







## Workshop to Strengthen Capacities of Veterinary Services to Facilitate Safer International Trade

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## **Recommendations**

- Participants commit to deepen their understanding SPS safe trade in the national and regional context of economic development and food security through self-directed learning taking advantages of the resources provided e.g. WOAH Training Platform; WTO Country Trade Review and e-Ping; ASEAN emodules.
- 2. Support **development of the Region's Import Export network** through identification of Vet. Authority National IE Contact points, circulating a list of workshop participants with email address and WhatsApp numbers, and improving accessibility of IE information on National Vet Authority websites.
- 3. Identify the **key commodity trade areas of common strategic priority interest in the Region for most countries** (highest priority for food security and economic development). e.g. poultry genetics; bovine genetics; poultry meat; pork meat.
- 4. Find ways to support **progress towards harmonised SPS safe trade in these key commodities** in the Region e.g. Improving understanding of relevant WOAH standards; identify Region's priority hazards in the commodities; sharing risk management approaches to hazards.
- 5. Develop Vet. Authority understanding of the **3 Phase Approach** to participation in SPS safe trade and how the WOAH Standards can support Members in this approach e.g. infographics; case studies.

- Promote trust and transparency in animal health and food safety risk management using the WTO and WOAH tools e.g. WTO SPS notifications; Self-Declarations; PVS Evaluations; WAHIS reports; SPS Official Assurance Programme documentation.
- 7. Encourage relationship development between Vet. Authorities and other national government agencies involved in SPS safe trade (e.g. Customs, Trade ministries), as well as national private sector stakeholders (e.g. industry associations, import/export sector).
- 8. Develop **national competencies in SPS Safe Trade** through identifying further learning needs to achieve process efficiency and risk management.
- 9. Encourage participants to engage in their national process of commenting during WOAH international standards development and review so that the regional perspectives on SPS Safe Trade are taken into account.