



## WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2011

The Secretariat of the WTO plans to organize a number of specific technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2011:

- **E-Learning Courses on the SPS Agreement** (<https://etraining.wto.org>)
  - E-Learning courses in English, French and Spanish available all year long.
- **National SPS Seminars**
  - Upon request by any WTO Member or Observer. For information, please consult document G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.1
- **Workshop on National and Regional Coordination** (in English, French, Spanish)
  - In Geneva, 17-21 October 2011
  - Open to all WTO Members and Observers. Least-developed and developing countries may apply for funding.
  - Pre-requisite: activity for government officials holding direct responsibilities in the SPS area.
  - Deadline for application: 8 July 2011
- **2011 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement** (in English)
  - In Geneva, from 10 to 28 October 2011
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: all least-developed and developing countries.
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of an E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.
  - Deadline for application: 8 July 2011
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Caribbean (co-organized with the Inter-American Development Bank – IDB)** (in English)
  - In Barbados (to be confirmed). Week of 25 July 2011
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of an E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.
  - Deadline for application: 10 June 2011
- **Regional SPS Workshop for French-speaking Africa** (in French)
  - In Mali (to be confirmed). Week of 07 November 2011
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia.
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of an E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.
  - Deadline for application: 8 July 2011
- **Regional SPS Workshop for English-speaking Africa** (in English)
  - In South Africa (to be confirmed). Week of 21 November 2011
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Botswana, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of an E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.
  - Deadline for application: 8 July 2011
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Arab and Middle East Countries** (in English)
  - In Qatar (to be confirmed). Week of 28 November 2011
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: **African Arab Countries:** Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia; **Middle East Countries:** Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of an E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.
  - Deadline for application: 8 July 2011

**For complete information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, pre-requisites, and application processes and form, please consult document G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.1 and the SPS gateway at <http://www.wto.org/sps/ta>**