MSG Regional Action Plan

Action 2: Data Collection

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Background

- Noticeable gap in the availability of various kinds of <u>data</u>
  - Trade level : Import and export volume and value; Types of FTAs; Regulatory information (NTMs), etc.
  - Production level : Production volume and value; Number of farmers, etc.
  - Farmer level : Income level; Cost, etc.

- Available but difficult to use
  - Decentralized sources
  - Multiple sources

Problems

- A significant barrier to make an informed and evidence-based decision on green and sustainable trade by government officials and traders.
  - Any less regulated sectors?
  - Bottleneck?
  - Market trends? Consumer preferences?
  - Economic benefit of VSS?

- Monitoring
- People outside the countries

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Objective, Actions

- Systematically collect trade policies related data (NTM and VSS) and address the gaps in data availability.

1. Review or strengthen a data collection system.
   - Identify crucial metrics and data sources
2. Exchange information on data collection methods at the MSG level.
   - Data collection methods, data itself
3. Improve national data collection with new technologies WISELY
   - One additional column in the customs system
   - Geographic information system for auditing

Effort

- ASYCUDA World for customs data

- TRAINS Online Database for (NTM) data

- Pacific Community (SPC) Pacific Data Hub

- ESCAP Policy and Data Integration tool

- National Trade Portals

Actors

- National Governments (MSG Member States)
- MSG Secretariat
- International and Regional Organizations
  - UNCTAD: NTM data collection and analysis
  - SPC, ESCAP, PIFS
- Private Sector Representatives

Thank you!

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