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Her Excellency Mrs. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, GCSK, CSK, PhD, President of the Republic of Mauritius and ARSO Standardisation Goodwill Ambassador. Formerly an ARSO Expert in African Traditional Medicine, ARSO THC 13, H.E. Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim, GCSK CSK is a Mauritian biodiversity scientist who serves as President of Mauritius. As such, she is the Head of State and Commander in Chief of the Republic of Mauritius. H.E. Gurib-Fakim is the first woman elected President of Mauritius and is the third woman to serve as Head of State following Elizabeth II and Monique Ohsan Bellepeau, who acted as President in 2012 following the resignation of then President Anerood Jugnauth, and again in 2015 following the resignation of then President Kailash Purryag. She is currently the Managing Director of CIDP Research & Innovation (formerly Cephyr, Centre for Phytotherapy Research) where she devotes her time to research the medical and nutritive implications of indigenous plants of Mauritius.
Mrs. Treasure Thembisile MAPHANGA. Mrs. Treasure Thembisile Maphanga is the Director, Trade and Industry responsible for trade, industry, mineral resources and customs matters within the African Union. Since 2012 she has managed various continental initiatives including the Continental Free Trade. From 2008 – 11 she was the Chief, Office for Africa, International Trade Centre, a joint agency of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations, based in Geneva where she coordinated the ITC strategy and programs in Africa. She served briefly as the Deputy Country Director for ICAP Swaziland before joining the African Union Commission in April 2012. She holds an Executive Master’s Degree in International Negotiations and Policy making from the Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland (2010), a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from Trent University, Canada (1989).
Kevin McKinley, Acting ISO Secretary-General. Kevin McKinley was Deputy Secretary-General from 2003 until taking up the post of Acting Secretary-General in August 2015. Prior to this he was Director at the Standards Council of Canada, a Crown Corporation responsible for Canada's National Standards System. Kevin has also held senior posts at the Canadian Standards Association, Canada's largest standards development organization and was involved in national standardization issues in business management and worker safety. Kevin began his career in the oil and gas industry at Esso Petroleum Canada, serving as a Construction Project Engineer and later as the Contact Engineer supporting Esso's environmental operations at Sarnia Refinery in Ontario, Canada. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Ottawa and a Mechanical Engineering degree from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.
Dr Eve Christine Gadzikwa, D.H.L, MBA, FIML&CS, Grad Dipl IMM. Eve, the ARSO President Elect, has enjoyed an illustrious professional career which spans over 25 years in the public and private sector. Eve was appointed to her current executive position as Director General of the Standards Association of Zimbabwe in September 2008. She is the organisation’s Company Secretary and Governance champion. During her tenure at the helm of SAZ, Eve has successfully lead a diverse team of professionals, represented her organisation on national, regional and international (ISO, SADC, COMESA) SQAM Committees & platforms. An experienced medical laboratory scientist (Microbiologist), Eve is a Fellow of the Institute of Zimbabwe Medical Laboratory and Clinical Scientist Council, Proficiency Testing & SQAM expert and business administrator. Eve has been recognised through several business excellence accolades, chief among them, 2014 Board Chairperson of the Year (Zimbabwe Business Awards Council).
Dr Hermogene Nsengimana. Dr Nsengimana is the Secretary General of the African Standardization Organization, ARSO and has been at the helm of this important organization for 5 years. A scientist by training, Dr Nsengimana has been involved with standardization and quality infrastructure issues in general for more than 10 years, one time as a Rwanda Expert and Chair in one of the EAC Standards Harmonisation Committees and also as EAC and Rwanda Expert for ISO Standards Technical Committees. Instrumental in the formation of the PAQI, Dr Nsengimana became the first Chairperson of the PAQI forum serving 2 years in the position, a mandate which was recently extended for another two years by the PAQI Forum.
Mr Reuben Gisore. Currently pursuing is Doctorate (PHD) degree in Development Studies; Mr. Gisore holds a BSc degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineer from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) and started working at the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) as a Standards Officer responsible for Electrotechnical and Renewable Energy Standards (1997). In 2003, was appointed to represent Kenya in the harmonization of standards and trade negotiations in the East African Community and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and contributed to the formulation of the East African Community Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (EAC SQMT) Act 2006 and the COMESA Standardization and Quality Assurance (COMESA SQA) Policy. He was instrumental in negotiating the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. He joined ARSO in July 2012 as Technical Director. Mr. Gisore holds a Master’s Degree in Development Studies.
