



## RESOLUTIONS OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> PAQI FORUM MEETING

HELD VIRTUALLY

28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

No.	Activity	Resolution
1.	<p>Summary of the Matters arising from the last meeting held in Addis Ababa on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - PAQI Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IATF Preparations</li> <li>• Africa Quality Policy (AQP) submission to the AUC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resolution 1.</b> The PAQI Forum took note of the progress on the recruitment of the trainers on the various priority subjects and agreed that these training materials once finalized can be offered to interested RECs before the IATF in September 2021.</p> <p><b>Resolution 1.1.</b> The Forum noted that IATF 2021 is being sponsored by AFREXIMBANK and that AUC is sponsoring 200 participants and recommended the RECs consider sponsoring young manufacturers for this Trade Fair.</p> <p><b>Resolution 1.2.</b> The Forum took note of the update by the AUC on the preparations to present the Draft AQP document to the Specialized Technical Committee on Trade, Industry and Mining (STC-TIM) meeting scheduled for 19-22 October 2020.</p>
2.	<p>RECs-PAQI synergies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic plans</p>	<p><b>Resolution 2.</b> The Forum noted with appreciation the presentation made by the ARSO Secretary General Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana on RECs-PAQI synergies to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic plans and agreed to the key issues highlighted therein urging PAQI Institutions and RECs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information on ongoing projects especially those relating to COVID -19 response in order to avoid duplication of efforts;</li> <li>• Carry out Impact assessment of the COVID-19 on Quality Infrastructure; and</li> <li>• Use webinars for capacity building on services offered.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution 2.1.</b> The Forum recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QI institutions always involve the private sector who are users of QI services but are sometimes not aware of the services available;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QI institutions put in place a coordination mechanism to ensure that all stakeholders are informed about activities planned.</li> </ul>
3.	Overview of the ongoing cassava Value Chain project and expected RECs contribution	<b>Resolution 3.</b> The Forum took note on the final cassava report that identified gaps in types of products, standards and conformity assessment in the cassava value chain as presented by Mr. Reuben Gisore, ARSO Technical Director and agreed to follow up on implementation of the next phase of the project.
4.	Progress on the study on Technical Regulations within the AfCFTA and RECs contribution	<b>Resolution 4.</b> The Forum noted with appreciation the updates provided by Mrs. Kathrin Wunderlich representing PTB on the progress of the concept paper on the setting up an African Continental Technical Regulatory Framework (ACTReF) which is in the final stages of drafting.
5.	Action Plan for 2021	<b>Resolution 5.</b> The Forum noted the proposal to develop an action plan for 2021 which is aligned to the AQP and tasked the PAQI secretariat to send out a questionnaire to Institutions and RECs requesting them to identify their priorities for inclusion in the action plan.
6.	Vote of thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AUC</li> <li>- PAQI Institutions</li> <li>- RECs</li> <li>- PTB</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resolution 6.</b> The Forum took note of the progress of activities as presented by AUC, AFRAC, AFRAC, AFRIMET, AFSEC, ARSO and the RECS and thanked all of them for their updates and efforts to facilitate trade through their activities.</p> <p><b>Resolution 7.</b> The forum further took note and appreciated the support from the Government of Germany through PTB towards various PAQI activities and their willingness to continue this support in future.</p>