



STANDARDS *and* TRADE
DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

A global partnership to improve SPS capacity and facilitate *safe trade*

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WTO SPS Agreement

Recognizing
Members' **right** to
protect human, animal
or plant life or health



Obligation to avoid
unnecessary
barriers to trade



Driving sustainable SPS results

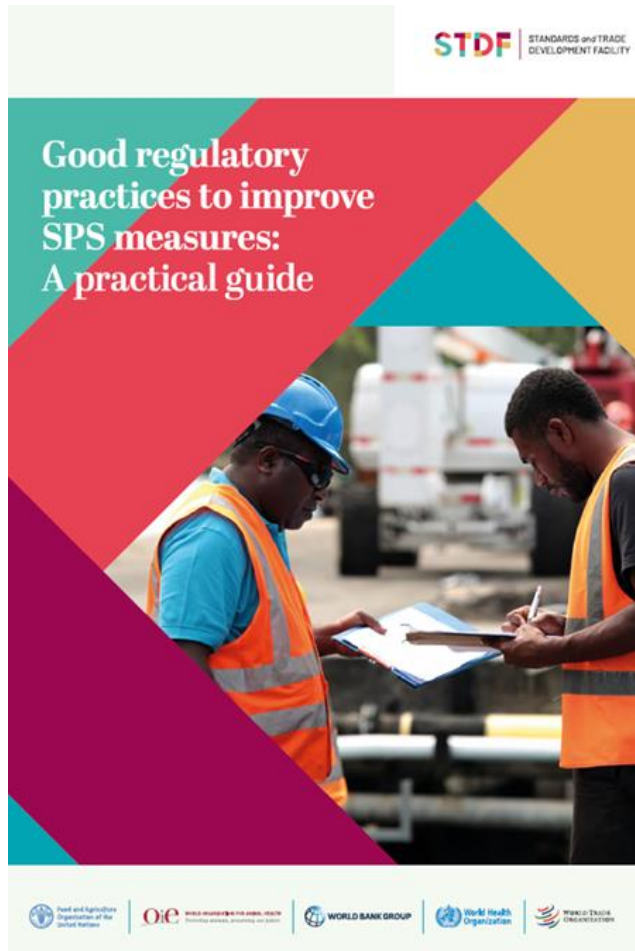
Funding mechanism for innovative and collaborative SPS projects/project development - based on international standards

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Global platform for coordination and dialogue, and identification and dissemination of good practice



Facilitating agri-food trade in Africa



Increase investments in SPS capacity

Promote dialogue/coordination across regions, governments, private sector

Use GRPs to improve design/ implementation of SPS measures

Reduce SPS-related trade costs

Use innovation and data-driven digital approaches

AGRA/STDF Policy Brief + [webinar](#) on 17 Oct.

Opportunities to benefit and learn

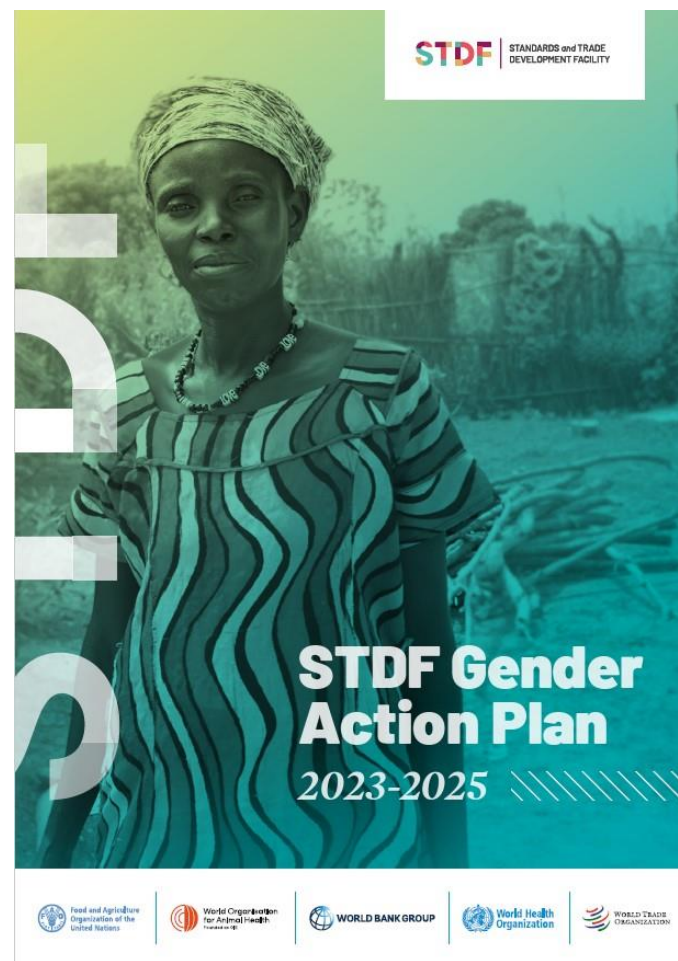
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