

# Building institutional capacity in the use of trade-related International Support Measures (ISMs) in LDCs

## Capacity building workshops to review project outcomes and design implementation strategies

### Summary of Agenda

Geneva, 17 – 21 November 2014

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The [DPAD/CDP Unit](#) is organizing a number of meetings in Geneva to discuss the findings of recent project activities and plan for implementation.

On **17 November**, interim project results achieved in the Gambia and Uganda will be presented and discussed. This meeting also allows the recently added pilot countries, Lesotho and Nepal, an opportunity to learn from experiences of their counterparts in Gambia and Uganda.

The project results have identified the need for building institutional capacity to improve information sharing between the public and private sector on SPS and TBT related notifications and impediments to trade. The establishment of an electronic platform should assist private sector stakeholders in the pilot countries to access information on new and changing export requirements related to SPS and TBT measures introduced by trading partners.

Activities on **18 November** will focus on discussing project findings and experiences from the four pilot countries in public/private communications related to TBT and SPS notifications and information.

On **18 November** the project results will also be presented to the LDC Group and development partners at the WTO.

On **19 November** the participants will discuss experiences from development partners in assisting the pilot countries and other LDCs with overcoming institutional capacity constraints related to public/private sector information sharing and establishing electronic tools for addressing the lack of private sector access to TBT and SPS-related information.

On **20 November** the meeting will focus on the capacity building needs in the Gambia and Uganda for improving the public/private sector TBT and SPS-related information flow and sharing and on developing concrete plans for assisting the Gambia and Uganda in addressing these needs.

On **21 November** the meeting will focus on the implementation of other capacity development activities identified under the project and on a detailed project implementation plan for Lesotho and Nepal.

On Monday **24 November** DPAD/CDP Unit will individually meet with key development partners to review the options for collaboration and implementation based on the results achieved/conclusions reached during the activities in the previous week.

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### Agenda

#### Monday 17 November (UNOG)

- Review interim project results of the Gambia and Uganda
- Lesotho and Nepal project preparations

#### Tuesday 18 November (UNOG)

- Improving SPS & TBT-related communications between public/private sector: - Overview and current situation

#### (WTO Secretariat)

- Presentation of project results & electronic notification proposal

#### Wednesday 19 November (UNOG)

- Improving SPS & TBT-related communications between public/private sector: - Experiences & lessons learned in other countries

#### Thursday 20 November (UNOG)

- Improving SPS & TBT-related communications between public/private sector: - Needs assessment  
- Capacity development options and implementation

#### Friday 21 November (UNOG)

- Preparation of other capacity building activities in the Gambia and Uganda
- Project implementation in Lesotho and Nepal (continued from Monday)

#### Monday 24 November

- Meeting development partners to coordinate implementation