

COURSE SYLLABUS

SPS, Trade & AfCFTA Food Safety Training

DURATION

3 Days (Flexible)

FORMAT

In-Person or Virtual

LANGUAGE

English, French

This SPS, Trade & AfCFTA Food Safety Training is a 3-day program that helps regulators, trade officials, and industry teams understand how food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures shape market access and regional trade across Africa.

Tailored for trade ministries, food safety authorities, regional bodies, and development partners, this bilingual (English/French), in-person or virtual course examines the practical link between national food control systems and cross-border trade, with a specific focus on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its Protocol on Trade in Goods, including Annex 7 on SPS measures.

Participants explore the harmonization of standards and regulations across regional economic communities, the requirements exporters, SMEs, and agro-processors must meet to trade safely under AfCFTA, and the trade-related food safety challenges that arise between countries with differing regulatory capacities.

The training positions food safety as an enabler of trade rather than a barrier, aligning with the WTO SPS Agreement, the AU SPS Policy Framework, and Codex Alimentarius standards, and equips participants to support harmonization, compliance, and safer intra-African and international trade.

What You'll Learn

- The link between food safety, SPS measures, and market access in regional and continental trade
- The AfCFTA Protocol on Trade in Goods and its Annex 7 on sanitary and phytosanitary measures
- Harmonization of food safety standards and regulations across regional economic communities
- Practical requirements for exporters, SMEs, and agro-processors trading under AfCFTA
- Common trade-related food safety challenges between countries and how to address them
- The role of Codex Alimentarius and international standards in facilitating safer trade

Who Should Attend

Trade ministries and regional economic community officials

Food safety and SPS regulatory authorities

Exporters, SMEs, and agro-processors seeking market access

Development partners and donor-funded trade facilitation projects

Training Agenda Snapshot

TOPIC	FOCUS
Topic 1	Food Safety, SPS, and Trade — foundations, terminology, and the WTO SPS Agreement
Topic 2	AfCFTA and Food Safety — the Protocol on Trade in Goods, Annex 7, and continental frameworks
Topic 3	Harmonization and Compliance — aligning standards across regional economic communities
Topic 4	Supporting Exporters and SMEs — practical readiness for safer regional and continental trade

Certification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion recognizing their readiness to support SPS-aligned, trade-facilitating food safety practices.

Request This Training

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