Application of the MCDA Framework in Zambia

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Previous work on SPS Capacity needs

- World Bank – 2006
- WTO - 2008 Trade facilitation needs Assessment - 2009 Trade Policy Review
- GAPS identified – low awareness, weak legislative framework, Poor coordination
- Capacity building priorities – commodity based
MCDA Framework application process

- A one day national workshop - 6th August 2011
- Stakeholders - private, public and academia
- Distribution of information dossiers to be used
- Discussed sps challenges
- Identified capacity building option to prioritize
- Data cards on exported commodities
- Agreed on decision criteria and weights for ranking
MCDA Benefits

• Ranking of sps priorities now exist for the country but need validation

• Interventions were already ongoing in some of the high ranked SPS priorities

• More interest in the application of the tool from regional organization, donor projects, Academia and Ministry of trade
Challenges

• DRAFT REPORT by Consultants – validation process derailed the process.
• Ensuring right people are present at stakeholder workshop when options are identified
• SPS leadership and buy in is still challenging
• Re-run of the process and buy in from more stakeholders – increased demand
• Moving the process forward has been slow
Messages to other countries

• New concept in the SPS arena for prioritizing interventions
• Useful for Donor roundtable meetings when SPS needs have been ranked
• The application process brings various stakeholders together
• A step in addressing SPS leadership and coordination
• The information dossier provides a national SPS status quo
Message to STDF

• Roll out of the tool may need support in various institutions and buy in from national government

• Memorandum of Understanding with relevant institutions in the initial stages may compel them to use the tool after the pilot
THANK YOU