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Exchange of SPS-related information

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- **Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC)**

### **APEC Food Safety Pact<sup>1</sup>**

On the margins of the APEC meetings in Big Sky, Montana in May 2011, the 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum signed a memorandum of understanding with the World Bank (18 May 2011) to provide more capacity building funds to the poorer nations of the region to boost their own food safety and systems.

The signing ceremony was opened by Deputy US Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis who pointed out that the APEC region encompasses nearly half of the world's food production. In addition, the Deputy USTR indicated that APEC represents a "critical nexus between the quality of the regulatory environment ... and the openness to trade and investment and ultimately with the vibrancy of economic growth and quality of life in the region."

The APEC Subcommittee on Standards and Conformance's Food Safety Cooperation Forum and the World Bank will work together on training programs to improve food safety standards and practices in the region, as well as to facilitate trade. Australia and China co-chair the effort this year. Also participating was Grocery Manufacturers Association President Pam Bailey, whose organization is leading in the APEC public/private sector Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN).

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<sup>1</sup> Information taken from Washington Trade Daily - 19 May 2011. APEC press release also available at: [http://www.apec.org/en/Press/News-Releases/2011/0518\\_WorldBankMOU.aspx](http://www.apec.org/en/Press/News-Releases/2011/0518_WorldBankMOU.aspx)

- **FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex)**

**FAO Side Event on Food Safety Capacity Development Activities**

On the margins of the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme - Codex Alimentarius Commission (4-9 July 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland), FAO will hold a side event on food safety capacity development activities on Friday, 8 July 2011. This event is open to all delegates and will focus on discussing the scope and future direction of FAO's work on food safety capacity development. Information on the draft programme is included below:

Friday 8 July 2011  
Room 4 – 14:00 – 16:00

Draft programme

14:00 – 14:15	Introduction and Overview of FAO's food safety capacity development work	<i>Mary Kenny Food Safety and Quality Officer, FAO</i>
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**Focus on two capacity development tools currently under development:**

14:15 – 15:00	<b>Developing a Food Import Inspection Manual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why these guidelines? discussion with participants about their specific needs, their expectations</li> <li>• Proposed content of the guidelines: is it targeting the right questions raised during import control activities?</li> <li>• Field testing of the draft guidelines: are some specific countries interested by this initiative?</li> </ul>	Interactive presentation and discussion with participants facilitated by <i>Catherine Bessy, Food Safety and Quality Officer, FAO</i>
15:00 – 15:45	<b>Developing a Risk Analysis Toolkit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach undertaken to develop the Toolkit and ensure the training materials are practical</li> <li>• How this toolkit will help strengthen food safety systems based on risk analysis principles</li> <li>• Your feedback, challenges in using risk analysis approach, and ideas for testing at country level</li> </ul>	Interactive presentation and discussion with participants facilitated by <i>Mary Kenny Food Safety and Quality Officer, FAO</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Identification of future capacity building needs and specific tools  Summing up and conclusions	

• **GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAMME**

**Annual Report 2010**

The Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) has issued its 2010 Annual Report, which following the closure of the GISP Secretariat, also constitutes the final report from the GISP Secretariat.<sup>2</sup>

Among the numerous donors, partners and individuals which have contributed to GISP's achievements during the past 15 years, the GISP has recognized several key players who have contributed to the work of GISP:

- **Professor Harold (Hal) Mooney.** 'Founding father' of GISP and Paul S. Achilles Professor of Environmental Biology at Stanford University - for his extraordinary vision in creating GISP in 1996.
- **Dr Kathy MacKinnon.** Formerly Lead Biodiversity Specialist at the World Bank - for being an excellent champion of the issue and for securing an impressive amount of support for GISP from the World Bank.
- **GISP's Partner Organizations** for providing technical, logistical and financial support to GISP and playing an invaluable role in ensuring that the programme remained operational for 15 successful years. These partner organizations include: CAB International (CABI) - which is now the legal host of GISP under a bilateral Host Agreement; The Nature Conservancy (TNC); IUCN until October 2010; the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) until June 2010; and the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD).

