Strengthening the national food control system for the fisheries sector in Cape Verde</b> | Assist the fish processing sector in Cape Verde to comply with international food safety standards.   | To be determined.                             | Fish processing sector in Cape Verde |                           | Jun-07                   | To be confirmed (TBC)      | Approved in principle by the WG. Funding sought outside the STDF.                 |
| <b>STDF 113</b> | <b>Strengthening SPS controls in Burundi</b>   | Enhance the capacity of the Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN) including training on SPS compliance for public and private sector officials. | To be determined.                             | Burundi                              | 513,000                   | Mar-07                   | TBC                        | Project approved by WG. Funding secured.  |
| <b>STDF 66</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Mozambique</b>   | Improve SPS compliance for horticulture exporters in regional and international markets. Project based on IF DTIS.                          | UNCTAD  | Mozambique                           | 20,000                    | Mar-05                   | TBC                        | Project funded by United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID). |

(e) **Projects for which approval has been revoked by the Working Group**

| <b>Project</b> | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b> | <b>Budget in<br/>US\$</b> | <b>Approval date</b> | <b>Status</b>   |
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| <b>STDF 64</b> | <b>Facilitating<br/>livestock trade in<br/>Djibouti</b> | Facilitate<br>livestock trade<br>from Djibouti<br>through training<br>for private and<br>public sector<br>veterinary<br>officials. Project<br>based on IF DTIS. | FAO                                       | Djibouti           | 560,000                   | Sep-05               | Approval withdrawn at<br>Mar-07 WG meeting.<br>Applicant invited to<br>resubmit project for<br>funding. |

**STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECT PREPARATION GRANTS (PPGs)<sup>3</sup>****(a) PPGs awaiting contracting**

| <b>Project</b>      | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>                   | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Status</b> |
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| <b>STDF<br/>242</b> | <b>Elaboration of SPS needs expressed in the IF DTIS</b>          | Assess SPS human resource and infrastructure needs based on the IF DTIS and formulate a proposal to improve the competitiveness of the lychee and lobster sectors.                    | TBC   | Comores                              | Jun-08                   | Pending       |
| <b>STDF<br/>232</b> | <b>A phytosanitary capacity building strategy for Africa</b>      | Improve phytosanitary capacity in African countries through the development and implementation of a phytosanitary capacity building strategy.   | TBC   | Cameroon and other African countries | Jun-08                   | Pending       |
| <b>STDF<br/>221</b> | <b>Supporting implementation of SPS standards in Burkina Faso</b> | Identify specific SPS issues and constraints affecting sesame production and exports and develop a project proposal aimed at overcoming these constraints and improving market access | GTZ   | Burkina Faso                         | Apr-08                   | Pending       |

**(b) PPGs currently being implemented**

| <b>Project</b>      | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>  | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
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| <b>STDF<br/>223</b> | <b>Strengthening the official food control in Moldova to support the emerging food businesses</b> | Assess requirements to strengthen official food controls, standards and food inspection based on specific priority commodities identified in the World Bank Action Plan and develop a proposal for follow-up. | FAO   | Republic of Moldova | Apr-08                   | Implementation on-going |
| <b>STDF<br/>234</b> | <b>Design of Lao GAP scheme</b>   | <b>Create institutional infrastructure to ensure market access for agricultural products from Lao PDR.</b>  | WTO   | Lao PDR             | Jun-08                   | Implementation ongoing  |

<sup>3</sup> All PPGs are funded from the STDF. The budget for PPGs is US\$20,000 unless otherwise indicated.

| <b>Project</b>      | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Objective</b>   | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b>  | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Status</b>           |
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| <b>STDF<br/>105</b> | <b>Compartment-<br/>alization</b>  | Design a demonstration project on how to apply compartmentalization.   | OIE   | Brazil and Thailand | Jun-07                   | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF<br/>191</b> | <b>Enhancing Sierra Leone's national SPS capacity</b>                                | Design a national SPS framework.   | TBC   | Sierra Leone        | Jun-07                   | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF<br/>172</b> | <b>Expanding Nigeria's food exports through enhanced SPS capacity</b>                | Enhance Nigeria's capacity in the SPS area and improve the country's ability to export high-value food products.   | TBC   | Nigeria             | Mar-07                   | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF<br/>165</b> | <b>Improving fruit production SPS controls in Madagascar</b>                         | Assist Madagascar to establish pest-free places of production.   | TBC   | Madagascar          | Mar-07 and Nov-07        | Implementation ongoing. |
| <b>STDF<br/>116</b> | <b>Establishment of a traceability system for the livestock sector in Costa Rica</b> | Assist in the development of the animal health directorate's National Epidemiological Surveillance Programme by introducing a traceability system for livestock farms. | WTO   | Costa Rica          | Feb-06                   | Ongoing.                |
| <b>STDF 52</b>      | <b>Post-harvest contamination in Malawi and Zambia</b>                               | Develop a project proposal to address post-harvest contamination problems in the paprika and groundnut sectors in Malawi and Zambia. Project based on IF DTIS.         | WTO   | Malawi and Zambia   | Mar-05                   | Ongoing.                |



