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IMPROVING FOOD SAFETY IN AFRICA AND ASSISTING AFRICAN FOOD EXPORTS TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

**WORKSHOP FOR OFFICIALS OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION,
THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES, AND SPECIALISED BODIES.
CAPE TOWN 12-14 OCTOBER 2010**

A pan-African workshop on the harmonisation of food hygiene standards within Africa, is being organised jointly by the European Commission (EC) and the African Union Commission (AUC) in Cape Town from 12- 14 October under the programme "Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) Africa".

The workshop will deal with the topic of SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary measures) as well as with elements of the **BTSF Africa** programme including:

- evaluating the performance of veterinary services;
- improving national and/or regional legal frameworks;
- the twinning of laboratory technicians between Europe and Africa;
- the training of Chief Veterinary Officers as well as
- officials of the AU Commission, Regional Economic Communities and specialised bodies.

The workshop will draw participants from regional farmers/food associations, international organisations such as WHO, OIE, UNIDO, Codex/Africa Committee, and ARSO, as well as officials from EU Delegations in Africa and DG SANCO (Brussels).

You are invited to a press conference on:

Tuesday, 12 October at 10h00
Upper East Side Hotel
Brickfield Rd, Woodstock, Cape Town
Tel: +27 (0) 21 404 0570

For more information on "Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) Africa" see:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm

Information on other EC programmes in the SPS fields can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/universal-issues/hunger/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/natural-resources/index_en.htm

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