GISP has also extended its thanks to the six Chairs who presided over GISP's Executive Board from 1996-2010: Professor Hal Mooney (Stanford University, US), Professor Jeffery Waage (London International Development Centre, UK; formerly CABI Bioscience, UK), Dr Guy Preston (Working for Water Programme, South Africa), Dr Mark Lonsdale (CSIRO, Australia), Dr Dennis Rangi (CAB International, Kenya) and Dr William Jackson (Parks Victoria, Australia; formerly IUCN, Switzerland), for providing great leadership and for freely sharing their wisdom on matters of relevance to invasive species.

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<sup>2</sup> This report is available on the STDF website at:  
[http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/News/GISP\\_AnnualReport-2010.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/Files/News/GISP_AnnualReport-2010.pdf)

- **INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)**

**IDB Activities developed on SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) related Issues**

**Capacity Building on SPS related issues**

***Demand-driven capacity building***

The Integration and Trade Sector (INT) has implemented capacity building activities for Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) governments and private sector on SPS related issues. The objectives of these activities are: i) to strengthen LAC capacity to address SPS related challenges; and ii) to foster the technical knowledge on SPS related requirements to access specific markets.

**Beneficiaries:** The target audiences are government officials from Ministries of Agriculture, Trade and Health, SPS Agencies, Export Promotion Agencies and private sector from LAC countries.

**Methodology:** These capacity building activities are organized based on a demand-driven approach. They aim at delivering training courses according to the specific needs raised by a particular country or region. They are derived from client-driven needs with a short to medium term scope and focus on rapid responses to demands emerging directly from the clients. The topics covered vary depending on the specific needs of the country or region where it will take place. These trainings are provided by INT experts, with the collaboration of other Donors (FDA, USDA/APHIS, European Commission), international (WTO), regional (SIECA, IICA, OIRSA) and local institutions (National Export Promotion Agencies, Chamber of Commerce).

Training activities implemented in 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

- Curso sobre los Requerimientos sanitarios y fitosanitarios de los Principales Mercados Importadores”, 12-13 April 2010, Ciudad de Guatemala.
- Ronda de diseminación de las Guías Para Exportar a la Unión Europea, 4-22 April 2010, Central America.
- AGRO-CAFTA Initiative: “Central American Capacity Building Program on the Requirements to Export Fresh and processed food to USA, 30 May- 2 June, San Salvador/ El Salvador (evaluation and update of the consultants trained by the AGRO-CAFTA Initiative)
- Fostering Trans-pacific trade Initiative: Conference “How to Export Food to Asia?” 25-29 April, Seoul/Korea. Detailed information available at: <http://events.iadb.org/calendar/eventDetail.aspx?lang=en&id=2615&>
- Fostering Haitian Exports of Fruits, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Port-au-Prince/Haiti Capacity Building Program on Pest Risk Analysis (under preparation with IPPC, APHIS and IICA)

***Supply-driven capacity building (IDB/WTO Capacity Building Program)***

The IDB and WTO have jointly developed a Training Program for trade negotiators in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by these institutions in February 2002. These trainings aim to strength the implementation of the WTO legal framework and to address a regional issue according to the countries priorities.

**Beneficiaries:** The target audience is national government officials from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) whose working responsibilities are closely related to the process of trade negotiation at the multilateral and regional levels.

**Methodology:** The list of courses and the agenda are designed jointly by the WTO and the IDB, according to the needs pointed out by the beneficiary countries. The material and agenda of the trainings can be found at INTAL website: [http://www.iadb.org/intal/calendario\\_articulo.asp?cid=266&tid=266](http://www.iadb.org/intal/calendario_articulo.asp?cid=266&tid=266)

### Trainings developed jointly by IDB/WTO, 2005-2010

Specific Scope	
NAMA	11
SPS	5
Trade Facilitation	6
Dispute Settlement	5
Trade and Environment	2
Trade and Development	5
Service	2
Agriculture	5
Others	3
Generic Scope	
Regional Trade Policy	6
WTO Negotiations Status	5
Regional and Multilateral Trade Agreements	5
Seminar for Academics on WTO negotiations	2
Seminar for Parliamentarians on WTO negotiations	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>

By Region	LA	Caribbean
2005	8	1
2006	9	4
2007	7	5
2008	10	4
2009	6	2
2010	7	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>18</b>

In 2010, the following training activities were held:

- WTO/IDB Regional Seminar on Agriculture, 26-28 April 2010, Buenos Aires/Argentina;
- WTO/IDB SPS Regional Seminar for Latin America, 2-5 November 2010, Lima/Peru.

