

# IICA MATERIALS AND INSTRUMENTS TO SUPPORT COUNTRIES ON SPS RELATED CAPACITIES

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# Presentation Outline

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Codex Initiative

# PVS TOOLS

# Performance, Vision, Strategy Tools

In recent years, IICA has designed instruments for evaluating the performance and implementation of development strategies for AHFS systems

Four instruments have so far been developed – veterinary, food safety, plant protection and SPS services.

Work is currently in progress on a fifth instrument – an emergency response tool for plant and animal pest and disease outbreaks.

These instruments rely on participation and interaction by various stakeholders in the private and public sectors.

# Performance, Vision and Strategy (PVS) *for*



National Veterinary Services



Organisation  
Mondiale  
de la Santé  
Animale

World  
Organisation  
for Animal  
Health

Organización  
Mundial  
de Sanidad  
Animal

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture  
Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura



# Performance, Vision an Strategy (PVS) *for*



National Plant  
Protection Organizations

Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura  
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# Performance, Vision and Strategy (PVS) *for*



National Food Safety Services

# Performance, vision and strategy (PVS)

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For sanitary and phytosanitary measures:  
An institutional vision

# Performance, Vision, Strategy

## Performance

- Determine current level of performance

## Vision

- Create a shared vision with private sector on how the services should perform in the future

## Strategy

- Establish priorities and facilitate strategic planning to fulfill vision



# How the PVS Instrument is Applied

Using the SPS PVS  
as an example:  
there are 3  
fundamental  
components

- Interaction within the public sector and with the private sector.
- Capacity to access international markets
- Human and financial capital

There are 15  
variables under  
these  
components

- Each variable has accumulative levels of progress from which to choose the appropriate response.



# Internal Communication

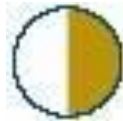
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The public sector does not have mechanisms for dialogue among the various ministries and other entities and between these and the users.



The public sector maintains informal internal communication and with the private sector.




The public sector initiates and promotes internally and with the users concerning existing and proposed regulations.



The public sector organizes forums and meetings with the users to establish new or improve existing programmes and services.

Optimum

# Application of the PVS Tool



The application of the PVS must be accompanied by a broad representative consultation process involving both the private and public sector.

The results of the application of the tool can be shared with various users in the public and private sectors who have a common interest in improving the vision and performance of the institutions.

# STDF Project

IICA implemented the STDF funded project to assess the level of implementation of the SPS Agreement in countries in the Americas



The assessment was done using the SPS PVS developed by IICA and applied in 14 countries in the Region



The project was a follow-up to the very successful SPS Initiative and was implemented in two phases

The first phase was the application of the PVS

The second phase consisted of several sensitization seminars for policy makers.

# The following are some findings of the application of the SPS PVS in the Region:

Poorly organized or fragmented AHFS systems with little or no legal authority

Inadequate communication and information sharing within Ministries and with private sector

Insufficient and inadequately trained personnel

Inadequate and outdated legislation

Poor representation at international forums

Inadequate laboratory and diagnostic capabilities

# SPS Initiative of the Americas



An initiative to facilitate the attendance of countries of the Americas to attend the SPS Committee meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.



The Initiative started in October 2002 and continued to October 2008. All 14 countries in IICA's Caribbean region attended and participated in the meetings.



Of note, during one of the meetings in 2005 St. Vincent and the Grenadines raised the issue of the negative impact of Private Industry Standards on small economies. The subject has since remained on the meeting agenda.



# CODEX INITIATIVE

## Name of Project

Promotion of the participation of the Americas in the Codex Alimentarius.

## Objective of the Initiative

To promote development in the countries of the capabilities required to participate more effectively in and benefit from the Codex Alimentarius and to promote a regional approach to Codex Issues.

## Beneficiaries of the Initiative to date

Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Dominica have benefited so far. Meetings attended: Contaminants in food; Food Labeling; Pesticide Residues; Food Additives; Fruits and Vegetables

## Upcoming meetings

Food import and Export Inspection and certification systems; Nutrition and Foods for Special dietary uses; Food hygiene

# Thank You

