



PAN-AFRICAN QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**18th PAQI JOINT COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING –
ON 13th July 2021, 09:00 – 17:30
Accra, Ghana**

Resolutions

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<p>Opening remarks</p>	<p>Resolution 1: PAQI JC noted with appreciation the Welcome remarks made by Prof. Alex Dodoo, the Director General of the Ghana Standards Authority, the host of the 18th PAQI JC and ARSO President elect 2022-2025 and the opening speech made by Mr. Hassan Hussein, the Acting Director for Industry, Mining and Entrepreneurship at African Union Commission.</p> <p>Resolution 1.1: PAQI JC acknowledged the establishment of the QI Unit under the AUC/ETIM department.</p>
<p>Summary of the Matters arising from the last meeting held virtually on 16th Feb 2021 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IATF preparation ➤ PAQI Online training platform 	<p>Resolution 2: PAQI JC noted the updates on the status of implementation of the 17th PAQI JC meeting resolutions.</p> <p>Resolution 2.1: PAQI JC noted the progress of the preparation of the Intra-Africa Trade Fair (IATF 2021) and the changes made on the dates and the venue to Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa from 15 to 21 November 2021 and</p> <p>Resolution 2.2: PAQI JC directed the PAQI Secretariat to start engaging Trainers to prepare for online training since the covid-19 pandemic situation is unpredictable.</p> <p>Resolution 2.3: The PAQI JC urged the PAQI Secretariat to collaborate with relevant South African based stakeholders and invite them as speakers during the PAQI workshop on Agri-business scheduled on 16th November 2021. The PAQI JC recommended to contact AUDA-NEPAD and AUC/DARBE among other potential speakers.</p> <p>Resolution 2.4: PAQI JC noted the progress made on the development of the PAQI E-Learning Platform, and urged the Secretariat to finalise on the Outstanding Work on the PAQI E-Learning Platform – https://elearning.paqi.org</p> <p>Resolution 2.5: The PAQI JC tasked the PAQI Secretariat to draft a procedure on the approvals of the content to be posted on the PAQI E-Learning Platform and share it with</p>

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	<p>the Institutions for comments and urged to share their existing training materials with the PAQI Secretariat.</p> <p>Resolution 2.6: The PAQI JC resolved to engage the trainers for audio-visual recording of training materials which will serve as an improvement process of the Training Modules before the IATF Event in November 2021.</p> <p>Resolution 2.7: The PAQI JC requested the PAQI Secretariat to prepare a Trial PAQI E-Learning Training by 3rd of August 2021 with Relevant Stakeholders.</p>
<p>Updates on the development of the AfCFTA implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfer of all AfCFTA related operations from the AUC to the AfCFTA Secretariat - Proposed specific projects and programmes for an effective collaboration between the AUC 	<p>Resolution 3: The PAQI JC acknowledged with appreciation the updates provided by Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu on the transfer of all AfCFTA functions from the AUC to the AfCFTA Secretariat in Accra, Ghana.</p> <p>Resolution 3.1: PAQI JC noted that the Committee on Trade in Goods' sub-committee on TBT has now been established. PAQI JC requested Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu to follow up on efforts that would be made to engage with them on the role to be played by PAQI institutions with respect to the implementation of Annex 6 on TBT.</p> <p>Resolution 3.2: The PAQI JC further noted that, as a result of the reforms being implemented at the AU and AUC level, the AUC departments were going through a transition phase. Consequently, the PAQI JC resolved to undertake engagements with the Commission on collaborative activities on "as needed" basis.</p>
<p>Way forward on the cassava Value Chain project Phase 2 activities</p>	<p>Resolution 4: PAQI JC appreciated the presentation made by Mr Charles Gachahi, on the final proposal of the Cassava project phase 2 and resolved to start its implementation. The PAQI JC appointed Mrs. Margaret Lungu as the Cassava Project team leader and directed the PAQI Institutions to designate one contact person each who will work directly with the PAQI Secretariat on the Project.</p>
<p>Overview and adoption of the PAQI webinar series plan</p>	<p>Resolution 5: PAQI JC approved the approach for conducting PAQI webinar series.</p> <p>Resolution 5.1: PAQI JC recommended to conduct the webinars during Continental Events; such as African Industrialization Week, African Integration Day etc. PAQI JC resolved to hold the general webinar in September and December 2021 targeting AU and AfCFTA events.</p> <p>Resolution 5.2: PAQI Secretariat was directed to work with institutions to identify suitable speakers and moderators</p>

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	<p>depending on the nature of the topic to be covered and targeted audience. During subsequent specific QI webinars, identification of target audience should be made (i.e. policy makers, SMEs, sectoral stakeholders)</p>
<p>PAQI institutions' activities and collaboration with their defined role in the AfCFTA Implementation</p>	<p>Resolution 6: PAQI JC received with appreciation the update reports provided by PAQI Institutions on their activities and encouraged them to continue working together and share experience and information as a team.</p> <p>Resolution 6.1: PAQI JC requested the PAQI Secretariat to develop a strategy on engaging different stakeholders</p> <p>Resolution 6.2: The PAQI JC resolved to develop a brief report to the AfCFTA Secretariat on the PAQI joint activities and its role in the implementation of the AfCFTA within one week.</p> <p>Resolution 6.3: The PAQI JC resolved that, once the Africa Quality Policy (AQP) is approved, the PAQI JC should work towards aligning the National and Regional Quality Policies to the AQP. PAQI JC resolved to work on a Guideline for Good Regulatory Practices and the Technical Regulations Framework.</p>
<p>Progress of the PTB Project on Upgrading of Quality Infrastructure in Africa</p>	<p>Resolution 7: PAQI JC noted with appreciation the updates provided by Mrs. Kathrin Wunderlich of PTB on the "Upgrading of Quality Infrastructure in Africa" support project which is implemented on a demand driven basis. PAQI JC thanked the Government of Germany through PTB for their continued support of PAQI Activities.</p>
<p>Closing</p>	<p>Resolution 8: PAQI JC thanked the Government of the Republic of Ghana through the Ghana Standards Authority for Hosting the 18th PAQI JC Meeting.</p>
<p>Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>PAQI JC and FORUM – February 2022</p>