

Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)

A joint initiative in SPS capacity building
and technical cooperation



STDF workshop

Johannesburg, 16-17 August 2011

Mandate

- Improve capacity of developing countries to develop and implement projects aiming at meeting international SPS standards
- Increase effectiveness and synergies in provision and delivery SPS-related technical cooperation

Value added

- Reference point for SPS coordination and good practice
- Expertise and skills of STDF partners, donors, observers and beneficiaries
- Linkages to SPS Committee, Aid for Trade, Enhanced Integrated Framework, other SPS-related programmes

Target to devote at least 40% of project resources to LDCs and OLICs



How does the STDF operate?

Policy Committee

High-level representatives of STDF partners, donors and developing countries

Working Group

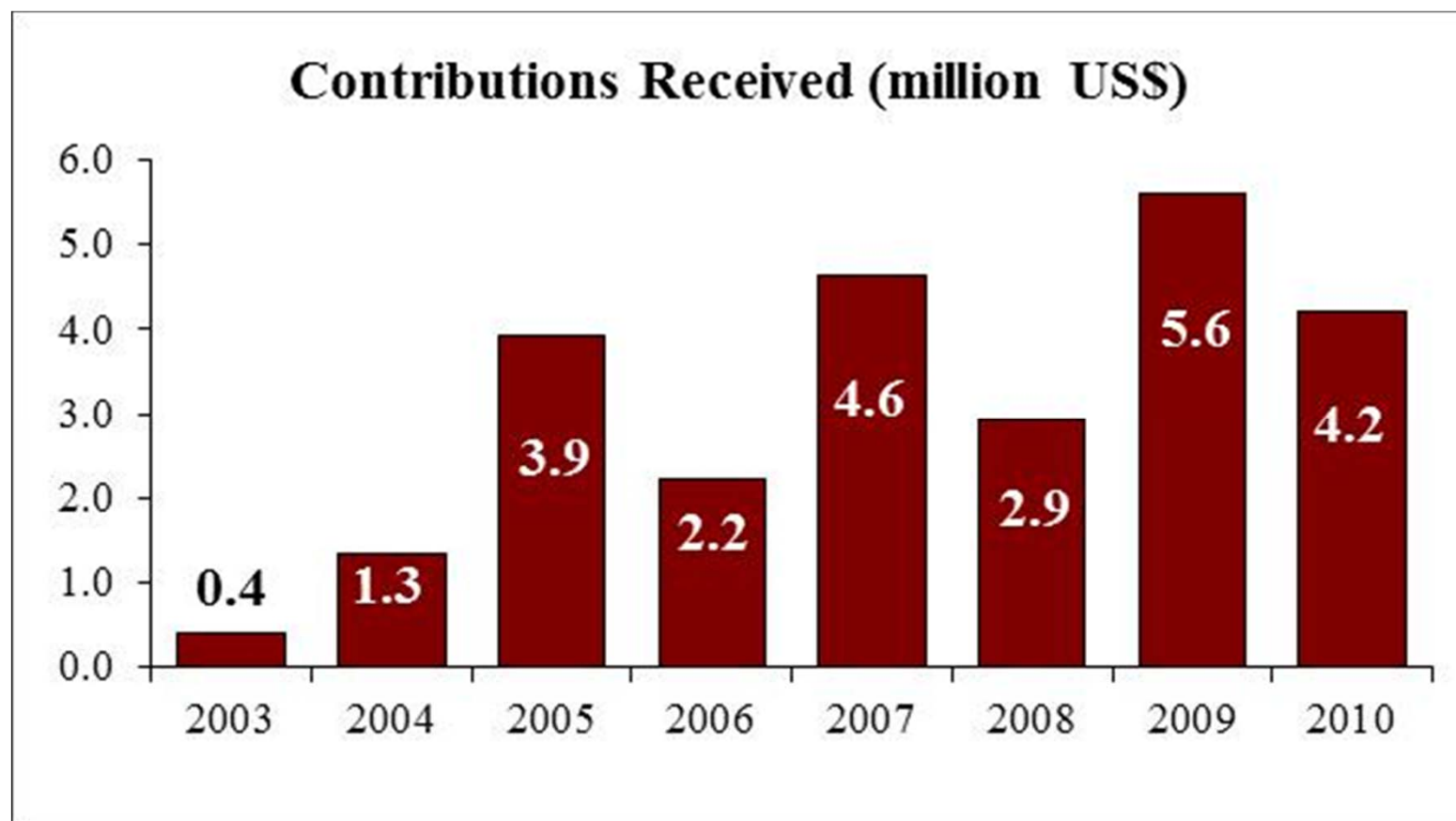
Partners, donors, observers, representatives of developing and least developed countries

