

SADC CO-OPERATION IN LEGAL METROLOGY

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Background

- In August 1992, Heads of State or Government met in Windhoek, Namibia, and signed a Declaration and Treaty establishing the Southern African development Community (SADC)
- SADC member States signed the SADC Trade Protocol on 24 August 1996

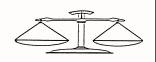




Background (cont..)

- One of the key objectives of SADC is industrialization and the enhancement of trade leading to the effective utilization of the region's abundant resources
- A Memorandum of Understanding on Standardization, Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Metrology (SQAM MoU) was signed by the member states during 2000









Background (cont..)

- The SQAM MoU provided for five structures to deal with the facilitation of implementation of the SADC Trade Protocol
- The new TBT annex to the trade protocol was signed in Lusaka 2008 by the Committee of Ministers of Trade, which replaced the SQAM MoU





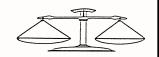




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- TBT annex seeks to strengthen the harmonization process in the SADC region
- To date the TBT annex provides for seven structures to deal with the facilitation of implementation of the SADC Trade Protocol









Attendance

- SADCMEL held its 23rd meeting in Gaborone, Botswana, April 2009
- The meeting was attended by 13 member states and two associate members





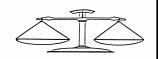




Attendance (Cont...)

- There were several observers including representatives from the PTB
- The Seychelles Bureau of Standards was welcomed as a full member of SADCMEL, since its accession to SADC









TC meetings

- SADCMEL TC 1 Sale of Goods
- SADCMEL TC 2 Instruments
- SADCMEL TC 3 Rules of Procedure









Capacity Building

- The EU project is broken in into PE 1 & 2
- Visits by project experts were also made to most member countries to verify requests for capacity building









Capacity Building (Cont...)

- Legal Metrology Division of the NRCS of South Africa offered to provide trainers for the initial activities where competence and resources were available
- Local expertise was also sourced from NMISA and NLA for various activities









Completed training

- Train the trainer
- Model Legislation OIML D1
- Labelling and packaging of products
- Verification of fuel dispensers
- Verification of NAWI's









Completed training (cont...)

- Verification of counter & beam scales
- Traceability and uncertainty of measurement









Training outcomes

- 33% success rate
- 127 people attended various courses
- Although many course were postponed to PE 2.









International relations

■ The SADCMEL Secretariat presented a report on SADCMEL at the CIML Meeting in Sydney, Australia, during October 2008. At the same meeting the Regional Coordinator presented a report on AFRIMETS









Conclusion

SADCMEL did not arrange or participate in many activities during the period under review but it is envisaged that the momentum will increase when the EU PE 2 funding programme once is underway.









THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!!



