



VC 3: STANDARDS AND MARKET PREFERENCES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

WAY FORWARD AND ACTION PLAN FOR ZAMBIA

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	LEADER	ASSUMPTION	INDICATORS
Regional GAP Formation	Formation of the Horticultural Working Group (HWG) is in progress. This will spearhead among other issues interaction with COMESA, ZEGA, SPS, ZBS, OPPAZ on communication about the Green Pass awareness, harmonization and agreement	To be advised. Meanwhile the Food Security Research Project will coordinate this.	There is Government support to COMESA SPS harmonization efforts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formation of the HWG 2. Documents available and shared with the group and representatives of all stakeholders 3. Meetings on harmonization organized & recommendations from the VC 3 discussed 4. Recommendation document adopted by Government and COMESA member countries
Linking national technical committees	Find opportunity to link the following committees: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. SPS Technical Committee ii. ZEGA iii. OPPAZ iv. ZBS v. City Council & Ministry of Health Food Inspectors Set up a common agenda for national/ regional standards in horticulture Fast tracking of national policies under review Establishing and developing a central database on	To be advised. Meanwhile the Food Security Research Project will coordinate this.	No conflict of interest	Increased sharing of information through e-mail (list of all relevant contacts developed), meetings and exchange of relevant reports. Progress reports to be prepared and exchanged as well

	certifiers and records for farmer accreditations			
National and regional capacity building and awareness program on standards and GAP	<p>Translation:</p> <p>a) GAP</p> <p>b) Pesticides Safe Use & Handling</p> <p>Publicity Plan for producers, retailers & consumers</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Designing a training program for inspectors, laboratory technicians, auditors, field extension workers and policy makers</p>	To be advised. Meanwhile the Food Security Research Project will coordinate this.	There is Government and donor support on resource mobilization for use in logistics	<p>Number of documents disseminated</p> <p>Number of radio, TV, Print media articles</p> <p>Feedback on impact of the campaign before and after the campaign</p> <p>Training programs designed with the list of trainers</p> <p>More farmers mobilized into groups and formal entities</p>