Upcoming training activity in 2011:

- SPS Regional Workshop for the Caribbean, jointly organized by the IDB and WTO, 25-29<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Barbados

### SPS Database

The Integration and Trade Sector (INT) has developed a database (INTradeBID) that provides access to accurate and updated information about trade agreements, market access, trade statistics and indicators. It includes a set of applications that facilitates the understanding, analysis and implementation of trade agreements. It comprises a specific module on sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS), which provides information on:

- SPS related commitments negotiated in the regional trade agreements;
- Specific Trade Concerns raised before the WTO SPS Committee;
- Private standards;
- Import refusals at US and EU market due to the lack of compliance with SPS related requirements; and
- SPS related requirements to export agricultural products to some specific countries.

The SPS Database is available at: <http://www.iadb.org/topics/trade/int/tools/sps/Default.aspx>

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## INTradeBID | Market Access

This section comprises the main trade variables related to the preferential access of goods, such as tariffs, rules of origin, sanitary measures, quotas, and other special regimes.

INTradeBID

Rules of Origin, Tariff Reduction, Quotas, and TPL

SPS

### Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

SPS Home

SPS in Trade Agreements

Specific Trade Concerns

Rejected Exports

Private Standards

Requirements to Export

SPS in Trade Agreements

Specific Trade Concerns

Rejected Exports

Private Standards

Requirements to Export

## Loan and Grant Projects

INT leads and provides technical support in IDB loan and grant projects which have an SPS component. Some examples of the most recent projects approved and in the pipeline are as follows:

Project/Dep.	Title	Beneficiary	Value US \$	Year
NI-L1016	Foreign Trade Support Program	Nicaragua	10,437,000	2010
BL-L1009	Agricultural Services Program	Belize	5,000,000	2009
JA-L1012	Agricultural Competitiveness Program	Jamaica	16,000,000	2010
RG-T1679	Harmonized System of Bovine Traceability	Central America	1,900,000	2009
DR-L1048	Animal and Plant Health and Food Safety	Dom. Republic	10,000,000	2011
IIC	FINPYME Export Plus	SMEs in LAC	300.000	2010-12
FOMIN	AGRO-CAFTA	Central America		2008-11
RG-T1700	Toward Competitiveness in Global Trade in LAC: Learning from Asian Experience	LAC	335.000	2010-11
Under consideration	Strengthening Regional Agricultural Exports through improvement in Pest Risk Analysis	LAC	n.a	2011-12

More detailed information of the mentioned projects is available at: <http://www.iadb.org/en/projects/projects,1229.html>

From 2011, priority will be given to projects that aim at fostering regional integration according to the IDB current strategy, more specifically those related to trade facilitation/SPS procedures at customs, harmonization of regional SPS legal and institutional framework, etc. More information is available at: <http://www8.iadb.org/document.cfm?id=35905830>

## Research

INT has developed research on recent trends, challenges and opportunities in the field of SPS. Some examples of the latest publications are included on page 17 of this compilation document.

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- **INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE (ITC)**

**Information on SPS-related recent and forthcoming assistance and other activities from the International Trade Centre (ITC): Period covered April - June 2011**

**Projects:**

***Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)***

The projects in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, funded by SECO, are in their third phase. The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the sustainable expansion and diversification of SMEs' exports in Tajikistan through increasing the competitiveness of the textile and clothing industry and improving the quality management infrastructure of the country.

The specific objective in the areas of TBT and SPS, is to improve the capacity of SQAM<sup>3</sup>, TBT and SPS bodies and the regulatory infrastructure.

***Tajikistan***

Information has been provided to WTO on the contact details for the National Enquiry Points for TBT and SPS.

A study tour to two laboratories was organized, *inter alia*, for staff from the two accredited laboratories of Tajikstandart testing food and agricultural products in Hungary in March.

Work had been completed on filling the matrix for the current activities of the ministries/agencies in food safety control and initial validation of the matrix was carried out.

***Kyrgyzstan***

Work was ongoing in preparation for the pre-peer evaluation of the Kyrgyz Accreditation Centre by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation in July.

