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The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is a global partnership that supports developing countries in building their capacity to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards, guidelines and recommendations as a means to improve their human, animal, and plant health status and ability to gain or maintain access to markets. The STDF was established by the FAO, OIE, World Bank WHO and WTO. Donors, selected developing country experts and other organizations involved in SPS capacity building also participate.

The STDF acts as both a coordinating and a financing mechanism. The STDF's network brings together leading trade, health and agriculture experts worldwide to address persistent and emerging SPS challenges, and drive forward joined-up solutions. It acts as a knowledge hub, sharing available know-how, tools and good practice to build on what exists. It creates synergies with related initiatives, and promotes innovative and cross-cutting approaches to SPS capacity building. As a financing mechanism, STDF provides a limited number of grants for projects and project development. Projects address key food safety, animal and/or plant health issues that affect the ability to gain and/or maintain market access. Detailed information on the STDF is available on the STDF website:

www.standardsfacility.org

The side event will provide an overview about the STDF, highlighting recent work and results, as well as opportunities to access STDF funding.