Secretariat

Housed and administered by WTO, Agriculture and Commodities Division



Annual funding target

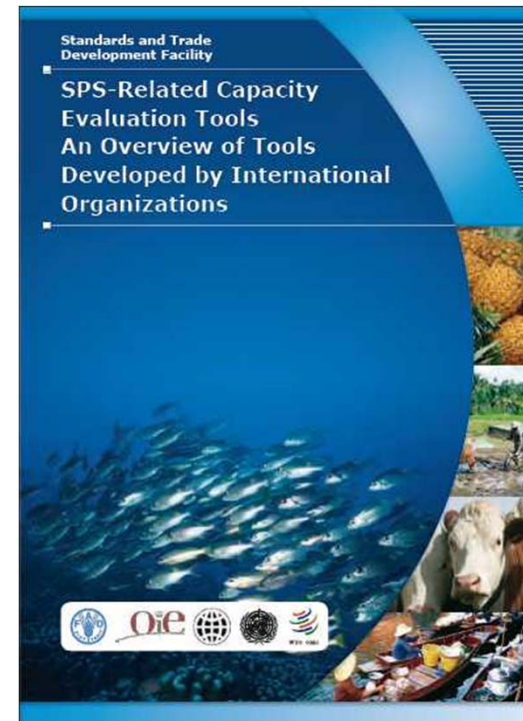


Key areas of STDF work

- Action-oriented research, development of SPS guidance materials, tools, etc.
- Project development
- Project grants
- Information exchange / awareness raising

Project development

- Project preparation grants (PPGs) ≤ \$30,000
- Encourage use and application of SPS-related capacity evaluation tools
- Resource mobilization



Examples of STDF PPGs

- Cocoa production in line with international standards on pesticide residues / other harmful substances
- Needs assessment and strategy for the development of Liberia's SPS system
- Strengthening the capacity for phytosanitary controls in the floriculture sector in Uganda
- Feasibility study on the Green Pass concept (COMESA)

Project grants

- Objective:
 - Enhance capacity to meet SPS requirements
 - Protect human, animal or plant health against disease or pest hazards from trade
- Between US\$ 150,000 and 600,000
- Duration of 2 years or less
- Beneficiary contribution (10% LDCs and OLICs)
- Focus on innovation, good practice (development of tools, methodologies, training materials and other information resources), regional approaches



Examples of STDF projects

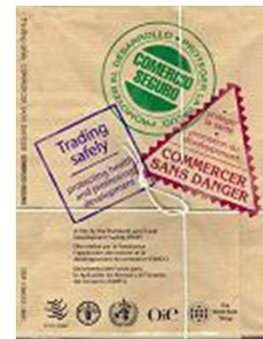
- Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE) in East Africa (KEPHIS, CABI, IPPC, regional NPPOs)
- Combined e-learning curriculum and information system on food standards in Ghana (UCC, FAO)
- Establishment of Pest Free Areas for Lethal Yellowing Disease in coconuts in Mozambique (FAO, NPPO)
- Expanding Export of Sesame Seed and Sheanut/Butter in Nigeria (ITC, NEPC)

How to request support?

- Review eligibility criteria on STDF website
- Read Guidance Note for Applicants
- Download application form
- Consult relevant stakeholders in country/region
- Contact STDF Secretariat with questions or for advice
- Submit application by e-mail
- Requests considered three times per year
- Next deadline: 2 January 2012

Information exchange / awareness raising

- Working Group, SPS Committee and participation in external meetings
- “*Trading Safely*” film
- STDF website
- Briefings, newsletters and other publications
- E-mail distribution list



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For more information

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The screenshot shows the STDF website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Standards and Trade Development Facility', and language options 'Français' and 'Español'. Below this is a search bar and a main menu with 'About us', 'Funding Opportunities', 'Projects', 'Thematic Activities', and 'Information Resources'. The main content area features a large image of pineapples and oranges. Below the image is a section titled 'SPS Performance Indicators' with a brief description. To the right, there is a 'Next Deadline for Submission of Funding Proposals 7 January 2011' announcement, a 'Our Work' section with a globe icon, and a 'New on our Website' section with a list of recent updates. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Publications' and 'Events', with a specific event listed for 1 July 2010: 'STDF/OECD technical working'. A 'Donors' section is also visible at the bottom right.