Marie-Claude Drouin. Marie-Claude Drouin. Member of the Quebec Bar since 1997, Ms. Marie-Claude Drouin holds an MBA and a Master of Laws from Laval University, whose essay focused on the interest of the ISO 14001 standard for companies and protection of the environment. She began her career at Industrial Research Centre of Quebec (CRIQ) as Legal Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary. Later, she continued her career in the Bureau de normalization du Québec (BNQ) as Business Development Manager, Communications and International Relations. She takes now advantage of its unique experience to ensure the development and positioning of the RNF Association in the world as a general secretary. In 2015, she was winner of the AFNOR-Gold Standards for outstanding contributions to international activities related to the French language and standardization.
Tim Brooke. Tim Brooke is Vice President of the Certification, Training and Proficiency Testing division of ASTM International. He is responsible for providing management and direction for the Product and Personnel Certification Program, the Environmental Product Declarations Program, Technical Training and E-Learning Program, and the Proficiency Testing Program. In addition Tim is responsible for managing the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory and the Test Monitoring Center. Tim joined ASTM over twenty years ago and held several positions in other divisions. He has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master’s degree in Business Administration.
Mr. Bogdan Topič (SIST, Slovenia), Vice President Finance. Bodgan Topič (SIST, Slovenia) is President of the Slovenian Institute of Standardization (SIST), and represents SIST in the framework of CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, ISO, IEC and ITU-T. He has a PhD from the University of Ljubljana and an MBA from Bled Business School. DR Topič has extensive experience of Standardization, metrology and accreditation, and also spent many years serving in top management (CEO) positions in various companies. Mr. Topič was elected CENELEC Board Member in June 2012 and Vice-President Finance in June 2013.
Mrs Masego Marobela was appointed Managing Director of the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) effective 1 January 2010 having served at BOBS within different capacities since BOBS’ inception in 1998. Mrs Marobela has a Master’s Degree in Business Administration, a Master of Science Degree in Analytical Chemistry and is a qualified Quality Management Systems Auditor. She has also immensely contributed to the success of the SADC Technical Barriers to Trade Structures’ strategies and programmes by collaborating with colleagues and stakeholders nationally, regionally and internationally.
Christopher Lindsay. Christopher Lindsay is the Manager of Government Relations for the IAPMO Group based in Washington, DC. In this role, he actively works on legislative and regulatory issues impacting the water and construction industry. Christopher’s experience related to development issues includes serving in the White House, as well as working for corporate and family foundations. An outspoken advocate for clean water and sanitation, Christopher has assisted government ministries in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the MENA region to improve governance, develop human capital, and implement the mechanisms necessary to build supply chain capacity.
Dr. Barbara Siegmund. Dr. Barbara Siegmund is a natural scientist with experience in development work focusing mainly on Africa. After being employed by the German Government she worked for a consulting company with a thematical focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation. The last three years she spent in East Africa working for the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Her main responsibilities were seconding the Ugandan government in coordinating climate change activities and providing organizational support to the Ugandan Ministry of Water and Environment. Further on she coordinated the donor activities in this thematic field in Uganda.
HUSSEIN SUIFAN ALLY. Mr. Sufiani currently is working as a Director of Corporate Affairs for Bakhresa Group of Companies. One of the biggest food processing company in Sub Sahara Africa with operations in Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa. His work entails liaising with all government departments including ministries, Regulatory Authorities, Agencies and other Stakeholders. Prior to the current position, He worked as an Assistant General Manager for Said Salim Bakhresa & Co LTD, one of the Bakhresa Group affiliates companies for Six years. Earlier he spent six years working as a Quality Assurance manager for Bakhresa Food Product Limited. Another affiliated company of Bakhresa Group. Prior to this he worked as a Laboratory Manager for the same company for a period of three years. Mr. Sufian holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Dar es Salaam.
Eric Salaun. Mr. Salun Business Development and Sales Director – Africa DNV GL - Business Assurance. After spending 7 years as a Technical Director and Quality Manager in the electro-technical industry, Eric joined DNV GL in 1993 as a HSEQ Lead auditor and Principal Consultant. He held several positions in the French subsidiary, and as Managing Director for this unit from 2002 to 2012 he started to develop activities in Africa. In 2012 he was asked to build a strategy for the development of DNV GL - Business Assurance in Africa. This strategy was approved by the CEO and the board, and Eric was asked to implement it. The strategy is based on the fact that there are huge opportunities in Africa, while in the meantime the continent is also facing significant challenges. To take up these challenges, DNV GL is in a unique position to provide its experience and expertise in Sustainability, Food safety, Energy efficiency... In a nutshell, this strategy is based on knowledge transfer.
