WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2017

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 2017:

- **E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement** ([http://ecampus.wto.org/](http://ecampus.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. The online application form to request a WTO National SPS Seminar is available at: [https://wto.formstack.com/forms/national_ta_requests](https://wto.formstack.com/forms/national_ta_requests)

- **Thematic SPS Workshop on Transparency** (in English, French and Spanish)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 30-31 October 2017
  - Open to all WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries may apply for funding
  - Pre-requisite: only for government officials in charge of the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement, in particular the SPS Enquiry Point(s) and/or SPS National Notification Authority
  - Deadline for application for funding: **9 June 2017**

- **2017 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement** (in English)
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 23 October – 10 November 2017
  - 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: **9 June 2017**

- **Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America, with a focus on good regulatory practice**
  (co-organized with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, IICA) (in Spanish)
  - In San José, Costa Rica: Week of 19 June 2017
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Argentina; Bolivia; Plurinational State of; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay; Venezuela; Bolivarian Republic of
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement (or an equivalent course e.g. IDB SPS E-Learning Course) by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **14 April 2017 (extended deadline)**

- **Follow-up Regional SPS Workshop for Arab Countries**
  (co-organized with the IMF–Middle East Centre for Economics and Finance) (in English)
  - In Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait: Week of 19 November 2017
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Algeria; Bahrain, Kingdom of; Djibouti; Egypt; Iraq; Jordan; Kuwait, the State of; Lebanese Republic; Libya; Mauritania; Morocco; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; Yemen.
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to participants who were funded to attend the 2016 Regional SPS Workshop for Arab Countries (held in Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait); a limited number of new participants may be selected who have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement at the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **9 June 2017**

For complete information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, funding, pre-requisites, and application processes please consult document G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.7 and the SPS Technical Assistance gateway at: [http://www.wto.org/spst/ta](http://www.wto.org/spst/ta)

The online application form for SPS Technical Assistance activities is available at: [https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.eu/forms/2017-wto-sps-technical-assistanceapplication-form/](https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.eu/forms/2017-wto-sps-technical-assistanceapplication-form/)