Highlights from Recent STDF Thematic Work

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Presentation overview

Context

Recent STDF work

- Good practice
- Public-private partnerships
- Regional SPS strategies and frameworks
- SPS coordination mechanisms
- Use of economic analysis to inform SPS decisions
- etc.

Conclusions and lessons learned
Context

• Continued attention to effects of standards on trade, smallholders, etc.
• Visibility of SPS issues on global agenda
• SPS in context of CAADP, Aid-for-Trade Initiative, Trade Facilitation, EIF Tier II
• Development of regional SPS positions
• Calls for better coordination
• Demands to demonstrate impact of SPS capacity building
Good Practice in SPS Technical Cooperation

• Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness:
  – Ownership
  – Alignment
  – Harmonization
  – Managing for results
  – Mutual accountability

• STDF/OECD research on application of Paris Principles in SPS technical cooperation and international workshop (2008)

www.standardsfacility.org/TAGoodPractice.htm
Key elements of good practice

• Assess and prioritize SPS capacity needs
• Ensure activities are connected and in sequence
• Apply a value chain approach
• Involve the public and private sector
• Link skills development to practice
• Integrate SPS capacity building with broader trade / agricultural development programmes
• Manage for results – develop and use indicators
Public-Private Partnerships

- STDF/LNV/WBI workshop on PPPs in support of SPS capacity building (The Hague, Oct. 2010)
- STDF Briefing Note (Oct. 2010)
- Emergence and role of PPPs to promote dialogue on SPS, address specific constraints, improve service delivery (labs, certification, training, etc.)
- Recognition that government and the private sector need to work together more effectively in SPS area
Preconditions for partnerships

- Clear and measurable objectives
- Open mind-set, alignment of cultures, expectations
- Commitment and trust
- Leadership
- Good governance and transparency
- Resources (time, money)

http://www.standardsfacility.org/en/TAPPP.htm
STDF Study on Regional SPS frameworks and strategies in Africa – key messages

• Focus regional frameworks on most effective use of resources
• Participate in ISSOs and SPS Committee
• Develop regional positions and strengthen regional / national SPS coordination mechanisms
• Increase SPS awareness at higher decision-making levels
• Ensure SPS capacity building is coordinated, demand-driven, inclusive and based on SPS capacity evaluations
• Avoid multiplication of transparency requirements and use existing tools
STDF study on SPS coordination mechanisms (forthcoming)

• Importance of national SPS coordination (public – public and public-private) to improve SPS management

• Room for improvement – only one of 17 countries replying to survey rates functioning of their SPS coordination mechanism as satisfactory

• SPS coordination mechanisms operate in different ways depending on country circumstances

• Important to ensure high-level buy-in and consider sustainability at the outset
STDF work on the use of economic analysis to inform SPS decision-making

- Guidelines on the use of economic analysis to inform SPS-related decision-making (Nov. 2009)
- International workshop (Geneva, 30 Nov. 2009)
- Briefing Note (Dec. 2009)
- Development and application of Multi Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) Tool
  - Mozambique, April 2011
  - Zambia, 2011
  - Regional workshop, Johannesburg, August 2011
Use of Multi Criteria Decision Analysis to Inform SPS decision-making

- Provide structured approach to establishing priorities between alternative SPS capacity-building options
- Enhance transparency of SPS capacity-building decisions
- Facilitate inputs to priority-setting from diverse stakeholders
- Greater resource efficiency
- Demand-driven capacity-building
- Enhanced trade and social outcomes and impacts
Key lessons for SPS capacity building

- Consult and engage all relevant stakeholders (national, regional, public, private, academia, etc.)
- Assess and prioritize capacity needs
- Build on other completed, ongoing and planned activities
- Pursue linkages with broader trade / agricultural development programmes
- Measure for results
Conclusions

• Continue efforts to raise SPS awareness and ensure high-level commitment
• Improve transparency in SPS technical cooperation
• Promote more effective SPS coordination (public-public and public-private) at national and regional level
• Continue work to build SPS technical and management capacity at regional, sub-regional and national level
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