Work had been completed on filling the matrix for the current activities of the ministries/agencies in food safety control and initial validation of the matrix was carried out.

***STDF/PG/172: "Expanding Nigeria's export of sesame seeds and sheanut/butter through improved SPS capacity building for private and public sector"***

The Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) is the implementing agency of the project with ITC as supervisory agency. The project started in October 2010 and it is due to end in October 2012. Six-month progress report (October 2010 – March 2011) has been submitted and cleared by WTO/STDF. Request to WTO to release second tranche of funds has been submitted officially by NEPC.

The International Consultant on Quality Control has been recruited. During his first one-week mission in May 2011 a meeting with all the stakeholders was conducted to review the status of progress of the project components. A technical sub-committee has been set up to look at the issues pertaining to fabrication of machines (such as for sheanut/butter: Digester, Roaster, Milling machine, Oven, Cracker/shell separator, Bed drier, Fermentation/parboiling tank; for Sesame seed: Mobile thresher, Rotary drier, Storage container). An investigation for appropriate equipment in countries such as Benin, Ghana has been initiated.

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<sup>3</sup> SQAM: Standards, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Accreditation



***Empowering the African Private Sector Network to strengthen the international competitiveness of SMEs – Component 2***

This programme, funded by the European Commission and implemented by ITC (May-September 2012), is designed to reinforce the capacities of intermediary organizations in Africa, in their ability to increase their contribution to, and impact of the Aid for Trade agenda, by means of creating strong networks of enterprise level experts available and used by the intermediary organizations (IOs) in Africa for capacity building African exporting SMEs. Component 2 of the project aims at “*Maximizing export performance through implementation of food safety and quality management in the agro-business sector*” with the following objectives:

- To build the capacities of 15 experts, able to train and advise exporting SMEs in the field of food safety
- To build the capacity of 15 SMEs in food safety in order to increase their compliance with food hygiene and safety requirements, productivity; and improve their competitiveness in export markets
- To create and mobilize the network of Trainers-cum-counsellors (TcCs) to activate the delivery and reach of the ITC Food Safety programme

The component is implemented from May to September 2011 in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda. The counterpart institutions are the three National Standards Bodies. The component delivers capacity building of TcCs on food safety pre-requisites, HACCP, and coaching on quality audit techniques for enterprises from the agro-processed sector through trainings and coaching at the enterprise level.

**Other ITC projects of interest:**

***Non-Tariff Measures project***

ITC continues the successful implementation of the non-tariff measures (NTM) survey in several developing and least developed countries (LDCs) this year. During the period March-June 2011, the NTM survey was launched in two countries, namely Madagascar and Egypt. Reports of surveys which were completed last year (e.g. Sri Lanka and Burkina Faso) will be shortly released to the public. Following some of the recommendations of the NTM survey, a mission was conducted in Burkina Faso in May 2011 to obtain information about some of the priority actions identified by stakeholders in November 2010 to enable proposals to be submitted for follow-up. Meanwhile the surveys are drawing to an end in other countries such as Rwanda, Malawi and Kenya. In parallel to the NTM surveys, ITC continues also the collection of official NTM data in several countries, including some of those where the surveys are taking place.

For more information about NTM project, please contact Ms. Poonam Mohun, ITC, NTM Market Analyst, Market Analysis and Research: Tel: +41 22 730 0277; Fax: +41 22 730 0577; Email: [mohun@intracen.org](mailto:mohun@intracen.org).

***Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD)***

ITC's new market analysis tool, Standards Map, allows users to compare private standards with regards to, for example, their governance structure, social, environmental and economic criteria, and requirements for implementation. Compliance to these standards is not legally required by governments or regulations, but it could lead to more sustainable environmental practices or potentially open up new markets.

As of June 2011, Standards Map covers 41 private standards developed by non-governmental organizations and private entities. Additional standards will be continually added to the website, with approximately 62 standards available by October 2011.

A capacity building programme for producers and exporters in Developing Countries has been launched with initial training being carried out in Costa Rica, Peru, Vietnam, and South Africa. Participants benefit from a better understanding of standards and the opportunities and challenges they entail.