## (c) Completed PPGs resulting in a project which has been funded

| Project  | Title   | Objective   | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary | Approval<br>date | Status  |
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| STDF 126 | Assistance to establish a horticulture industry organization in Tanzania  | Develop a business plan and facilitate the establishment of a horticulture association in Tanzania.   | WTO                                  | Tanzania    | Jun-08           | Approved.   |
| STDF 171 | Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence  | Revise a project document to establish a Phytosanitary Centre of Excellence in Kenya. If funded the project would address issues raised in the IF DTIS reports for Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. | WTO                                  | Kenya       | Mar-07           | Ongoing.  |
| STDF 155 | Nicaragua market-oriented training service on standards application   | Survey Nicaragua's SPS requirements in the plant health sector to improve export competitiveness.   | Michigan State University (MSU)      | Nicaragua   | Oct-06           | Completed   |
| STDF 127 | Strengthening the capacity of the Benin Chamber of Commerce to track SPS-related development in exports markets | Establish an information centre within the Benin Chamber of Commerce to ensure that firms are aware of SPS measures affecting their existing or planned exports.                                | WTO                                  | Benin       | Jun-06           | Ongoing.  |
| STDF 88  | Nepal SPS training project preparation grant  | Evaluation of the training needs of Nepal's SPS authorities and design a training programme.  | FAO                                  | Nepal       | Sep-05           | Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07).                                    |
| STDF 113 | Project preparation grant to survey food safety needs in Burundi  | Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" to survey the food safety situation in Burundi and develop a trade-related project.           | WTO/ Burundi Standards Bureau        | Burundi     | Feb-06           | Project approved at WG meeting (Mar-07). Decision to seek non-STDF funding. |
| STDF 102 | Project preparation grant for Mali  | Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.   | WTO                                  | Mali        | Sep-05           | Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06).                                    |

| <b>Project</b>  | <b>Title</b>                                   | <b>Objective</b>  | <b>Implementing/<br/>Oversight<br/>Agency</b> | <b>Beneficiary</b> | <b>Approval<br/>date</b> | <b>Status</b>                            |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>STDF 103</b> | <b>Project preparation grant for Rwanda</b>    | Design a project to enhance SPS capacity in the fruit and vegetable sector.   | WTO   | Rwanda             | Sep-05                   | Project approved at WG meeting (Jun-06). |
| <b>STDF 62</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Cameroon</b>   | Apply the FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".  | WTO   | Cameroon           | Sep-04                   | Project approved at WG meeting (Aug-05). |
| <b>STDF 63</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Benin</b>      | Application of FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems".   | WTO   | Benin              | Mar-05                   | Project approved at WG (Feb-06).         |
| <b>STDF 69</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Yemen</b>      | Survey of SPS issues in the fisheries sector and project design. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.   | WTO   | Yemen              | Mar-05                   | Project approved at WG meeting (Feb-06). |
| <b>STDF 64</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Djibouti</b>   | Field research and design of project in the livestock sector in Djibouti. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report.  | WTO   | Djibouti           | Mar-05                   | Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05). |
| <b>STDF 65</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Guinea</b>     | Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report. | UNCTAD  | Guinea             | Mar-05                   | Project approved at WG meeting (Sep-05). |
| <b>STDF 66</b>  | <b>Project preparation grant in Mozambique</b> | Develop a project proposal that builds on the UNCTAD evaluation of costs of compliance in the tropical fruit sector. Project based on needs identified in IF DTIS report. | UNCTAD  | Mozambique         | Mar-05                   | Project funded by DFID.                  |

(d) Completed PPGs for projects which have not been funded

| Project  | Title  | Objective  | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary          | Approval<br>date | Status  |
|----------|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| STDF 46  | <b>Project preparation grant on implementation of Codex standards (WHO Africa)</b>           | Assist WHO Africa to develop a project proposal to support selected African countries to implement Codex standards.                      | WHO/WTO                              | Benin and Tanzania.  | Feb-06           | Completed.  |
| STDF 38  | <b>Agricultural Health and Food Safety Laboratory Needs Assessment for CARICOM Countries</b> | Survey laboratory capacity in CARICOM to develop a project to assist in development of a regional strategy on laboratory infrastructure. | CARICOM                              | Caribbean countries. | Sept-04.         | Initial laboratory survey completed but no final project document submitted.              |
| STDF 101 | <b>Eritrea project preparation grant</b>   | Apply FAO/WHO "Guidelines to Assess Capacity Building Needs in Official Food Control Systems" and design a project.                      | WTO                                  | Eritrea              | Sep-05           | Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding. |
| STDF 61  | <b>Project preparation grant in Cambodia</b>   | Fieldwork in Cambodia to develop a project proposal. Grant application presented in July 2005.   |                                      | Cambodia             | Mar-05           | Fieldwork complete. Report and project submitted to WG. Project not accepted for funding. |

## (e) PPGs revoked by the Working Group

| Project | Title  | Objective   | Implementing/<br>Oversight<br>Agency | Beneficiary | Approval date | Status   |
|---------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| STDF 68 | <b>Project preparation grant on SPS cooperation for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)</b> | Support regional cooperation on SPS issues among SAARC countries. | TBC                                  | SAARC       | Mar-05        | Delay in implementation for over two years. WG meeting (Mar-07) decided to withdraw PPG approval and invite SAARC to re-apply. |