

Monday, 2 November 2020
10:30-13:00 CET, Geneva
WTO SPS Committee [Virtual Event](#)

Farmers' Perspectives on SPS Challenges for Sustainable Food Production and Trade

Seminar Opening Remarks

Ambassador Gloria Abraham, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the WTO

Challenges and Opportunities Facing Agriculture in the 21st Century

- **Ms. Beth Bechdol**, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Global Economic Impact of Missing and Low Pesticide MRLs

- **Dr. Robert Ahern**, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative - MRLs, Sustainable Food Production, and Trade
- **Ms. Sabina Neumann**, U.S. International Trade Commission - Presentation of Findings of [Report](#): Global Economic Impact of Missing and Low Pesticide MRLs, Vol. 1

Producers Panel: Farmers' Perspectives on the Main SPS Challenges for Food Production and Trade, Moderated by Ambassador Gloria Abraham

- **Mr. Sergio Laprade Coto**, Environmental and Social Responsibility Coordinator, Agricultural Engineer, MSc, National Banana Corporation (CORBANA), Costa Rica
- **Ms. Deborah Piovan**, President of the National Federation of Oil and Protein Crops of Confagricoltura, Italy
- **Mr. Okisegere Ojepat**, CEO, Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya (FPC), Kenya
- **Mr. Jeroen Pasman**, Commercial Director, The Fruit Republic, Vietnam

Discussion of Solutions and Concluding Remarks

- **H.E. Santiago Bertoni**, Minister of Agriculture of Paraguay

There will be simultaneous interpretation in French, Spanish, and English

Questions for the panel discussion may be sent to spsfarmerseminar@gmail.com

Please [register here](#) to attend

This seminar is organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, and the United States



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