



## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> PAQI JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019, ELILLY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Activity	Resolution
Update on the implementation of AfCFTA and expected role of the PAQI	<p><b>Resolution 1:</b> PAQI JC appreciated the presentation made by Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu from AUC highlighting the progress made on the AfCFTA. PAQI Institutions are urged to strategically position themselves to contribute effectively to implementation of the AfCFTA.</p> <p><b>Resolution 1.1:</b> PAQI Institutions are urged to study the TBT Annex closely to identify what contribution they need to make to the AfCFTA and in particular be able to participate in the activities of the TBT Sub-Committee as per article 13(K) of the Annex.</p> <p><b>Resolution 1.2:</b> The meeting recommended that Institutions should package their information for uploading on the African Trade Observatory for the purposes of reaching out to a wide audience.</p> <p><b>Resolution 1.3:</b> The meeting recommended that next PAQI Meeting agenda should include a session to define the PAQI position in the implementation of the AfCFTA. Technical partners including UNIDO, UNECA, UNCTAD, PTB, Afreximbank, AfDB and RECs would be invited to attend this meeting.</p>
PTB Update on the next phase of Quality Infrastructure project within the AfCFTA	<p><b>Resolution 2:</b> The PAQI JC meeting appreciated the PTB continued financial and technical support and acknowledged with appreciation the planned financial support to be provided to PAQI Institutions in the project phase starting in September 2019.</p> <p><b>Resolution 2.1:</b> The PAQI JC meeting recommended the development of a PAQI rule on sponsorship as a way to encourage members to finance their participation at meetings and reduce dependency on donor support.</p>
Matters arising from the 13 <sup>th</sup> PAQI-JC Meeting resolutions	<p><b>Resolution 3:</b> The PAQI JC meeting noted the updates on the matters arising from the 13<sup>th</sup> PAQI JC</p>

held on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	meeting provided by the PAQI Secretariat
ToRs for Consultancy Services of the <b>Cassava Value Chain Project</b> Phase 1	<p><b>Resolution 4:</b> The meeting appreciated the presentation made by Mr. Reuben Gisore on the ToRs for the Cassava project. The TORs were approved with some amendments.</p> <p>The way forward was agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publish the ToRs on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Institutions were advised to spread widely the ToRs in order to get the best team of consultants</li> <li>- Pre-contracting should be done by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019</li> </ul>
Publication of the SPS Stocktaking document	<p><b>Resolution 5:</b> The meeting noted with appreciation the presentation made by Mr. Martin Kaiser on the SPS Stocktaking and agreed that the draft report should be presented to the upcoming STC meetings on Trade and Agriculture. The report will be shared with the member states to mobilize the remaining countries to submit their data. The final report should be out by <b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b></p>
Overview of the progress of the Development of the African Quality Policy (AQP)	<p><b>Resolution 6:</b> PAQI JC appreciated Mr. Beer Budoo for his presentation on the progress made with the AQP.</p> <p><b>Resolution 6.1:</b> The meeting stressed the need for inclusion in the AQP that all AfCFTA state parties should become PAQI institutions members for the implementation of the AfCFTA with regard to TBT and SPS annexes</p> <p><b>Resolution 6.2:</b> PAQI JC recommended that PAQI should develop a 5 year work plan on the implementation of the AQP.</p>
PAQI institutions' activities and collaboration with their defined role in the AfCFTA Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFRAC,</li> <li>• AFRIMETS, and</li> <li>• ARSO</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resolution 7:</b> The PAQI JC meeting appreciated the reports presented by the institutions.</p> <p><b>Resolution 7.1:</b> The PAQI JC meeting noted apologies from AFSEC and requested that AFSEC shares their report to update the PAQI general report.</p> <p><b>Resolution 7.2:</b> AFRAC and AFRIMETS were urged to consider legal registration to facilitate formal operations.</p>

	<p><b>Resolution 7.3:</b> PAQI JC meeting urged that Institutions' technical committees should share their calendars of activities for identification of common areas of interest in order to enhance collaboration.</p>
Overview of the African Quality Assurance Centers (AQAC)	<p><b>Resolution 8:</b> PAQI JC acknowledged and appreciated the AFREXIMBANK investments in African QI including the African Quality Assurance Centres, as being important for the implementation of the AfCFTA.</p> <p><b>Resolution 8.1:</b> PAQI JC recommended policy measures in support of initiatives such as AQAC in the AQP</p> <p><b>Resolution 8.2:</b> The meeting urged further collaboration between AFREXIMBANK and PAQI institutions in the AQAC projects.</p> <p><b>Resolution 8.2:</b> The PAQI JC recognized the AFREXIMBANK request for capacity building workshop on Quality Infrastructure matters for its staff and a seminar to discuss models of financing QI.</p> <p><b>Resolution 8.3:</b> The PAQI JC expressed its willingness to cooperate with AFREXIMBANK in all areas of QI and requested PAQI Institutions to share proposals for potential areas of collaboration preferably by <b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b></p>
Approval of resolutions, date of next meeting	<p><b>Resolution 9:</b> The next PAQI JC meeting including the workshop on the implementation of the AfCFTA will take place on <b>12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</b></p> <p>The PAQI JC meeting resolutions were approved.</p>