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AUTHORS MEETING ON SP-SSM CASE STUDIES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL PRODUCTS

Meeting Programme

Venue: WMO Room C2 **Time:** 09:30 – 17:00 **Date:** 19 January 2007

- 09:45 - 10:00 [Welcoming remarks](#)
Ricardo MELENDEZ-ORTIZ
Executive Director ICTSD
- 10:00 – 11:30 [Introduction to ICTSD methodology for the
identification of special products \(SP\) and
products eligible under special safeguard
mechanism \(SSM\)](#)
Christophe BELLMANN
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)

Raul MONTEMAYOR
Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives, Philippines
- 11:30 - 12:30 [Lessons from previous country studies](#)
Mr. Fred A MIENCHA
Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)

Anura HERATH
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Sri Lanka
- 12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

USING INDICATORS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL PRODUCTS: LESSONS FROM ICTSD COUNTRY STUDIES

- 14:00 - 17:00 [Introductory remarks](#)
Ricardo MELENDEZ-ORTIZ
Executive Director ICTSD

Rengang HUANG
Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to
the WTO

MODERATOR:

Maria F.M. ALBERTO-CHAU HUU
Senior Agriculture Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO

14:00 - 17:00 [Revised indicators for the identification of special products](#)

The G-33 has recently undertaken a process of reviewing its Special Products indicators. In order to contribute to this discussion, country study researchers will present their experience in using the indicators established as part of the ICTSD research methodology. They will suggest ways in which the indicators might usefully be rationalised, by clarifying those that may be overlapping and redundant, and by focusing on the practical aspects of data collection in the countries in which they conducted their research.

[Anura HERATH](#)

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[MODERATED DISCUSSION AND Q&A](#)

RELATED ICTSD LITERATURE

[HTTP://WWW.AGTRADEPOLICY.ORG](http://www.agtradepolicy.org)

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