



**12th PAQI JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
INTERCONTINENTAL MAURITIUS RESORT
BALACLAVA FORT, PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS:
20th SEPTEMBER 2018**

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	Resolution 1: PAQI JC adopted the meeting’s agenda with slight amendments.
Financing the Quality Infrastructure within the AfCFTA	Resolution 2: PAQI Institutions are urged to continue exploring ways of funding their activities, especially meetings, and reduce the need to rely on donor funding.
Update on AUC developments on the implementation of AfCFTA	<p>Resolution 3: PAQI JC took note of the update provided by the AUC representative. PAQI Members resolved to develop a strategy to contribute to the implementation of the Annex on Technical Barriers to Trade of the AfCFTA Agreement’s Protocol on Trade in Goods. A concept paper on the same will be developed by PAQI Secretariat by 31st October 2018 for circulation to PAQI Pillars and for discussion during the next PAQI JC meeting in January 2019.</p> <p>Resolution 4: PAQI Pillars are urged to inform their members about the AfCFTA activities so that the members can inform their national negotiators on the status of Quality Infrastructure in their countries.</p>
Overview of implementation of PAQI activities since 2013	<p>Resolution 5: Members took note of the presentation by PAQI Chairperson and agreed to focus more on the 11 foundation impacts of PAQI Joint Committee.</p> <p>Resolution 6: PAQI Secretariat is requested to assist members in their preparations of National Quality Policies basing on the UNIDO NQP Guide and assist in seeking financial support where necessary.</p> <p>Resolution 7: PAQI JC agreed to continue conducting QI awareness creation workshops.</p>

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<p>Updates on the progress of the Cassava Project by ARSO and desk review results;</p> <p>Joint actions 2018-2019 linked to AUC plans</p>	<p>Resolution 8.1: Members noted with appreciation the progress made by ARSO in harmonizing cassava standards and agreed that ARSO should recirculate the concept paper to the PAQI institutions for their further inputs, including the inclusion of interested countries where Cassava is an important crop, for resubmission by 30th September 2018. PAQI Institutions to submit their comments by 30th October 2018.</p> <p>Resolution 8.2: PAQI Secretariat is requested to develop a full proposal of the cassava project to be submitted to various partners for financial support. The draft project proposal should be circulated by 30th November 2018 for discussion at the January 2019 PAQI JC meeting.</p> <p>Resolution 8.3: The project should cover all countries with an interest in any part of the cassava value chain. Such countries should be provided with all available information to enable them to effectively exploit the opportunities presented by the cassava value chain.</p> <p>Resolution 8.4: UNECA and any other cooperating partners are to be added as supporting organs in specific project activities.</p>
<p>Development of a single inclusive presentation to be used for awareness creation purposes</p>	<p>Resolution 9.1: PAQI JC agreed that the overall presentation on QI awareness creation should be shorter and more precise.</p> <p>Resolution 9.2: The awareness creation should target Policy makers and the Private Sector. The cassava project can be used as an example.</p> <p>Resolution 9.3: PAQI Pillars to identify, by 15th January 2019, three key topics from the general presentation made by PAQI Secretariat for inclusion in the general presentation.</p>
<p>PAQI institutions' activities and collaboration with their defined role in the AfCFTA Implementation</p>	<p>Resolution 10: PAQI JC noted the activities update reports by each structure and agreed to continue using the same presentation format in future reports.</p> <p>Resolution 11: AFRAC to develop a clarification paper on MRAs for mutual acceptance of Conformity Assessment results in Africa and the rest of the world by 30th November 2018.</p> <p>Resolution 12: PAQI JC agreed that ARSO and AFSEC should identify relevant joint ISO/IEC Committees of interest to African issues and endeavour to arrange for Africa's participation in the identified committees' work.</p> <p>Resolution 13: ARSO is also encouraged to develop programmes for implementation of ISO 26000 on Social Responsibilities and ISO 37001 on Anti-bribery.</p>

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	Resolution 14: PAQI institutions are encouraged to submit articles to AUC-DTI for publication in Tic-Talk newsletter.
	<p>Resolution 14: PAQI JC expressed its appreciation for the continued support from PTB Germany.</p> <p>Resolution 15: PAQI JC expressed its appreciation to UNECA who participated in a PAQI JC meeting for the first time.</p> <p>Resolution 16: PAQI JC expressed its appreciation to MAURITAS for facilitating the delegates' transportation arrangements.</p>
Approval of resolution and date of next meeting	Resolution 17: The next PAQI JC meeting will be held in January 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at a date to be announced.

