



AFRIMETS PROJECT

Objective: to provide African testing laboratories and exporting business units increased access to domestic and affordable calibration services from local NMIs that are reliable and internationally traceable.

Starting date: 3rd Quarter 2009

Duration: 24 Months

Estimated Budget:

UNIDO contribution*	€ 131,000
NORAD contribution	€ 500,000
AFRIMETS contribution**	€ 42,000
National Metrology Laboratories**	€ 150,000
TOTAL	€823,000

* For 2010-2011 Activities

** In kind



Project outputs

Strengthen technical structures (twining)

Creation of Key and Supplementary comparisons for priority areas

Pool of assessors and evaluators (ISO 17025 + ISO Guide 34)

Training of African Metrologists



To lower export rejection rates of African products due to non-equivalence of national-international metrological competence.

IMPACT

To provide African exporting business units increased access to domestic and affordable calibration services from local NMIs that are reliable and internationally traceable.

OBJECTIVE

To enhance the Intra-African Metrology System (AFRIMETS) to provide assistance to obtain international recognition of the metrology programmes of the African NMIs.

OUTCOME

AFRIMETS key and supplementary comparisons for priority metrology areas

A pool of assessors and auditors ready to assist AFRIMETS NMIs implement the CIPM MRA.

Twining arrangements between AFRIMETS and other RMOs to upgrade services in priority metrology areas.

A metrology training of new African metrologists.

1. Roadmap for institutional strengthening

OUTPUTS



CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ African compliance challenges need capacity building
- ✓ UNIDO has a holistic approach to capacity building and is present in the region
- ✓ AFRIMETS, BIPM and OIML are strategic partners for UNIDO to conceptualize and deliver programmes
- ✓ Compliance and Inspection needs to be complemented by Competitive Enterprises and good market connectivity
- ✓ Metrology is a pillar in conformity assessment technical assistance



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