



Upgrading Quality Infrastructure in Africa

Update for the 17th AFRIMETS General Assembly





#### **Commissioned by:**

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

### Lead executing agency:

Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany

#### Ongoing term and budget:

09/2019 – 08/2024 EUR 12.9 Million

#### **Overall duration and budget:**

Since 06/1998 EUR 32.4 Million

## **Expected soon:**

Commission of Follow-up project

#### Term and budget:

09/2024 - 10/2027 EUR 6 Million





## Support to AFRIMETS since July 2023

- Institutional Development
  - AFRIMETS GA 2023
- Capacity Development
  - Food Safety PT Programme (including Cassava), training examples
    Liquid Chromatography, Pesticides, ICP-OES and MS troubleshooting and maintenance
    Mycotoxin, Gas Chromatography, ICPMS techniques, toxic elements in food



- TC-Length
  - Ongoing: Design, Build and Installation of Tape Tunnels
  - Successfully completed: Workshop on traceability of length measurements and handinstrument comparison results discussion in Egypt







## Support to AUC and PAQI (1)

Support by experts



- AUC Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTIM)
- AfCFTA Secretariat
- AUDA-NEPAD (Strengthening of the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation AMRH Initiative)
- AU Specialized Technical Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, STC-TIM adopted in May 2024
  - Establishment of Africa Quality Policy Council (AQPC)
  - African Continental Technical Regulatory Framework (ACTReF)
  - STC-TIM calls on the Member States to support the implementation of the AQP and ACTReF







## Support to AUC and PAQI (2)

- Supporting AU Initiatives
  - Cassava Value Chain (AFRIMETS contribution: Capacity building PT scheme, Cassava Conference)
  - Intra Africa Trade Fair (IATF 2023 in Cairo, Egypt)
  - Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA); support to the operationalization of the African Medicines Agency AMA
- Supporting PAQI
  - Celebration of the PAQI 10-year anniversary
  - PAQI Joint Committee and Forum meetings













## Way forward

- Strengthening the capacity of the AfCFTA Secretariat and AUC ETTIM
- Institutional and technical support for AFRAC, AFRIMETS, AFSEC and ARSO (e.g. digitalization)
- Harmonisation of standards with high relevance for technical regulations within the framework of the GTI;
- Supporting the development of cooperation between African regulators (*African Regulatory Cooperation*) From ACTReF to NaTReF!
- Development and application of various formats to support the implementation of the Africa Quality Policy -> National Quality Policies
- Benchmarking processes (interlaboratory comparisons, proficiency tests, assessments, etc.) with emphasis on food safety
- Advising PAQI and the PAQI network on sustainability strategies
- Promoting the vertical networking of QI organisations (laboratory associations, conformity assessment bodies, etc.);





# No compromise on quality