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## **SCCI ATTENDS TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE SEMINAR IN NAIROBI**

The Seychelles Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI) CHAIRMAN *Marco Francis* is attending a seminar on “*Improving Cooperation in Technical Barriers to Trade and Quality Infrastructure in the COMESA region*” being held at the Boma Hotel in Nairobi, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The seminar’s agenda will focus on presentations of the quality infrastructure state of play in the COMESA region, the role of COMESA in the Pan-African infrastructure, the ACP-EU technical barriers to trade programme, the EU tools for trade facilitation as well as bilateral meetings with stakeholders in the framework of project formulation.

Besides actively participating in the discussions, SCCI Chairman Francis will be using this opportunity to network with the stakeholders and highlight the specifics of Seychelles as a small island state within this framework.

*Technical barriers to trade* (TBTs), a category of nontariff barriers to trade, are the widely divergent measures that countries use to regulate markets, protect their consumers, or preserve their natural resources (among other objectives), but they also can be used (or perceived by foreign countries) to discriminate against imports in order to protect domestic industries.

TBTs with the greatest impact on agriculture are the various sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures designed to protect humans, animals, and plants, from diseases, pests, and other contaminants. The broad phrase technical barriers to trade is frequently applied to all of these types of measures, even where they might be legitimate and consistent with bilateral or multilateral trading rules.

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