

A hand is shown from the bottom, holding a glowing, spherical network of white lines and nodes. The nodes are small circles, some of which are highlighted in a light blue color. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white, suggesting a digital or technological environment.

Upgrading Quality Infrastructure in Africa

AFRIMETS General Assembly 2019

July 2019

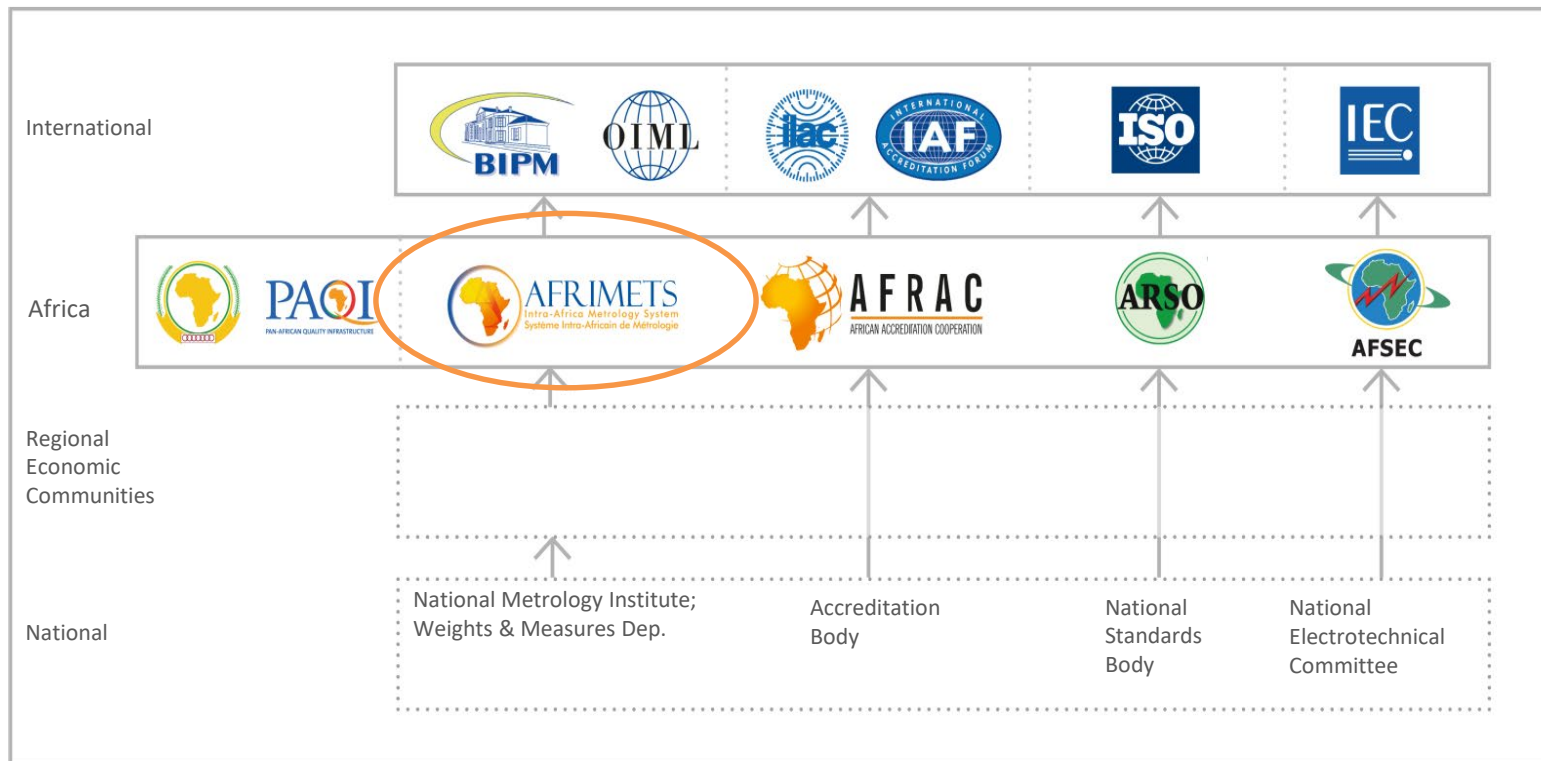
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| Term | 2016 -2019 |
| Resources | 3,500,000 EUR |
| Objective | Economic integration through reduction of Technical Barriers to Trade and unjustified Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures supported. |
| Outputs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">① AUC QI embedded as a cross cutting theme within AUC and AfCFTA negotiation process concerning TBT/SPS② RECs African FTA experience utilized in shaping the AfCFTA③ PAQI Institutional and technical capabilities to implement WTO requirements (TBT/SPS) enhanced |

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- Current project until August 2019; very good evaluation results
- German government reconfirmed its readiness to continue its support.
- Follow-up project is envisaged to start in September 2019 (3 years, 3 Mio. EUR); focus on implementation of the AfCFTA TBT Annex and Boosting Intra-African Trade (BIAT)
- Support to the Pan-African Quality Infrastructure (including AFRIMETS) will be maintained

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Support to AFRIMETS (July 2018 to July 2019)

- **Institutional Development**
 - AFRIMETS GA 2018 in Enugu (participants, expert for Workshop)
 - Legal metrology strategy meeting Johannesburg
 - AFRIMETS GA 2019 in Cairo (participants, expert for Workshop)
- **International Networking**
 - CGPM Paris, support to AFRIMETS Chair attendance
 - JCRB Paris, Support to TC-QS Chair attendance
 - SI Conference Pretoria (participants)
- **Capacity Development**
 - ongoing: key comparison TS-7
 - upcoming: line scale evaluation workshop

Support to PAQI

- Permanent expertise (TBT/SPS) to AUC DTI
- Support to PAQI Joint Committee meetings and PAQI forum meetings (AFRIMETS is part of PAQI)
- SPS stocktaking carried out



Support to PAQI

Ongoing: Development of a common Pan-African Quality Policy (PAQP) as a requirement of the Abuja Treaty

- Draft Document was prepared
- Consultation Workshops with all AU member states
 - 1st consultation workshop in Nairobi on 22/23 July (COMESA, EAC, SADC, UMA)
 - 2nd consultation workshop in Abuja on 29/30 July (ECCAS, ECOWAS)
- Validation workshop on 8 August (AUC, PAQI, other stakeholders)

Be aware of possible consultations before the July workshops at national level and contribute!



Way forward

AfCFTA is started. PAQI plays an active role for the implementation of the AfCFTA TBT Annex requirements.

PAQI will identify common activities, but each PAQI pillar must work in its area of expertise.

For AFRIMETS:

- Mutual recognition agreements concerning calibration certificates
- Mutual Acceptance Arrangements for verification procedures (technical regulations)
- Transparent custom procedures (e.g. weighing bridges on check-points)

Further PTB support is confirmed
(demand oriented and performance driven)



Thank you very much for your attention

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