Standards Map is also available in Spanish and French. Should you be interested in a live demonstration of the website or in a webinar, please contact Joseph Wozniak, Programme Manager ([wozniak@intracen.org](mailto:wozniak@intracen.org)).

### ***ACCESS! Programme***

The ACCESS! Programme, initiated under the Canadian-funded Programme for building African Capacities for Trade (PACT), is a gender-focused, regional trade support programme aimed at improving the trade support services offered to African businesswomen in international trade, with a view to promoting their economic empowerment.

The ACCESS! programme's Business Counselling component was started in partnership with UWEAL<sup>1</sup> and CAWEE<sup>2</sup>, the ACCESS! Focal Point (AFP) institutions in Uganda and Ethiopia, to provide post-training assistance, coaching and business counselling services to participating women entrepreneurs, and will run over the course of the year 2011.

Nineteen (19) AFPs (including UWEAL and CAWEE) are starting their ACCESS! Export national pilot training in June and July 2011.

### **ITC website**

On 11 April 2011 ITC launched its new website ([www.intracen.org](http://www.intracen.org)) with audience focused information architecture. The website usability for ITC clients (e.g. Exporters, Trade Support Institutions and Policy Makers) has improved.

### **Joint ITC-ISO Workshop on “Linking Trade Promotion Organizations and National Standards Bodies for Export Success”**

ITC and ISO organized in partnership a regional three-day workshop on “Linking TPOs and NSBs for Export Success”, hosted by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and co-hosted by the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania from 21 to 23 June 2011.

Some 50 senior officials from NSBs and TPOs representing 22 Anglophone countries in Africa explored how linkages between TPOs and NSBs could be strengthened to improve the international competitiveness of enterprises and developed joint action plans.

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- **MERIDIAN INSTITUTE**

**7<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting (March 23, 2011) in Yaoundé, Cameroon - Summary of Discussion: Side Event on SPS Issues and Formation of a Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA)**

On March 23, as part of the 7<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform meeting, Meridian Institute, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the African Union Commission hosted a side event on SPS Issues and the proposed formation of a Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA). The meeting was well-attended by a broad range of participants from African governments, farmers organizations, private sector, African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities, and donors. The presenters ably outlined the broader food safety issues and aflatoxin concerns, the concrete case for aflatoxin control in Kenya, and the array of possible programs and activities needed to control aflatoxin.

During the side event, meeting participants offered many constructive comments and recommendations, based on their own experiences with aflatoxin contamination in Africa. Participants expressed strong support for an Africa-owned partnership for aflatoxin control that takes action at national, regional, and Africa-wide levels. Participants also supported creating a working group on incorporating (“mainstreaming”) broader sanitary and phytosanitary issues into the CAADP framework. Some of the comments from participants are included below:

*General Comments*

- Aflatoxin directly impacts CAADP Pillar 2, which includes creating opportunities to access global, national, and local markets. Trade agreements require compliance with SPS rules. Addressing aflatoxin will help with trade.
- Participants expressed strong support for a Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa. Suggestions included:
  - Farmers should have a strong voice in the partnership. Build the partnership from the ground up.
  - The private sector will have a critical role to play in addressing the problem - engage them in the partnership.
  - Identify existing programs that can be integrated in an effort to control aflatoxin, e.g., value chain development.
  - Actions should be both sub-regional (i.e., within countries) and regional.
  - Regional Economic Communities should play an important role, for instance in harmonization of standards and strengthening regional testing and analysis capacity.
  - At the continental level, ARSO will become a specialized agency of the AU and will work with national standards bodies in Africa to harmonize standards and develop standard protocols for testing, sampling, etc.
  - Action is needed now. How will we manage actions together? Find pilot projects to demonstrate how partners can collaborate to implement action for effective aflatoxin control.
- Participants also supported the creation of a CAADP Working Group to mainstream SPS issues into the CAADP Programme.
- Participants from EuropeAid and USAID expressed strong support for holistic action on aflatoxin and continuing with the partnership approach. They also supported drawing attention to SPS issues. The EC called attention to the EDES program (a 30M Euro program) that can assist in all stages of aflatoxin control.

