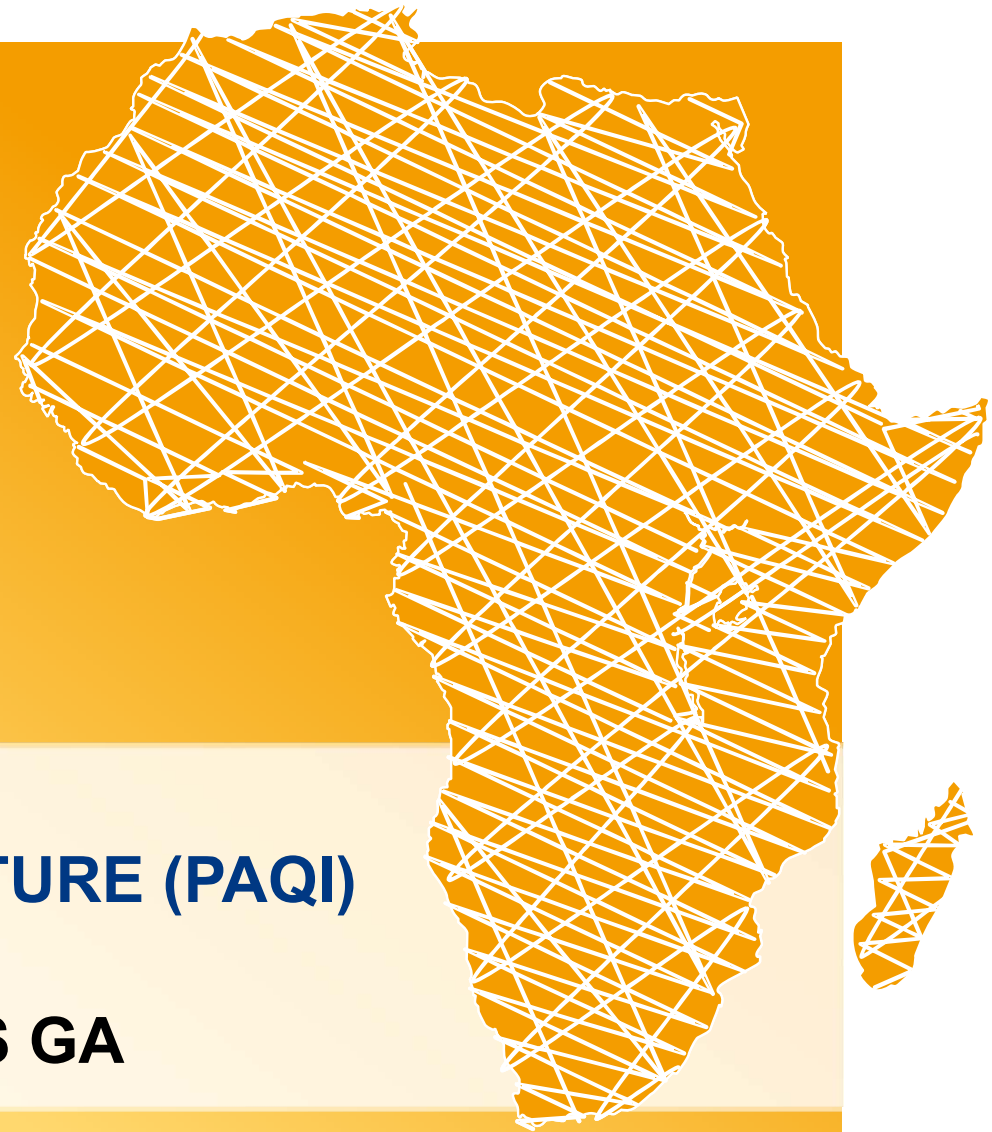


QUALITY FOR AFRICA



**PAN-AFRICAN
QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE (PAQI)**

14th AFRIMETS GA

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Panafrican Quality Infrastructure (PAQI)



The African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC)



The Intra-Africa Metrology System (AFRIMETS)



The African Electrotechnical Standardisation
Commission (AFSEC)



The African Organisation for Standardisation
(ARSO)

Establishment of PAQI

- The 20th Conference of African Ministers of Industry (**AU CAMI20**) held on **10th – 14th June 2013** recognized PAQI as the continental platform for all matters related to QI
- Officially inaugurated on **30th August 2013** by the Director for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission, where PAQI Institutions **signed a MoU**.
- PAQI fits well in the strategy for the implementation of **BIAT**
- PAQI institutions are required to implement the AfCFTA, **Annex 6 on Technical Barriers to Trade**.
- Every year PAQI reports to the African Union Specialized Technical Committee for Trade, Industry and Mining (**AU STC/TIM**)

PAQI STRUCTURE AND LIAISON



Objectives of PAQI

- ❑ Supporting African integration, industrial development and trade and to improve quality of life;
- ❑ Supporting development of African policies on Standards, Measurement and Accreditation of Conformity Assessment services;
- ❑ Establishing effective relations with the AU and RECs in order to promote and reinforce the role of PAQI.
- ❑ Representing Africa on all matters pertaining to standards, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation.
- ❑ Securing adequate funding for the PAQI to support capacity development

PAQI implementing AfCFTA agreement...

Some provisions of the AfCFTA agreement, Annex 6 on Technical Barriers to Trade:

- ❖ **Article 6, b)** Promote the adoption of standards developed by ARSO and AFSEC, **d)** Designate liaison focal points to ensure that all States Parties are well informed of the standards developed or to be developed by ARSO and AFSEC

- ❖ **Article 8, e)** Promote mutual acceptance of conformity assessment results of conformity assessment bodies which have been recognised under appropriate multilateral agreements between their respective accreditation bodies and the relevant mutual recognition arrangements of the AFRAC, ILAC and IAF;

- ❖ **Article 9, e)** Cooperate in the area of accreditation by participating in the work of AFRAC

- ❖ **Article 10, b)** Cooperate in all the areas of metrology by participating in the work of the AFRIMETS

PAQI JOINT PROJECTS (1)

1. Comparative analysis of the TBT and SPS Policies of the RECs (2017)
2. Participation in the drafting of the AfCFTA Annex 6 and 7 text.
3. Africa Quality Policy (AQP) submitted for approval by the AUC
4. SPS Stocktaking document 2019
5. TBT Stocktaking Documents (2014, 2017 and 2020)
6. Joint cassava value chain Project, Phase 2 starting

PAQI JOINT PROJECTS (2)

7. Concept paper on setting-up an African continental technical regulatory framework (ACTReF)
8. Guidelines for Accreditation Bodies - remote assessment (2021)
9. PAQI Online training platform
10. Awareness creation activities for various stakeholders and decision makers
11. Capacity building activities on various topics for various stakeholders

Thank for your kind
attention!