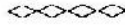


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Islamabad, the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

**C I R C U L A R**

Subject: **WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2014:**

Copy of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO, Geneva's letter No.7(15)/2011-Training dated 14-05-2014 is forwarded for information/necessary action and to state that the WTO Secretariat is organizing the following Specific Technical Assistance Activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in 2014:-

Sr. No.	Title of the Course/Workshop	Period/Venue	Pre-requisite	Deadline Date of WTO
1.	Thematic SPS Workshop on Risk Analysis (In English, Spanish and French)	13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in Geneva(Switzerland)	Activity Targeted at Government Officials holding direct responsibilities in the SPS area	06-06-2014
2.	2014 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement (In Spanish)	6 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in Geneva (Switzerland)	Successful completion of the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement	06-06-2014
3.	Regional SPS Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (In English)	8 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> September,2014 in Vienna(Austria)	Preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application	06-06-2014
4.	Regional SPS Workshop for Pacific Countries (In English)	Week of 10 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Nadi (Fiji)	Preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application	18-07-2014
5.	Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America (In Spanish)	Week of 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Montevideo (Uruguay)	Preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application	15-08-2014

2. It is therefore requested that nominations of officers duly approved/endorsed by the respective heads of wings may kindly be communicated to the undersigned at least one week before the deadlines dates mentioned against each workshops and also indicate whether they had completed /applied for the on line WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement.

3. The on line application form for SPS Technical Assistance Activities may be available at <https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.eu/forms/2014-wto-sps-tehnicl-assistanceapplication-form/> and details of above mentioned workshops including application processes, eligibility criteria, deadlines, funding and pre-requisites may be downloaded from the site: <http://www.wto.org/sp/ta>.

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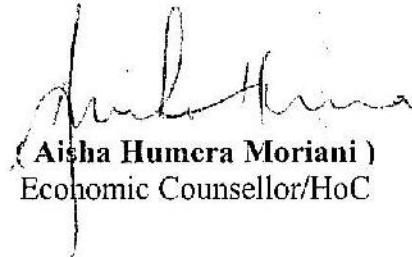
Geneva, the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

**SUBJECT: WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2014: GENERAL INFORMATION**

I am enclosing herewith WTO Secretariat's communication dated 05-05-2014 on the subject noted above.

2. This is forwarded for information and further necessary action at your end to participate in any WTO SPS technical assistance activity in 2014.

Enclosed as above

  
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**FAX**

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## WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2014: GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Permanent Representative,

I am pleased to present to you a summary of the WTO technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2014, in which your authorities may participate.

Detailed information regarding the activities, venues and dates, eligibility criteria, pre-requisites, selection process, and a link to the application form can be found in documents G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4 and G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4/Add.1.

### Activities planned for 2014:

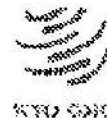
- Thematic SPS Workshop on Risk Analysis. From 13 to 17 October 2014 - Geneva, Switzerland. Application deadline: **6 June 2014**
- 2014 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement (In Spanish). From 6 to 24 October 2014 - Geneva, Switzerland. Application deadline: **6 June 2014**
- Regional SPS Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus. From 8 to 11 September 2014 - Vienna, Austria. Application deadline: **6 June 2014**
- Regional SPS Workshop for the Pacific (co-organized with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat). Week of 10 November 2014 - Nadi, Fiji. Application deadline: **18 July 2014**
- Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America (co-organized with the Inter-American Development Bank). Week of 17 November 2014 - Montevideo, Uruguay. Application deadline: **15 August 2014**

Interested officials should complete the application form (available at: <https://worldtradeorganization.wufoo.eu/forms/2014-wto-sps-technical-assistanceapplication-form/>), respecting the specified application deadline. Kindly see the attached flier.

Should you need further information about these activities, please contact Anneke Hamilton ([Anneke.Hamilton@wto.org](mailto:Anneke.Hamilton@wto.org), tel. +41 22 739 6566).

Yours sincerely,

Gretchen H. Stanton  
 Secretary to the SPS Committee



## WTO SPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN 2014

The WTO Secretariat plans to organize a number of specific technical assistance activities on the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) in 2014.

- **E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement** (<https://etraining.wto.org>)
  - E-Learning course in English, French and Spanish available throughout the year
- **National SPS Seminars**
  - Upon request by any WTO Member or Observer. For more information, please consult document G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4. The online application form to request a WTO National SPS Seminar is available at: <https://adobeformscentral.com/?fz=xdwzrKq551cW-ACYrvWhtqA>
- **Thematic SPS Workshop on Risk Analysis (in English, French and Spanish)**
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: Week of 13 October 2014
  - Open to all WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries may apply for funding
  - Pre-requisite: activity targeted at government officials holding direct responsibilities in the SPS area
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**
- **2014 Advanced Course on the SPS Agreement (in Spanish)**
  - In Geneva, Switzerland: 6 – 24 October 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Least-developed and developing countries
  - Pre-requisite: successful completion of the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (in English)**
  - Joint Vienna Institute – Vienna, Austria: 8-11 September 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **6 June 2014**
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Pacific Countries (co-organized with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat) (in English)**
  - In Nadi, Fiji: Week of 10 November 2014
  - Eligible: - WTO Members and Observers: Fiji; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu
    - Additional funding may be available (subject to confirmation) for: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **18 July 2014**
- **Regional SPS Workshop for Latin America (co-organized with the Inter-American Development Bank – IDB) (in Spanish)**
  - In Montevideo, Uruguay: Week of 17 November 2014
  - Eligible WTO Members and Observers: Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Bolivia, Plurinational State of, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
  - Pre-requisite: preference will be given to candidates that have successfully completed the WTO E-Learning Course on the SPS Agreement by the time of their application
  - Deadline for application for funding: **15 August 2014**

**For complete information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, funding, pre-requisites, and application processes, please consult documents G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4 and G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.4/Add.1, and the SPS Technical Assistance gateway at: <https://www.wto.org/psa/ta>**

The online application form for SPS Technical Assistance activities is available at:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?fz=xdwzrKq551cW-ACYrvWhtqA>