*Need for Information, Interventions and Incentives*

- Information is critical; information on health impacts, economic and trade impacts, information about effective interventions, information for farmers, companies, regulators, policy makers, etc.
- There is good experience in various value chains, e.g., cocoa, to inform implementation of effective interventions. Awareness raising among producers and other actors in the value chain

and early testing to detect aflatoxin contamination are key elements of effective interventions. A reasonable impact can be made on controlling aflatoxin with good post-harvest practices.

- In many cases, producers won't know that their crops are contaminated with aflatoxin. This creates a large risk. It also creates a dilemma, in particular for those farmers who consume part of their crop.
- Experience in The Gambia shows that farmer capacity-building needs to start with very basic information.
- Malawi added that different stakeholders and different countries have different levels of understanding (e.g., random tests of peanut butter being sold in stores in Malawi showing 400ppb aflatoxin contamination, and nobody had ever thought to test before).
- Parliamentarians are often overlooked, but can be effective communicators to build awareness among farmers.
- What is the incentive for farmers – especially those who rely on their production to feed their families – to adopt best practices aimed at minimizing aflatoxin contamination?
- It is critical to create incentives for adoption of best practices by creating tiered pricing systems. We should work with regulators and large buyers of crops to create these tiered systems.

#### *Options for Controlling Aflatoxin/Solutions*

- Considering the fact that the level of contamination is often not known, expensive to test, and that it can be difficult (and expensive) to adopt best practices, would an intermediate option be to use food additives (binding agents) to neutralize toxins?
- Products such as Aflasafe, a safe, cost-effective biocontrol product, that reduces aflatoxin in the field and stores, will be available in the market. Aflasafe has been provisionally registered by the Nigerian National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, and has been approved for on farm tests in Nigeria. Over the past 2 years, Aflasafe has resulted in reducing aflatoxin contamination of maize and groundnut consistently, by 80-90%.

The final communiqué from the 7<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP is available at: <http://www.merid.org/~media/Files/Projects/Aflatoxin%20microsite/CAADPmtg/Communique%20of%20the%207th%20PP%20Final%20v0%206%203%202011.pdf>. The final communiqué mentions the outcomes and next steps from the side event, including the intention to form a CAADP Working Group on SPS issues.

For more information on aflatoxin issues, including materials contained in the SPS/aflatoxin information packet, 7<sup>th</sup> CAADP PP side event presentations and discussion summary from the side event, visit the following websites: [http://www.merid.org/aflatoxinpartnership/CAADP\\_PP.aspx](http://www.merid.org/aflatoxinpartnership/CAADP_PP.aspx) and <http://www.nepad-caadp.net/pdf/7th%20pp%20document%20link2.pdf>.

#### **PACA Funding Meeting**

Meridian has been working with a broad range of partners to develop a Concept Note describing the creation of a Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA) as endorsed by the CAADP PP meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) leadership has requested that Meridian Institute, in partnership with many key organizations, develop a proposal for the foundation's portion of funding to create the PACA and fund activities to control aflatoxin on-the-ground.

The grant would be implemented using a phased approach. Phase 1 would last 2 years and include projects to demonstrate best practices in aflatoxin control using a comprehensive approach, as well as creation of the PACA structure and identification of the permanent home for PACA. During Phase 2, the permanent PACA structure would focus on scaling up activities needed to control aflatoxin in many parts of Africa. Meridian will work closely with a range of partners to develop a solid proposal for review by BMGF by mid-July.

In addition, The United States announced that it is committing \$12 million for aflatoxin control in Africa. The announcement was made during the tenth annual Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum in Lusaka, Zambia on 10 June 2011. The funds will support the objective of the African-led Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA).  
<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110610.html>

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- **WORLD BANK**

### World Bank - Projects

The following table provides an overview of projects being undertaken by the World Bank. The description of these projects and related documents can be found in the WB operational portal.<sup>4</sup>

