

Establishing Priorities for SPS Capacity-Building in Malawi Stakeholder Workshop

**Wednesday 8th February 2012
Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe**

Aims of the workshop:

The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) has supported the development of a framework that aims to help countries develop prioritised programmes for the enhancement of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) capacity. This framework has been used in Mozambique and Zambia and is now being rolled-out more widely. The aim of the priority-setting framework is to assist decision-makers to identify priorities for SPS capacity-building that might guide the allocation of resources by the public and private sectors and by donors.

This workshop is a key part of the priority-setting exercise in Malawi. It specifically aims to:

- Identify specific SPS capacity-building needs on the basis of the views and experiences of workshop participants.
- Identify the factors that should be used to establish priorities between the identified SPS capacity-building needs.
- Determine which of these factors is more or less important in driving the setting of priorities between the identified SPS capacity-building needs.

The views of all workshop participants will be treated as equal, and with this in mind the active participation of all attendees will be facilitated.

The information collected at the workshop will be used in a structured process of priority-setting that will result in an ordered list of SPS capacity-building needs for Malawi. This listing will be produced immediately after the workshop and then distributed to participants, as well as a wider range of stakeholders for comments.

We are confident that workshop participants will find the day both interesting and rewarding.

Background dossier:

You will be sent a dossier of background information on the SPS situation in Malawi, key agri-food export trends, etc. It would be useful if you could have at least browsed this information before the workshop.

Programme:

8.00: Tea/coffee

8.30: Welcome and background and aims of workshop

8.45: Identification of SPS capacity-building needs

10.30: Tea/coffee

11.00: Selection and weighting of decision criteria

12.30: Lunch

1.30: Break-out sessions to define information cards for capacity-building options

4.00: Summary and close