

**Webinar: COVID-19 Interventions: Are you ready to Open?
The Standardisation Solution
02.30 p.m. to 04.30 p.m. East African Time 30th June 2020**

A message on COVID - 19 safety measures to Members, Stakeholders and ARSO fraternity

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KEY SPEAKERS



Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General, ARSO.

Moderator

Dr Hermogene Nsengimana is the Secretary General of the African Organisation for Standardisation, ARSO, an intergovernmental Organisation which was formed, in 1977, by the African Union (AU, formerly OAU) and Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and with a membership of 39 African countries. Dr Hermogene Nsengimana began his Career with ARSO in 2012. Steering ARSO to fulfil its Mandate of harmonising Standards and Conformity Assessment to reduce Technical Barriers to Trade and promote Intra-African and global Trade, Dr. Nsengimana has demonstrated unrivalled and higher success at all key programmes of the Organisation, given his thorough understanding of the challenges of Technical Barriers to Trade issues in Africa and in World Trading systems, based on his wide knowledge of the World Trade Organisation TBTs Agreement (WTO TBT Agreement). His demonstrated primary strength in the delivery of ARSO mandate is his visionary leadership with a deeper understanding of the letter and intent of the African Integration, Industrialisation and Transformation Agenda; the main African key blue prints of Lagos Plan of Action, Abuja Treaty and the African Agenda 2063, the African we Want. Beyond his more than 20 years of service to Africa, half of which in leadership positions, and with a long standing and clear track record with ability for delivery of results, Dr. Hermogene's specific areas of Expertise is Corporate Governance; Strategic Planning and Execution; Team Management and mentorship; Programmes Monitoring, implementation and evaluation; Trade and Economic Policy analysis and implementation, with a bias towards African Economic and Trade Policy Agenda. He is highly skilled, with an expansive Knowledge, in and its influence in economic development of nations. His in-depth knowledge of Quality Infrastructure, with a deep grasp of its major components (Standardisation, Conformity Assessment, Metrology and Accreditation) and their interplay and how each affects trade and economies of nations of the world, is delightful. His analytical, mobilization and organizational skills are unparalleled. Dr. Nsengimana holds a PhD in Analytical and environmental chemistry from the School of Chemistry, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, and a Post-doctoral Studies from the Witwatersrand University and University of Botswana. Despite his tight schedule with international missions, Dr. Nsengimana likes spending time with family. His hobbies are reading, adventure and sports.



**Millicent Njuguna –Mwangi,
Lead Auditor/Head of Audit
East Africa at Intertek.
Speaker**

A quality and social systems auditor and a private sector professional, Millicent Njuguna has over 10 years' experience in participatory social auditing.

As a Lead Auditor/Head of Audit East Africa at Intertek , Millicent has delivered over 300 ethical and health and safety audits on various codes of conducts in horticulture, garment/textile, packaging, Labels, Cotton growers, tea, oil exploration, Fish processing, crafts and services sectors for the UK, Swedish, Dutch and USA retailers and brands including, Adidas Coles Supermarket, Dollar general , Diageo, Ericsson, Statoil, L'Oréal ,Johnson and Johnson ,Marks and Spencer, Kohls, Unilever, Nestle, The Coca Cola Company, Wal-Mart, MARS, and the GAP among others.

Millicent based in Kenya is a cosmopolitan auditor having audited in East, Central, West and south African countries namely Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Cameroon South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria. The audits were benchmarked to the customer's private standards as well as country local laws and regulations. Millicent has been involved in pilot assessment to gauge applicability of audit programs as well as review of client specific audit program.one of her major achievements was the development of an audit protocol for cotton farmers in Kenya. Her core professional interests are in opportunities exploration, delivery of ethical audits and trainings that help large, medium and small-scale companies to comply with codes of conducts leading to sustainable business and markets for their produced products.



**Wesley AONDO, Head of
Operations PVOC, COTECNA,
Kenya.
Speaker**

Wesley AONDO has over 17 years' experience in the inspection, testing and certification industry and has a long and exhaustive experience in the Verification of Conformity programmes. His expertise covers different sectors including Technical Inspection Protocols, Technical Engineering Aspects, Metrology Methodology, Strategic Management and Public Policy Formulation.

Mr. Aondo's Education Background is in Engineering, Electronics Engineering from Technical University of Kenya. He holds an Msc Degree in Leadership and management New Charter University, USA.

He will happily guide you through all the latest technical regulations and requirements on how to ensure the conformity of your PPE in COVID-19 times.



**Mr. Abderrahim TAIBI: Director
General, Institute Marocain de
Normalisation (IMANOR),
Kingdom of Morocco
Panelist – ARSO Member**

Mr. Abderrahim TAIBI : Institut Marocain de Normalisation (IMANOR).

Mr. Abderrahim TAIBI est Ingénieur en Génie Chimique. Il occupe le poste de Directeur de l'Institut Marocain de Normalisation (IMANOR) depuis 2013 date de création de l'Institut. Mr. TAIBI a intégré les activités de normalisation depuis 1989 en tant que responsable du projet d'accréditation des laboratoires. Il a par la suite dirigé la Division de la Normalisation et de la Certification au sein du Ministère chargé de l'Industrie pendant 16 ans.

M. TAIBI qui représente le Maroc auprès des organisations internationales et régionales de la normalisation, a participé à plusieurs activités internationales et régionales relatives à la normalisation, la certification, le management environnemental, le management de l'énergie, le management anticorruption et la responsabilité sociétale. Au niveau du continent Africain, M. TAIBI est intervenu en tant qu'expert mandaté par des organismes internationaux pour l'assistance technique au Niger, en Mauritanie et au Congo. Il entretient de très bonnes relations avec ses homologues africains notamment dans le cadre de la normalisation internationale. Il est également auditeur des systèmes de management et évaluateur de conformité par rapport à la réglementation technique et aux normes marocaines.



Dr Sadvir Bissoon
Executive: Standards
South African Bureau of
Standards

Panelist – ARSO Member

Dr. Sadvir is the President of the South African National Committee (SANC) of the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) and the Executive of SABS Standards, a Portfolio which includes strategy development and implementation within the portfolio of standards development, promotions and publications. Dr. Sadvir is involved in Leadership and active participation in Regional and International Standardization forums (ISO, IEC, PASC, ARSO, AFSEC, SADCSTAN). Dr. Sadvir leads National Industry, Government and Academic stakeholder forums on Standardization. He has concluded numerous commercial projects as SABS Regional Marketing and Sales Manager, and optimization of SABS Training Academy Business Services, Sales and Publication portfolio. As a professional, excellent knowledge of English, oral, written communication skills, Dr. Sadvir has been a Key note speaker in national and International conferences/symposia/workshops. He has extensive experience on engagement with diverse stakeholder groupings at national, regional and international platforms. At the International level, Dr. Sadvir, is a Council Board member of the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC), 2014-2019, Executive Committee member of the Pacific Area Standards Community (PASC) - Current, Member of the Executive committee of the SABS – Current and SABS Board Audit and Risk Committee- Current; President of the South African National Committee (SANC) of IEC and the South African National Committee to the African Electro-technical Commission (AFSEC) – Current; Council member of the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) – Current; Executive Committee member of the Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Standardisation - Current and ARSO Treasurer, 2013-2015. Dr. Sadvir holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) – University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN); Bachelor of Science Hons – University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN); Master of Science (MSc) – University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN); Doctor of Technology (D-Tech, Biotechnology), Durban University of Technology, – “Biotechnology in the Pulp and Paper Industry”. Apart from his current position of SABS Executive: Standards SABS Executive, Dr. Sadvir has been SABS Enterprise Development SABS Executive; Training, Risk and Assurance SABS Commercial Regional Manager- Sales & Marketing; Commercial Training Academy, Corporate Strategy – Business Transformation; Senior Researcher – Standards Lecturer (Microbiology and Biotechnology) – University of Kwa-zulu Natal, South Africa.



ZIBI ZIBI Francis Noël
Acting Director of Standards
at ANOR, Cameroon

An Internal Quality Auditor, Mr. Zibi Zibi currently works at ANOR as the Acting Director of Standards and he is involved in the facilitation and management of Technical Standardization Committees; Organisation of standards Management and Elaboration of procedures; Management and monitoring of public inquiries ; Implementation of a quality management system according to the ISO 9001:2008 ISO 9001:2015 standard.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr, Zibi Zibi has been an Internal Quality Auditor Representative; Assistant Studies Officer - Focal Point of the Technical Committees within the Standards Branch of the Standards and Quality Agency; Master's Officer - Focal Point of the Technical Committees within the Directorate of Standards of ANOR.

Mr. Zibi Zibi holds a Master's in Business Management; and a second Masters in Business Management; Bachelor in Business Management; BTS IT Management application developer option. He also has a certificate in Information Technology from the University of Dortmund in Germany.



**Mr. Reuben Gisore
Technical Director, ARSO**

Speaker

Mr Reuben Gisore, the ARSO Technical Director responsible for the Coordination of Technical programmes with Regards to Standards Harmonisation and Conformity Assessment Systems and Resources mobilisation, joined ARSO in 2012. Mr. Gisore is highly experienced on standardisation and Conformity Assessment Issues and Strategies, and their impact on Integration, Trade, Sustainable Economic Development and World Global Economic Agenda. He started his standardisation profession in 1997, when he joined the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) as a Standards Officer responsible for Electro technical and Renewable Energy Standards. Mr. Gisore represented Kenya in the harmonization of standards and trade negotiations in the East African Community and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, where he 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 and participated in the initial stages of negotiating the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. Mr. Gisore has initiated and contributed to many of the ARSO Standardisation and Conformity Assessment Continental Policy documents, guiding the implementation of the ARSO Mandate and resources mobilization on the same. Mr. Gisore has written many Policy and Strategic papers and represented ARSO in various Technical International Panel Discussions on standardisation and its impact on sustainable development and in the context of Africa. Mr. Gisore holds a master's degree in Development Studies, and a BSc in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT, 1996), and currently pursuing a Doctorate (PHD) degree in Development Studies. Mr. Gisore holds a Master's Degree in Development Studies.