

2024 SPS Transparency Champions Reconnect to Share Action Plan Results



Participants of the 2024 SPS Transparency Champions Course during the in-person session in Geneva, October 2024.

Participants of the 2024 SPS Transparency Champions Course reconvened online from 11 to 13 June for a Follow-up Session to review the results of their action plans aimed at strengthening sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) transparency-related matters.

The Follow-up Session marked the second phase of this capacity-building programme, following the in-person segment held in Geneva in September–October 2024. Over three days, 21 participants presented the achievements of the action plans developed during the initial course segment. Each presentation was followed by an interactive Q&A and discussion round, allowing for peer review and comments from trainers and fellow participants.

Key successes reported included the submission of SPS notifications, increased collaboration with the private sector in reviewing and commenting on incoming notifications, and the rollout of targeted training activities using materials prepared in local languages. Participants also made headway in drafting guidelines for the SPS National Notification Authority (NNA) and Enquiry Points (NEPs), and in setting up national SPS committees.

Several participants reported progress in increasing the number of registered users on the [ePing SPS&TBT Platform](#), which enables the tracking of SPS and

Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) measures. ePing's communication functions were increasingly leveraged to enhance stakeholders' engagement, while coordination with regional and international bodies was also highlighted. Participants also acknowledged the challenges faced and shared practical solutions, emphasizing the role of persistence in driving progress, among others.

The Follow-up Session served as a collaborative platform for peer learning, experience-sharing, mutual support, and to explore strategies to maintain momentum and institutional support for SPS transparency initiatives. The global network of SPS transparency champions resulting from this course will be maintained through the course's dedicated virtual classroom on the [WTO's e-Learning Platform](#).