Secretary General report
August 2015-June 2016

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Facilitate *intra-African and global trade* through *harmonized standards and conformity system*
Where are we?
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Quality policy guiding document development to start by August 2016 after PAQI meeting 5 August 2016, Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire and document to be published 2017

Covering:
- Quality policy
- general technical regulations framework for African countries
Premised on Article 49 of the AEC Treaty:

1) ARSO/THC 01, Basic and General Standards
2) ARSO/THC 02, Agriculture and Food Products
3) ARSO/THC 03, Building and Civil Engineering
4) ARSO/THC 04, Mechanical Engineering & Metallurgy
5) ARSO/THC 05, Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
6) ARSO/THC 06, Electro-technology
7) ARSO/THC 07, Textiles and Leather
8) ARSO/THC 08, Transport and Communication
9) ARSO/THC 09, Environmental Management
10) ARSO/THC 10, Energy and Natural Resources
11) ARSO/THC 11, Quality Management
12) ARSO/THC 12, Services
13) ARSO/THC 13, African Traditional Medicine
SO 1: African Standardisation harmonisation model

African Standards Harmonization Model

AU
ARSO CS
R/SRSG

New Work Item Proposal

ARSO TMC

Proposal stage

Preparatory Stage

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UPSR

SRHS / IS

MEMBERS

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Unique products - ASHAM

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22 GA meeting, ARUSHA, TANZANIA
Standards – Chemical and Chemical Engineering

- 15th – 17th March 2016 Nairobi, Kenya
- Planned: 18th – 21st October 2016
Standards – Textile and Leather

- 22nd – 24th March 2016 – Nairobi, Kenya
- 8th – 11th November 2016
Standards – Agriculture and Food Products

- 27th – 29th April 2016 – THC 02, Hilton Nairobi, Kenya
- Planned: 28th – 30th September 2016
- 21 standards to be considered for approval
Standards – Building and Civil Engineering

- 12th – 15th April 2016, Nairobi, Kenya
- Planned: November 2016
- 5 standards to be considered for approval
Standards—Africa Traditional Medicine

- 25th – 27th May 2016 – Kigali, Rwanda
- 10 standards to be considered for approval
Standards—THC9 and 12

1) ARSO/THC 09, Environmental Management – within Ecomark AES standards

2) ARSO/THC 12, Services - GFGP
Standards—Private sector involvement

- Sponsored private sector to THC meetings (03, 05, 07)
- COMESA Leather and leather products Institute (LLPI) engagement in THC 07
- Fisheries – working group on Fisheries
- EAGC – grains related standards (MoU signed)
- Stakeholders meetings on GFGP
- Turkey Standard Institute (MoU signed)– SMEs in leather, packaging and halar standards
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22 GA Meeting, ARSO, TA, TANZANIA

23-06-16
ECOWAS participation in ISO and ARSO:

1. 13-15 June launch, Dakar, Senegal

2. Building and construction – sustainable building standards (ISO) and THC 03 in ARSO

3. Agriculture and food products – Fruits and vegetables (ISO) and THC 02 in ARSO
## Standards – Where are we?

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Standards – ARSO and RECs MoUs

24th April 2016
MoU’s Implementation guideline
September 2016
- Launch of ARSO CACO
- Review and approval of ARSO CACO documents to be submitted to November 2016 Council
- Need assessment and capacity building
- ECOMARK Africa structure

ARSO CACO:
1. Cote D'Ivoire,
2. DR Congo,
3. Egypt,
4. Ethiopia,
5. Gabon,
6. Ghana,
7. Guinea,
8. Guinea Bissau,
9. Kenya,
10. Mauritius,
11. Namibia,
12. Nigeria,
13. Republic of Cameroon,
14. Rwanda,
15. Senegal,
16. South Africa,
17. Swaziland,
18. Tanzania,
19. Zambia,
20. Zimbabwe
**ARSO CACO – ARSO Mark**

- **Principle – voluntary nature**
  - To provide confidence to all interested third parties that a product or process *fulfils certain specified requirements* with regards to ARS standards;
  - To improve the quality and/or safety of goods produced within the ARSO member states by means of *implementation and certification of specific recognised standards* as to facilitate *trade between African countries* and export out of Africa.

