

## Programme

Tuesday, November 29

09:30 – 10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:15 OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

National Anthem  
*Ma. Flordeliza C. Leong, Sr. Manager, Promotions Services Advocacy and Communications Department PHILEXPORT*

Opening Remarks  
*Mr. Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr., President, PHILEXPORT*

*Undersecretary Salvador S. M. Salacup, Department of Agriculture, Philippines*

*Mr. Nigel Garbutt, Chairman, EUREPGAP*

*Dr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD secretariat*

10:15 – 11:00 Introductory presentation: Food safety and quality requirements, international trade rules and the role of international supply-chain requirements such as EUREPGAP  
*Speaker: Dr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD secretariat* ➔

11:00 – 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

### Session 1: Sustainable and Safe Agriculture- Issues & Challenges

*Session Chairperson: Ruben J. Pascual, PSYADVANTAGE*

11:20 – 11:45 Development aspects of food safety and quality requirements and their implications for developing countries  
*Speaker: Miguel Bautista, Philippine Mission to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva* ➔

11:45 – 12:00 Questions and answers

12:00 – 12:30 Health and environmental risks of pesticides and the role of integrated pest management  
*Speaker: Dr. Lynn Panganiban, National Poison Management and Control Center, Philippines* ➔

12:30 – 13:00 Questions and answers

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

### Session 2: Market Access

*Session Chairperson: Ms. Rosemarie Castillo, Business Development Manager- Food, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines*

14:30 – 14:50 Trade requirements on Food Safety & Sustainable Agriculture  
*Speaker: Terry Baabs, TESCO Quality Division* ➔

14:50 – 15:10 Experience in the Philippine Mango Sector - Gaining Market Access  
*Presenter: Roberto Amores, President, PHILFOODEX Trustee, PHILEXPORT – Food Sector President, Philippine Mango Exporters Foundation* ➔

15:10 – 15:30 Questions and answers

15:30 – 15:50 TEA BREAK

15:50 – 16:15 Building up an Internal Control System for Certification to EUREPGAP Option 2 – the GTZ-EurepGAP Smallholder Manual  
*Speaker: Ms. Doris Guenther, GTZ, Germany* ➔

16:15 – 16:30 Questions and answers

### Session 3: Consultation on Benchmarking National GAPs to EUREPGAP

*Session Chairperson: Dr. Alicia Lustre, Director, Food Development Center, Philippines*

16:30 – 17:00 Facilitating trade through the application of EurepGAP  
*Speaker: Nigel Garbutt, Chairman, EUREPGAP* ➔

17:00 – 17:15 Questions and answers

17:15 – 17:45 Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Thailand  
*Speaker: Dr. Vicha Sardsud, Department of Plant Pathology, Chiangmai University,* ➔

17:45 – 18:05 Thailand experience of compliance with GAP; initiative of Western GAP Cluster in Thailand  
*Speaker: Dr. Roongnapa Korpraditskul, Head, Environmental Sciences, Central Laboratory, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand* ➔

18:05 – 18:30 Questions and answers on the Case of Thailand

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09:30 – 10:00 Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Malaysia  
*Speaker: Mr. Christie Robert, qa plus asia-pacific sdn. bhd, Mr. Sathianathan Menon, qa plus asia-pacific sdn. bhd.* ➔

10:00 – 10:30 Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the EurepGAP benchmarking option – the case of the Philippines  
*Speaker: Dr. Luis Rey I. Velasco, Chancellor, University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines* ➔

10:30 – 10:40 Questions and answers

10:40 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 11:30 Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Vietnam  
*Speaker: Ms. Hoang Thi Thuy, Economics Faculty University of Agriculture and Forestry (UAF) Vietnam (co-author of paper)* ➔

11:30 – 11:45 Question and answer session on the case of Vietnam  
*Moderator: Msr. Nguyen Trong Mai, Vietnam*

11:45 – 12:00 Key Issues of effectively using and implementing the benchmarking option under EurepGAP in developing countries  
*Discussant: Dr. U. Hoffmann, UNCTAD Secretariat*

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion Group work (participants are free to choose their subject)

**Group 1:**  
Strengths and weaknesses of EurepGAP in Asia – current experiences from Asian producers. EurepGAP is harmonizing purchasing standards of individual retailers and thereby avoids confusion among producers and consumers; Predictability of requirements and related efforts and investments for producers and exporters; Are the detailed technical requirements of EurepGAP actually serving its purpose/objective? Uncertainty whether EurepGAP retailers will actually buy preferentially from EurepGAP certified producers; Risk of undue influence of specific interests.  
*Facilitator: Mr. Azizi Meor Ngah, Chief Executive, Malaysian Palm Oil Association (MPOA)*



**Group 2:**

What are the main differences between national GAPs (e.g. Thai GAP and China GAP) and EurepGAP in terms of objectives (national food safety versus meeting export requirements), scope (domestic market versus export market), target audience (large numbers of local producers versus small numbers of specialized growers producing for export), etc? Implications for bench-marking?  
*Facilitator: Ms. Doris Guenther, GTZ*

**Group 3:**

Discussion of key issues that emerged from the country-case studies on reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option  
*Facilitator: Mr. Nigel Garbutt, EUREPGAP*

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH



- 14:30 – 15:00 Presentation of outcome of group discussions to plenary and open discussion  
*Facilitator: Dr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD Secretariat*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Summing up the stakeholder consultations  
*Moderator: Dr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD Secretariat*  
*Mr. Nigel Garbutt, EurepGAP*
- 15:30 Closure of meeting  
*Sr. Undersecretary, Thomas G. Aquino*  
*Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines*