

**11TH PAQI JC MEETING: FIESTA ROYALE HOTEL, ACCRA, GHANA:
23RD FEBRUARY 2018**

Resolutions:

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	RESOLUTIONS/REMARKS
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	Resolution 1: PAQI JC adopted the meeting's agenda as amended.
ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF 10TH PAQI- JC MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017, CAIRO EGYPT	Resolution 2: PAQI JC adopted the minutes of its last meeting taking into account the corrections that were highlighted
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 10TH PAQI-JC MEETING RESOLUTIONS	<p>Resolution 3: Members agreed that the revised Stocktaking Document (2017) be formally launched during the Africa Union STC-TIM meeting to be held at the AUC from 23rd to 27th April 2018.</p> <p>PAQI JC also resolved to organize a PAQI Forum meeting on the side-lines of the STC-TIM meeting.</p> <p>Resolution 3.1: Members reiterated the importance of sharing information including participating in each other's' General Assembly meetings.</p> <p>Resolution 3.2: Members agreed to contribute towards PAQI awareness creation by submitting articles for publication in the AUC-DTI Tic-Talk Newsletters as well as the NEPAD monthly online Journals. Members also agreed to explore use of modern communication tools such as twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc. to publicise the activities of PAQI</p> <p>Resolution 3.3: PAQI resolved to revise the procedure for the election of its Chairperson taking into account the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairmanship will be for a term of two years • Chairmanship will rotate between the PAQI Pillars, and • PAQI secretariat to be permanently hosted by ARSO <p>The revised draft terms of reference (TOR) to be circulated to members for comment by 31st March 2018. PAQI pillars to submit comments by 30th April 2018. The revised TOR to be approved at the next PAQI JC meeting.</p>
PAQI JOINT WORK PLAN BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEETINGS WITH RECS	Resolution 4: Members were encouraged to submit proposals to PTB, by 31st March 2018; for support based on the recommendations from the meetings with the RECS as well as other identified priority areas.

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	<p>Resolution 4.1: Members agreed to the development of a single inclusive presentation to be used for awareness creation purposes.</p> <p>Resolution 4.2: Members recommended that SPS stocktaking be carried out by the continental SPS institutions based on the approach taken with TBT stocktaking. PTB agreed to support the initial work to be done by a consultant.</p>
UPDATE OF THE CFTA	<p>Resolution 5: Members agreed that after legal scrubbing, the AUC would share the final agreement with members for information.</p> <p>Resolution 5.1: Members were reminded that the PAQI would play a key role in facilitating trade under the AfCFTA.</p>
ROLE OF PAQI INSTITUTIONS IN CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN	<p>Resolution 6: Members agreed that the PAQI secretariat undertake a Desk review of the cassava value chain to assess the role of the quality infrastructure in the cassava value chain and based on the results of this study, develop the project further. The study to be concluded by June 2018 and circulated to members for review.</p>
UPDATE ON PTB SUPPORT OF QI WITHIN THE CFTA PROJECT	<p>Resolution 7: Members appreciated the contribution of the German Government through the PTB, for its commitment to continue to support PAQI.</p> <p>Resolution 7.1: Members thanked PTB for the offer to support the attendance of PAQI representatives to the upcoming STC meeting.</p>
FACILITATION BY THE GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY	<p>Resolution 8: The PAQI JC appreciates the Ghana Standards Authority for facilitating the meeting.</p>
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>Resolution 9: The next PAQI JC meeting will be held on 21st September 2018 in Mauritius.</p>