



RESOLUTIONS OF THE 15TH PAQI JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

12TH FEBRUARY 2020, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Activity	Resolution
Off take of the AfCFTA and preparedness	<p>Resolution 1: PAQI JC appreciated the update on development on the AfCFTA given by Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu.</p> <p>Resolution 1.1: Based on the recognition already extended to PAQI by the AU, PAQI JC tasked Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu to <i>develop a concept paper on how the PAQI should position itself in order to optimize its influence on AU projects and programmes.</i></p>
Matters arising from the 14th PAQI-JC Meeting resolutions held on 6th August 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	<p>Resolution 2: PAQI JC noted the status of implementation of resolutions of the 14th PAQI JC meeting and appreciated the fact that all the matters were reported on in the discussions of this meeting.</p>
Updates of the progress of the gap analysis study on the role and impact of quality infrastructure in cassava value chain in African countries	<p>Resolution 3: PAQI JC appreciated the presentation made by Mr. Reuben Gisore on the cassava project and noted that a draft study report is still expected from BDO East Africa Advisory Services by 30th April 2020.</p>
Findings of the SPS Stocktaking document – 2019	<p>Resolution 4: PAQI JC noted with appreciation the presentation made by Mrs. Kathrin Wunderlich on the SPS stocktaking study. The SPS report is to be shared with the AUC and all other relevant stakeholders.</p>
Overview of the final document of the Africa Quality Policy	<p>Resolution 5: PAQI JC noted with appreciation the update on the final draft document of the AQP given by the Chairperson. The meeting was informed that the AQP would now be taken through the AUC processes for final adoption by Ministers.</p>
Upgrading of African Quality Infrastructure within the AfCFTA	<p>Resolution 6: PAQI JC noted with appreciation the updates provided by Mr. Martin Kaiser on the new phase of the PTB project on “Upgrading of Quality Infrastructure in Africa” and noted that additional funding would be made available.</p>

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<p>PAQI institutions' activities and collaboration with their defined role in the AfCFTA Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFRAC, • AFRIMETS, and • AFSEC • ARSO 	<p>Resolution 7: PAQI JC received with appreciation the update reports provided by PAQI Institutions on their activities since the last meeting.</p> <p>Resolution 7.1: PAQI JC requested AFRAC to develop and share with ARSO a paper on the implementation of certification schemes and the requirements for scheme owners for discussion at the AFRAC mid-term meetings in May 2020.</p> <p>Resolution 7.2: PAQI JC resolved that a study on the approach to be undertaken for Technical Regulation within the AfCFTA be carried out. ToRs for consultancy services, for this study, should be prepared by the PAQI Secretariat by 22nd February 2020. The draft ToRs will be circulated to PAQI institutions and they are requested to submit their comments by 29th February 2020. The consultant will be engaged with support from PTB thereafter.</p> <p>Resolution 7.3: PAQI JC requested ARSO to ensure that other PAQI institutions are involved in the development of standards in which they have an interest.</p> <p>Resolution 8: PAQI JC resolved to update the TBT stocktaking document in the year 2020.</p>
Election of PAQI chairperson	<p>Resolution 9: PAQI JC elected the nominee from AFRAC, Mr. Celestine O. Okanya, the current Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Nigerian National Accreditation Systems (NINAS), as the PAQI Chairperson for the period of 2020-2022.</p> <p>Resolution 9.1: PAQI JC thanks the outgoing Chairperson, Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana, for his dedicated service as PAQI JC Chairperson in the last 4 years.</p>
AOB	<p>Resolution 10: PAQI JC appreciates the financial and technical support received from the German Government through the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB).</p> <p>Resolution 11: PAQI JC welcomes the participation</p>

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	at the 15 th PAQI JC meeting of Mr. Bernard Modey , the newly elected President of AFSEC and Prof. Dr. Mohamed Amer , the newly elected Chairperson of AFRIMETS who were attending a PAQI JC meeting for the first time.
Approval of resolutions, date of next meeting	Resolution 12: The next PAQI JC meeting will take place on 27th – 28th August 2020 in Kigali, Rwanda The PAQI JC meeting resolutions were adopted.