

**The Joint SDG Programme entitled “Food Security and Livelihoods Resilience Through Analytical, Capacity Building and Policy Support in Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy and Finance**

**Validation Workshop**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Location:** Hilton Hotel

**Time:** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Draft Annotated Agenda**

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**Project Outputs**

**Output 1.3:** Trade data collection and analysis with cost-effectiveness assessment of trade related regulations and consumer protection policies with the aim to protect the most vulnerable from external shocks impacting on food security and build resilient business environment.

**UNCTAD** - Cost-effectiveness assessment of trade related regulations and consumer protection policies for one selected important staple food product (selection of product based on criteria incl. importance for food security and domestic economy in coordination with JP partners and RCO).

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The principal objective of the workshop is to increase the ability of participants to review and assess the implementation and cost effectiveness of Non-Tariff Measures (NTM). Specifically, the workshop will enable participants to:

- Share perspectives and learn from the experiences in working to implement NTMs.
- Work as a group to identify tools, activities, and approaches that support effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation NTMs.
- Discuss lessons learned to date in the implementation of NTMs and analyze obstacles to achieving desired trade outcomes.
- Identify and record further capacity-building needs and knowledge gaps for follow-up activities.
- Discuss opportunities for aligning national NTMs with international commitments related to trade facilitation.
- Discuss and develop action plan for implementation based on findings presented.

The proposed agenda and organization of work for the workshop follows.

### **AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<b>Session/Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Speaker (s)</b>
8:30am – 9:00am	<b>0.Registration</b>	
9:00am - 9:30am	<b>1.Opening Remarks</b>  1.1Introductory remarks, overview of the project, workshop’s objectives and UNCTAD, WFP, FAO work in Barbados	UNCTAD Representative: <b>Mr. Ralf Peters-Chief, Trade Information Section</b> UN Barbados: <b>Mr. Cleveland Thomas, UN RC a.i. Babados; Head ITU</b>
9:30am - 9:45am	<b>2.Opening Remarks</b>  2.1 Introductory remarks, brief country context on the current trade scenario of agricultural products in Barbados and its trade barriers	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security: <b>Mr. Terry Bascombe-Permanent Secretary</b>
<b>9:45am -10:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:00 - 10:45 am	<b>3.Understanding NTMs and UNCTADs Work in this area</b>  3.1 Presentation on NTMs and their impact on trade, UNCTADs work	UNCTAD Representative: <b>Mr. Ralf Peters-Chief, Trade Information Section</b>
10:45am- 11:00 am	<b>4. Question and Answer</b>  <b>4.1</b> Participants invited to pose any questions on NTMs	UNCTAD Representative: <b>Mr. Ralf Peters-Chief, Trade Information Section</b>
11:00am – 11:45am	<b>5. Presentation of Findings of Project</b>  5.1 Presentation of the findings of the study on the impact of NTMs on agricultural trade in Barbados	UNCTAD Trade Policy Expert- <b>Ms. Kemi Linton</b>

11:45am – 12:15pm	<b>6. Discussion and Validation of Findings</b>  6.1 Participants will be given the opportunity to validate the findings presented and provide their input	UNCTAD Trade Policy Expert: <b>Ms. Kemi Linton</b>
12:15pm - 12:30pm	<b>7. Presentation of Policy Recommendations</b>  7.1 Presentation of policy recommendations for addressing the identified trade barriers and improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector in Barbados	UNCTAD Trade Policy Expert: <b>Ms. Kemi Linton</b>
12:30pm- 1:15pm	<b>8. Discussion and Validation of Recommendations</b>  8.1 Participants will be given the opportunity to validate the recommendations presented and provide their input	UNCTAD Trade Policy Expert- <b>Ms. Kemi Linton</b>
1:15pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Lunch Break/ Group Photo</b>	
2:15pm - 2:45pm	<b>9. Presentation of Technical Requirements on NTMs- Plant Quarantine</b>  <b>Question and Answer</b>	Plant Quarantine and Plant Pathology Division, <b>Mr. Michael James-</b> Officer-in-charge
2:45pm - 3:15pm	<b>10. Presentation Trade Data Collection and Analysis - Barbados (Output 1.3 cont.)</b>	UNCTAD: <b>Terence Leonard,</b> ASYCUDA Regional Advisor
3:15pm – 3:55pm	<b>11. Discussion on way forward and work plan for implementation</b>  11.1 Summary of the key outcomes from the workshop and discussion on next steps for development of workplan for implementation of policy objectives	UNCTAD Representatives
3:55pm-4:00pm	<b>Closing</b>	UNCTAD Representatives