





Joint Workshop on Non-Tariff Measures (NTM) and Trade Promotion under IMPACT and SAFE Projects

22 September 2023

Dili, Timor Leste

Agenda

Friday (September 22) – National Workshop with DPP/Biosecurity, Customs, Trade, Relevant Government Agencies and Private Sector				
Time	Activity	Responsible Party		
08.30 – 09.00	Registration of Participants & Setting the Scene (before workshop starts – objectives for the day)	SPC		
Welcome and Opening				
09.00 – 09.15	Housekeeping, Prayer	SPC/DPP		
	Welcome remarks by the EUD, Department of Plant Protection or Trade, UNCTAD and SPC	Reps from the agencies		
09.15 – 09.30	Setting the Scene on Timor Leste's Trade and Investment Relationships	Department of Trade (DOT)		
Objectives: sensitize participants to the impact of NTMs on trade and introduce the NTM component within the IMPACT project; present the first ever collected NTM data of Timor Leste and strengthen the capacity of assessing market information, including the NTM data; solicit feedback on project activities.				
09.30 – 10.30	NTMs, their effect in Trade, and introduction of the IMPACT project	UNCTAD		
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea Break (and Group Photo)			
11:00 – 11:20	Presentation of the summary of NTMs in Timor Leste	National consultant, UNCTAD		
11.20 – 12.00	Presentation of TRAINS Portal and Global Trade Helpdesk (including demonstration on how to find export information on one product to the EU)	UNCTAD		
12.00 – 12.15	Summary of the UNCTAD topics and open floor discussion (Q&A type)	UNCTAD		

Session 2: Export challenges faced by Timor Leste

Objectives: allow government departments (Plant Protection and Trade), with inputs from the private sector, to discuss key challenges and opportunities for export with the aim to generate collective discussions on ways to address some of the issues and the type of assistance the projects may be able to provide

12.15 – 13.00	Timor Leste's Export Market Challenges with a focus on the EU Markets	DPP
13.00 – 14.00		

Session 3: SAFE Pacific Project

Objectives: inform participants about the work of the Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community (POETCom) and assistance available to both public and private sector through SAFE; dive deeper into sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS)/biosecurity requirements – why compliance is important and how trade (that is, businesses) are affected when biosecurity risks are detected

14.00 – 15.00	Organic certification as a path to exporting to niche and	SPC – Jim Pierce	
	high end markets; assistance available through SAFE Pacific Project – POETCom		
15.00 – 16.00		SPC – Riten Gosai	
16.00 – 16.30	Afternoon Health Break		
16.30 – 17.00	Open Forum. Questions: A. Interest in other agri-commodities apart from coconut, coffee, kava, turmeric and their products, particularly in regard to the EPA and potential export to the EU? B. What opportunities and challenges exist for these commodities?	SPC (Visoni Timote), Government officials, Private Sector	
17.00 – 17.15	Closing Remarks	SPC, UNCTAD, DPP/DOT	
18.00 - 21.00	Networking Session	TBC	
END OF WORKSHOP			