High-Level Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation through International Standards and Mutual Recognition of Agricultural Machinery Testing

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Recommendations from Day 1

• Ensure to avoid any replication or overlap with other similar initiatives by other international organizations, by following the demand and needs indicated by member States.
• Collaborate with other organizations having diverse experiences in the field and keep reflecting the diversity of needs and practices in the region.
• Clearly define the work of ANTAM in relation to Codes, Standards, Certification.
• Do not place ANTAM as an alternative to national systems’ standards, but as a system to harmonize them.
• Establish a network of test laboratories whose reports are accepted across participating members.
• Identify the most appropriate instrument to implement a mutual recognition system.
Technical Expert Group

- Provide technical feedback and advice to CSAM on effective ways and modalities to advance an ANTAM mutual recognition system through intergovernmental processes, with the involvement of major groups and other stakeholders, as appropriate.

- Develop a clear road map with milestones and roles for (i) integrate the technical work of the ANTAM NFPs and TWGs; (ii) map adoption processes at national level and stakeholders to involve; (iii) ensure test report recognition.

- Comprise national focal points from authorities in charge of standards, and/or recognized experts in the field.

- Established under the CSAM Governing Council*, to whom it would report.

- Membership open to experts nominated by member States, for a x-year mandate.

- Proceedings to be shared with all member States, regardless of their participation in the Expert Group.

*The CSAM GC reports to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific