



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE**

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**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ON THE KENYA-US STRATEGIC TRADE & INVESTMENTS PARTNERSHIP- AGRICULTURE/SPS CHAPTER**

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The Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Federal Government of the United States of America have been engaging in bilateral trade negotiations aimed at establishing a Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP) since July, 2022. These engagements have prioritized on eleven (11) key areas of interest to both parties, notably Agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures. Subsequently, three rounds of text-based negotiations have since taken place, aimed at achieving a mutually beneficial standard trade agreement.

To uphold transparency and inclusivity in the negotiation process and aligning with the constitutional requirement on public participation (Article 10(2a)) and the provisions outlined in the Statutory Instruments Act (2013), the Ministry has been conducting stakeholder consultative meetings. This is aimed at ensuring that the interests, inputs, and concerns of relevant stakeholders and the general public are duly considered,

In this regard, the Ministry has scheduled a series of stakeholder and public consultation meetings in the agriculture sector during the months of January to March 2024, as follows:

<b>Tentative Programme Guide</b>				
<b>Thematic Area</b>	<b>Value Chains</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Intellectual property rights- Geographic Indications (GIs)</b>	Selected Dairy Products e.g. Cheeses	Kenya Dairy Board	22/01/2024	10.00 am.
	Alcoholic beverages: Wines & Spirits	NACADA	22/01/2024	2.00 pm.
	Meats & Meat products	DVS	23/01/2024	10.00 am.
	Tea	AFA-Tea Directorate	23/01/2024	2.00 pm.

	Coffee	AFA-Coffee Directorate	24/01/2024	10.00 am.
	Nuts	AFA	24/01/2024	2.00 pm.
Sustainable Agriculture	All agricultural sub-sectors	State Department for Crops	25/01/2024	10.00 am.
Agricultural biotechnology	All agricultural sub-sectors	NBA and KALRO	25/01/2024	2.00 pm.
SPS Measures- Plant Health	Horticulture (fruits & vegetables)		26/01/2024	10.00 am.
SPS Measures- Animal health and Fisheries	Meat, Poultry, Dairy and Fish	State Department for Livestock	26/01/2024	2.00 pm.
SPS Measures- Food & feed safety	Processed food, Spices & other food additives and intermediate products	Ministry of Health and Kenya Bureau of Standards	26/01/2024	10.00 am.

The consultative meetings will take place in virtual form.

All stakeholders in the Agriculture sector and allied value chains are invited.

Additionally, you may submit written memoranda on your areas of interest via email to my office through the following address: [ps.trade@trade.go.ke](mailto:ps.trade@trade.go.ke) or [psfortrade@gmail.com](mailto:psfortrade@gmail.com) and copy to [mrgeodero@gmail.com](mailto:mrgeodero@gmail.com).

To register for participation in the various consultative meetings kindly use the link: <https://forms.gle/1DKnTfW5MtfKcEvt8>

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