



12th PAQI FORUM MEETING
INTERCONTINENTAL MAURITIUS RESORT
BALACLAVA FORT, PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS:
21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	Resolution 1: PAQI Forum meeting adopted the meeting's agenda, as presented, with slight amendments.
Financing the Quality Infrastructure within the AfCFTA	<p>Resolution 2: The meeting noted the highlights on the funding of the Quality Infrastructure activities and the commitments by PTB to continue the funding of Quality Infrastructure activities aiming to support the AfCFTA TBT/SPS Annexes' implementation.</p> <p>Resolution 2.1: PAQI Institutions and RECs agreed to continue exploring ways ensuring their financial Sustainability in order to fund their QI programmes and Capacity Building without relying always on the donor funding.</p>
Update on AUC developments on the implementation of AfCFTA	<p>Resolution 3: The meeting took note of the update provided by the AUC representative including the on-going ratification of the AfCFTA Agreement by member States and the report on the conclusions of the AfCFTA TBT Annexe 6.</p> <p>Resolution 3.1: The meeting emphasised the need for a more strategic relationship between PAQI Institutions and AUC (DTI) to ensure effective implementation of the Quality Infrastructure programmes.</p> <p>Resolution 3.2: The meeting urged PAQI to submit a programme of work to the AU Ministerial Meeting in October 2018 indicating activities for implementation and the strategies for cooperation with AUC.</p>
Overview of the AfCFTA Annex 6 TBT Issues	<p>Resolution 4: The meeting took note of the highlights of Annex 6 of the AfCFTA as it relates to the implementation of Quality Infrastructure services and PAQI institutions agreed to work closely with RECs for its implementation.</p> <p>Resolution 4.3 In collaboration with AUC, UNECA and any other partner, RECs and PAQI Institutions agreed to develop a strategy for cooperation in the implementation of their Quality Infrastructure Programmes for implementation of Annexe 6 (TBT) of the AfCFTA.</p>

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UNECA presentation on National AfCFTA Strategies to effectively implement the Agreement	<p>Resolution 5.1: The meeting took note of the presentation by UNECA on upcoming technical cooperation projects to support AU Member States to develop the AfCFTA National Strategies.</p> <p>Resolution 5.3: PAQI institutions and RECs agreed to inform their members of the National AfCFTA Committees being formed which are mandated to oversee the implementation of AfCFTA at national level for their active participation.</p> <p>Resolution 5.4: The PAQI Forum meeting agreed to mobilise African Countries for universal membership of both International organisations (IEC, ISO, ILAC, WTO) and Continental organisations (AFRAC, AFRIMETS, AFSEC and ARSO) in line with the 2014 AU CAMoT resolution, which also encouraged that QI Awareness creation be widely undertaken.</p>
Summary of the 12th PAQI Joint Committee meeting of 20th September 2018	<p>Resolution 6: The meeting took note of the summary of the PAQI Institutions activities and the Resolutions of the PAQI JC meeting of 20th September 2018.</p> <p>Resolution 7: The meeting agreed that cooperation between PAQI and RECs should be strengthened and this should include collaboration in the implementation of the Cassava Value Chain project.</p> <p>Resolution 8: The meeting called upon all the RECS to advise their Member States to consider developing National Quality Policies as appropriate.</p>
Presentation of RECs activities with regard to QI and their defined role in the AfCFTA Implementation	<p>Resolution 9: The meeting noted with appreciation the updates of COMESA and ECOWAS activities and resolved to circulate the EAC presentation which was sent to PAQI Secretariat.</p> <p>Resolution 10: The meeting encouraged the PAQI institutions to promote synergy with the Regulatory bodies in Africa to enhance smooth implementation of Quality Infrastructure services and Technical Regulations for the implementation of the AfCFTA.</p> <p>Resolution 14: PAQI pillars and RECs are urged to continue with awareness creation among their members on the need for adopting and implementing harmonised continental standards and conformity assessment regimes, and called upon ARSO and AFSEC to avail harmonised standards to all African countries, including non-member countries for a certain period of time.</p> <p>Resolution 15: Highlighted the importance of Quality Award and resolved that the PAQI Secretariat to conduct a feasibility study on modalities of its implementation.</p>

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	<p>Resolution 16: PAQI should promote the use of the AFRAC MRAs for mutual acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results and reports.</p>
	<p>Resolution 17: The meeting expressed its appreciation for the continued support from PTB Germany.</p> <p>Resolution 18: The meeting expressed its appreciation to UNECA who participated in a PAQI Forum meeting for the first time.</p> <p>Resolution 19: The meeting expressed its appreciation to COMESA and ECOWAS representatives who participated in the PAQI Forum meeting.</p> <p>Resolution 20: The meeting expressed its appreciation to outgoing Executive Secretary of AFSEC, Eng. Paul Johnson for his service to AFSEC and PAQI during his tenure.</p> <p>Resolution 21: The meeting expressed its appreciation to MAURITAS for facilitating the delegates' transportation arrangements.</p>
<p>Approval of resolution and date of next meeting</p>	<p>Resolution 21: The next PAQI Forum meeting will be held in July 2019 at a venue and date to be announced.</p>

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