WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2014

The WTO Secretariat plans to organize a number of specific technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2014:

- **E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement** ([https://etraining.wto.org](https://etraining.wto.org))
  - E-Learning course in English, French and Spanish available throughout the year

- **National SPS Seminars**
  - Upon request by any WTO Member or Observer. For more information, please consult document G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4. The online application form to request a WTO National SPS Seminar is available at: [https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=xdwzKQdS1rW-ACYrvWhqtA](https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=xdwzKQdS1rW-ACYrvWhqtA)

- **Thematic SPS Workshop on Risk Analysis** (in English, French and Spanish)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: Week of 13 October 2014
  - Open to all WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries may apply for funding
  - Pre-requisite: activity targeted at government officials holding direct responsibilities in the SPS area
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**

- **2014 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement** (in Spanish)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 6 – 24 October 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**

- **Regional SPS Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus** (in English)
  - Joint Vienna Institute – Vienna, Austria: 8-11 September 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**

- **Regional SPS Workshop for Pacific Countries (co-organized with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)** (in English)
  - In Nadi, Fiji: Week of 10 November 2014
  - Eligible: - WTO Members and Observers: Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu
    - Additional funding may be available (subject to confirmation) for: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **18 July 2014**

- **Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America (co-organized with the Inter-American Development Bank – IDB)** (in Spanish)
  - In Montevideo, Uruguay: Week of 17 November 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **15 August 2014**

For complete information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, funding, pre-requisites, and application processes, please consult documents G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4 and G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4/Add.1, and the SPS Technical Assistance gateway at: [http://www.wto.org/spst](http://www.wto.org/spst)