- **ARSO CACO shall actively work to achieve the following:**
  - Develop agreements to be entered into between ARSO members states in order to acknowledge ARSO Mark standards.
General Rules for ARSO Mark System Implementation
Guidance for Development of Standards to be included in the ARSO Mark System
Categorization and List of All standards approved for the ARSO Mark System
General Rules for CB approval
General Rules for Laboratory approval
General Rules for Laboratory approval
Internal standard for verification of compliance and integrity of the ARSO Mark System
Guidance for development of internal verification system for ARSO member states
Minimum data requirements for ARSO Database implementation
General Rules for ARSO Mark chain of custody certification.
Procedures applied ARSO for the surveillance of the ARSO Mark implementation.
ECOMARK and specifics mark within ARSO CACO
SO2 …Link to QI at national and regional
SO2… ARSO–COCO link to users–outreach material

- Outreach material focus on agriculture and food products:
  - UNECA
  - AfDB
ACP–EU–TBT project launched 16 June 2016 at ARSO CS:

1. Research and development of the materials for the ATWP
2. Communication network / platform of the ACP countries National Quality Infrastructure
3. Setting the Information Management System.
4. Codified catalogue of the existing Standards and HS
5. Development of a video and or flyer/booklet
6. Conference to be organised at the same time as ARSO special event
SO 2 Continental Event

- African day of Standardisation: 2015:
  - Celebrated in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe
- Continental Essay Competition – 1st Kenya, 2nd Tanzania, 3rd Nigeria and Ghana
- Made in Africa expo
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SO 3: Human resource – staff

General Assembly

Council

Central secretariat

Technical Directorate

Consumer committee

Technical Harmonisation Committee

Finance & Administration

Documentation and information management

Oversight committee

22 GA meeting, ARUSHA, TANZANIA
SO 3 Human resource development

- 2nd Training of Standard officers (25 Countries)– 21 June 2016, Arusha
- Training of THC experts on TBT and SPS– THC 02, 03, 05 and 07
- THC 03 Conference on Advances in Cement and Concrete Technology–Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27th – 29th January 2016

- Formal Education Programme
  - curriculum completed for Catholic University of Eastern Africa
  - Primary schools books

- Affordable training:
  - Use of existing MoU (Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and Tunisia:
    - Tunisia to train DRC–OCC
    - SAZ MoU to be signed
SO 03...Finance

- Membership payment
- ARSO Fund (CS has started saving)
- Audited report (to be presented by Treasurer)
- Grants (THCs and Training): ACP–EU–TBT, PTB, AfDB, Sida, UNECA, UNEP–10YFP
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On the ARSO Annual Report

i. All AU Member States that are currently not Members of ARSO should endeavour to attain membership by the year 2017;

ii. ARSO and other Pan African Standards organisations to refer to the year 2017 as African year of Quality Infrastructure;

iii. The AUC and ARSO should increase awareness and mobilize all stakeholders on the role of Quality Infrastructure;

iv. The AUC and Quality Infrastructure Institutions should assess the status of Quality Infrastructure in Africa; and develop a Strategic Plan on Quality Infrastructure in Africa.
ARSO active members
1. Botswana
2. Burkina-Faso
3. Cameroon
4. DRC
5. Egypt
6. Ethiopia
7. Gabon
8. Ghana
9. Kenya
10. Madagascar
11. Mauritius
12. Namibia
13. Nigeria
14. Rwanda
15. South Africa
16. Sudan
17. Tanzania
18. Tunisia
19. Zambia
20. Zimbabwe
21. Uganda

Membership payment
1. Cote d’Ivoire
2. Guinea
3. Senegal
4. South Sudan
5. State of Libya
20 Non Members

Algeria
Angola,
Burundi
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Djibouti
Eritrea
Equatorial Guinea
Gambia
Lesotho,
Mali
Mauritania
Morocco
Mozambique,
Reunion
Sahrawi Republic
Sao Tome et Principe
Somali
SO 4 ARSO membership reengagement

1. Madagascar
2. Seychelles
3. Sierra-Leone
SO 4 On the decision making table

- AUC Trade Industry: Report
- PAQI Secretariat
- ACP TBT steering committee
- WTO Observer status
- SPS continental committee
- COMESA Business Council steering committee
Awareness Creation Workshop in RECs through PAQI:

• EAC: 16 October 2015, Nairobi, Kenya East African Community Legislative Assembly (EALA), Committee of Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources and 03 June 2016 EALA MPs Full house
• Other RECS: 2007
SO 4 International collaboration

- QCI
- TSE
- PAQI
- RECs
- ISO
- CEN
- World-Fish
- AfDB
- UNECA
- PTB
- Sida
- WTO
- KATS
- ACP-EU-TBT
- RNF
- ASTM
- ANSI
- PASC
- AAS
Conclusion

- Implementation of standards linking to CFTA
- Capacity building
- Review of the membership