Project Name	ID	Country	Region	Start of Project (FY)	Date of approval	IDA/IBRD Loan (millions)	Quality/SPS Sub-component (millions)	Status	Closing date
Small-Scale Commercial Agriculture Development	P055434	Bosnia-Herzegovina	ECA	2003	25/03/2003	12	0.3	Active	31/12/2009
Arid Lands Resource Management Project Phase II	P078058	Kenya	AFR	2003	19/06/2003	60	1	Active	30/06/2009
Gansu and Xinjiang Pastoral Development	P065035	China	EAP	2004	09/09/2003	66.27	10.2	Active	30/06/2010
Enhancing Competitiveness: Trade Facilitation and Productivity Improvements	P070038	Honduras	LAC	2004	21/10/2003	28.06	3.45	Active	30/09/2008
Diversified Farm Income and Market Development Project	P075184	Philippines	EAP	2004	22/06/2004	60	15	Active	30/06/2009
Agricultural Rehabilitation and Sustainable Land Management	P064558	Burundi	AFR	2005	27/07/2004	35	2	Active	31/10/2010
Modernizing Agricultural Knowledge And Information Systems Project	P086949	Romania	ECA	2005	16/11/2004	50	13.2	Active	30/09/2010
Integrated Development Program for Irrigated Agriculture APL #2	P088828	Mauritania	AFR	2005	17/03/2005	39	0.7	Active	31/12/2010
Agricultural Competitiveness Project	P049721	Kazakhstan	ECA	2005	28/04/2005	24	12.7	Active	30/07/2010
Rural Development Project	P078544	Georgia	ECA	2005	17/05/2005	10	2	Active	30/06/2010
Business Environment Reform & Institution Strengthening Project	P079552	Macedonia	ECA	2005	21/06/2005	11.3	2.8	Active	30/03/2010

<sup>4</sup> The WB operational portal can be accessed via: <http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30>

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Agricultural Transition Project	P082167	Colombia	LAC	2005	28/06/2005	30	7.4	Active	31/03/2010
Mali Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification	P081704	Mali	AFR	2006	05/07/2005	46.4	8.2	Active	30/06/2012
Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project	P091715	Croatia	ECA	2006	16/02/2006	30.14	6.51	Active	30/04/2010
Agricultural Markets and Agribusiness Development	P083609	Senegal	AFR	2006	28/02/2006	35	8.2	Active	31/12/2011
Agricultural Development Support Program	P070063	Zambia	AFR	2006	18/05/2006	40	1	Active	30/06/2012
Ag. Development and Market Diversification Project	P081567	Burkina Faso	AFR	2006	20/06/2006	50	2.5	Active	31/03/2013
Market led Smallholder Development in the Zambezi Valley	P093165	Mozambique	AFR	2006	20/06/2006	20	3.9	Active	31/03/2013
Tanzania Agricultural Sector Development Program	P085752	Tanzania	AFR	2007	06/07/2006	90	2	Active	31/12/2011
Reducing Technical Barriers for Entrepreneurship and Trade	P087811	Kyrgyz Rep	ECA	2007	13/07/2006	5	2.5	Active	30/04/2011
Rural and Private Sector Development Project	P096105	Sierra Leone	AFR	2007	15/05/2007	28	6.12	Active	14/11/2012
Agriculture Strengthening and Accession Project	P101216	Macedonia	ECA	2007	12/06/2007	20	3.6	Active	30/09/2011
Agriculture and Rural Development Project	P101213	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ECA	2007	19/06/2007	21	5.51	Active	30/06/2012
Agricultural Commercialization and Trade	P101750	Nepal	SAR	2009	06/04/2009	30	3.1	Active	30/06/2015
LAOPDR Customs and Trade Facilitation Project	P087140	Laos	EAP	2008	04/06/2009	6	ND	Active	31/12/2013

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Niger Agro-Pastoral Export Program	P095210	Niger	AFR	2009	26/03/2009	40	ND	Active	30/04/2014
Montenegro Agriculture Reform	P107473	Montenegro	ECA	2009	21/04/2009	15.7	3	Active	30/06/2014
Vietnam Livestock Competitiveness and Food Safety	P090723	Vietnam	EAP	2009	15/09/2008	65.26	65	Active	31/12/2015
Jilin Agricultural Product Safety and Quality Project in China	P101716	China	EAP	2010	13/05/2010	100	100	Active	30/06/2016
Productivity Enhancement and Export Promotion	P086635	Iran	MENA	2010		20	TBD	Proposed	Proposed
Programmatic Food Safety (Technical Assistance Non-Lending)	P116000	Turkey		2009	23/02/2009	0.145	0.145		30/06/2010
Community Agricultural Resource Management and Competitiveness Project	P120028	Armenia		2010		14	2.5	Proposed	Pipeline
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