Ms. Thabisa Mbungwana. Ms. Mbungwana has extensive international relations’ experience and is currently the Senior Manager for Strategic Partnerships and International Relations at SABS. Prior, she worked for the South African National Department of Science and Technology (DST) as Director: Strategic Partnerships, and was responsible for South Africa’s science, technology and innovation relations with the European Union, promoting South Africa’s participation in the EU’s Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). She also worked for the British High Commission in South Africa. Previously, she also worked at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Eskom as an Environmental Officer and Senior Environmental Advisor, respectively. Ms Mbungwana has an MSc in Environmental Sciences from Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden, as well as a BSc (Hons) degree in chemistry and mathematics, obtained from the University of Fort Hare. During her stint as an intern at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), she was awarded an Innovation Award by the Innovation Fund for the “Amadrum” project.
Joseph Tretler Jr. Vice President, International Policy, American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Joseph Tretler Jr. is the American National Standards Institute’s vice president for international policy. Mr. Tretler assumed this role in 2014, where he is responsible for leading ANSI’s policy coordination and liaison activities related to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), the European Organization for Testing and Certification (EOTC), the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC), and the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), as well as their national member bodies and other relevant groups.
Dr. HYUNJIN KOO is Director of Overseas Business division, FITI Testing and Research Institute. Previously she held Director of Reliability Division since 2002 and is best known for her contributions to the development of quality and reliability test standards for industrial textile materials. She obtained her Ph. D. in Fiber and Polymer Science (minor in Statistics) and M. S. in Textile Technology and Management at College of Textiles, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA. She is a member of various textile testing related standards organizations, industry associations and academic societies. She is a Vice President of The Korean Reliability Society, a council member of Korean Geosynthetics Society and currently serving as a ISO TC38(Textiles) SC23(Fibers and Yarns) Secretary as well as ISO TC221(Geosynthetics) and TC38 project leader. Her major work as a project leader is “ISO 18325—Geosynthetics—Test method for determination of water discharge capacity for prefabricated vertical drains” published in 2015.
Ms. Irina Kreeva

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Bruce James McGill, IEng MIMechE. Dedicated, conscientious, Engineering Management professional and business executive with enthusiasm, drive and commitment with particular expertise of Global Product Certification and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, compliance market requirements, application of Regularity Compliance Management techniques utilised in the due diligence process for testing and certification of wind and hydro turbines, electrical, electronic, gas and mechanical products. Born and educated in Scotland, presently living in South London, graduated in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering laying the foundations for an Engineering and Business career to date spanning 35 years.
Derek Greenauer. Derek Greenauer is the Director of Global Government of Affairs for UL. Since joining UL in August of 2011, Derek has worked with a number of UL’s business teams and clients to identify mutually beneficial solutions to policy issues all over the world. Based in Washington, DC, Mr. Greenauer leverages his 7-member team to educate policy makers and expand UL’s mission. Prior to joining UL, Mr. Greenauer was a project manager with the consulting firm D&R International. In this capacity, Mr. Greenauer led the company’s implementation support for the US EPA’s and US DOE’s ENERGY STAR Program, managed D&R’s coordination and execution of services for the Design Lights Consortium, and led a number of smaller projects for the company ranging from Smart Grid to introducing rural electric cooperatives to the concept of energy efficiency as a resource. Derek lives in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife and two young daughters.
Mr Willy Musinguzi. Mr Musinguzi is the current TBT Officer at the EAC Secretariat, a position he has held for the last 7 years. A Biochemist by profession, Mr Musinguzi has been instrumental in guiding the process of development of regional TBT and QI policy in the EAC.
Alex Inklaar. A Dutch national (born in Arnhem in 1957), based in Hamburg, Germany since 1981, Mr. Inklaar is Consultant and trainer on quality infrastructure (QI) building, specialising in standards and technical regulations. Extensive experience as short-term expert, team leader and coordinator of technical assistance projects on QI in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa, for Germany’s National Metrology Institute (PTB) and various other national and international donor organisations. Lead consultant in several strategic ISO and CEN and CENELEC exercises, including the elaboration of ISO’s Action Plan for Developing Countries and the evaluation of CEN-CENELEC Affiliates’ readiness for full membership of the European Standardization Organizations. He is a Research fellow at Chair of Standardization, Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg, from 1988 to 1993. Self-employed consultant from 1993 to the present.
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