

Overview of TSPN Charter

Charter Sections 4.0 – 6.0

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Outline

- Membership
- Annual Meetings
- Steering Committee
- Secretariat
- Work Program
- Technical Groups



Membership Criteria

- Commitment to the mission of the TSPN
- Commitment to designating one or more individuals to become actively engaged with the TSPN
- Ability and willingness to contribute to attaining TSPN objectives through sharing institutional knowledge, implementation experiences, and participation in TSPN sponsored projects and activities
- Contribution of content to TradeStandards.org
- Willingness to make financial and/or in-kind contributions to the TSPN.



Membership Categories

- **Core Members**: Core membership is open only to non-profit organizations that contribute financially and/or technically to support TSPN activities. Only Core members can be part of the SC governance structures established for the TSPN.
- **Associate Members**: Organizations and/or individuals that contribute financially and/or technically to support TSPN activities.



Member Roles

- Propose activities and products to the TSPN
- Implement activities approved in the TSPN work plan
- Raise funds for the TSPN
- Represent TSPN at external events in coordination with the Secretariat
- Contribute content to TradeStandards.org
- Participate and lead Technical Groups



TSPN Annual Meetings

- Coordinated by the Secretariat
- Meeting held in parallel to content/thematic sessions
- Participants at the annual meeting include associate, affiliate, and individual members, and other invited guests
- Topics include results of the thematic sessions, planning activities, reporting on past activities, etc.



Governance Overview

- Steering Committee operates by consensus
- Steering Committee serves as the decision making body for the TSPN and defines and directs the fund allocation strategy
- The Secretariat coordinates the day to day operations of the TSPN



Steering Committee Composition

- Representatives from relevant multilateral organizations and bilateral donors
- Up to three representatives from regional organizations representing developing countries
- Up to three representatives from international non-government organizations actively working in the area of standards
- Chair and Vice-Chair of Steering Committee may come from any of the four members



Steering Committee Selection

- Multilateral and bilateral organizations may serve as Steering Committee as appropriate for an undefined period of time
- Developing country organizations
 - Appointed every two years
 - Nominated by any member of the TSPN
 - Appointed by consensus by non developing country members of Steering Committee
- International NGOs
 - Appointed every two years
 - Nominated by any member of the TSPN
 - Appointed by consensus by non International NGOs
 - members of Steering Committee



Steering Committee Roles

- Defines and approves the policy and strategy for TSPN
- Monitors and evaluates program progress
- Takes note of parallel activities contributing to TSPN objectives and aligns them to TSPN work program
Defines selection criteria for activities included in the approved work program
- Contributes to the fund raising activities as much as possible



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Roles and Responsibilities of Secretariat

- Coordinates the preparation and implementation of the three-year work plan and annual work programs
- Manages the TSPN on a day-to-day basis, and monitors and assures progress in the implementation of specific activities
- Recruits and manages research/knowledge sharing consistent with work plan objectives
- Contributes to fundraising of TSPN research, workshops, and other products
- Manages TSPN finances in accordance with the financial management systems of the institution housing the Secretariat
- Develops (and with SC approval) implements plan for securing the longer-term sustainability of the TSPN through the receipt of core funding
- Leads effort to identify, capture, use, and showcase innovations and best practices by TSPN members and others with potential for broad dissemination
- Further develops and manages the content of www.tradestandards.org
- Generates/disseminates regular newsletters
- Liaises with other networks and institutions to maintain up-to-date information on parallel and complementary analytical and policy/stakeholder dialogue initiatives
- Provides SC members with regular reports on the status of TSPN activities
- Distributes to SC members an agenda for each SC meeting based on views and proposals solicited from SC members
- Circulates the records of the deliberations of the SC to SC members
- Provides TSPN members with assistance in the development of proposals for activities
- Receives and evaluates proposals from TSPN members



TSPN Work Program

- Three-year work program with specific annual activity plans
- Work program and annual plans are prepared by the Secretariat in close consultation with SC members, other TSPN members, and TSPN working groups (when applicable)



Technical Groups

- Established by the Secretariat in coordination Steering Committee
- Provide advice or support the planning and implementation of specific TSPN activities
- Comprised of Core and Associate Members
- Each Group has a Chair and a Work Program
- Provides an update on the progress of their activities at each TSPN Annual Meeting.



www.tradestandards.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of TradeStandards.org. At the top is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Standards, Sectors, Partners, Projects, Glossary, Contact Us, and Search. Below the menu is a banner with the site logo and the tagline 'Integrating developing country producers into the value chain.' To the right of the banner is a news snippet about East African flowers access to European markets. Below the banner is a 'Website Preview' warning box. The main content area features an article titled 'Assisting African smallholders to meet market requirements' with a small image of a farmer. To the right of the article is a 'Sectors' list including Animals and Livestock Products, Cereals, Cocoa, Coffee, Cotton, Fisheries, Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables, Herbs, Spices, and Medicinal Oils, Non-Timber Forest Products, Oil Palm, Oilseed, Sugar, Tea, Tourism, Tree Nuts and Groundnuts, and Wood Products. Further right is a 'Social Standards' section with a photo of a child and a world map. Below that is a 'Projects Worldwide' section listing Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East, and North America. At the bottom left is a 'Partners' section with logos for PIP (Pesticides Initiative Programme) and Rainforest Alliance. At the bottom right is a 'Standards Reference' section listing categories like Animal Health, Environmental Sustainability, Food Safety, Labor Rights and Conditions, Organics, Plant Health, and Product Quality. A 'MORE ARTICLES' section is located below the main article, listing several recent news items with expandable icons.

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Integrating developing country producers into the value chain.

▲ East African **flowers** access European markets through MPS and EurepGAP certification. [More](#)

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Social Standards

Sectors

- Animals and Livestock Products
- Cereals
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Cotton
- Fisheries
- Flowers
- Fruits and Vegetables
- Herbs, Spices, and Medicinal Oils
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- Labor Rights and Conditions
- Organics
- Plant Health
- Product Quality

Partners

- PIP Pesticides Initiative Programme
- Rainforest Alliance
- Social

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Assisting African smallholders to meet market requirements

Annual meeting of the TSPN identifies a range of common themes and lessons learned by contrasting different TSPN members and other practitioner organizations implementation experiences in the context of small farmer compliance with market requirements. [Learn more](#)

MORE ARTICLES

- [TSPN to establish a formal Secretariat](#)
- [Rural Bolivian farmers debut on international markets](#)
- [Integrating Conformance and Compliance](#)
- [Barrier, Catalyst or Distraction: Standards, Competitiveness, and Africa's Groundnut Exports to Europe](#)
- [Global multi-stakeholder initiative on the adoption of sustainable practices in the coffee sector](#)
- [Manuals focus on regulations, standards and certification requirements for agricultural producers and exporters](#)
- [Exporting high-value vegetables from Tanzania](#)
- [World Development Report for 2008 addresses agriculture for development](#)