

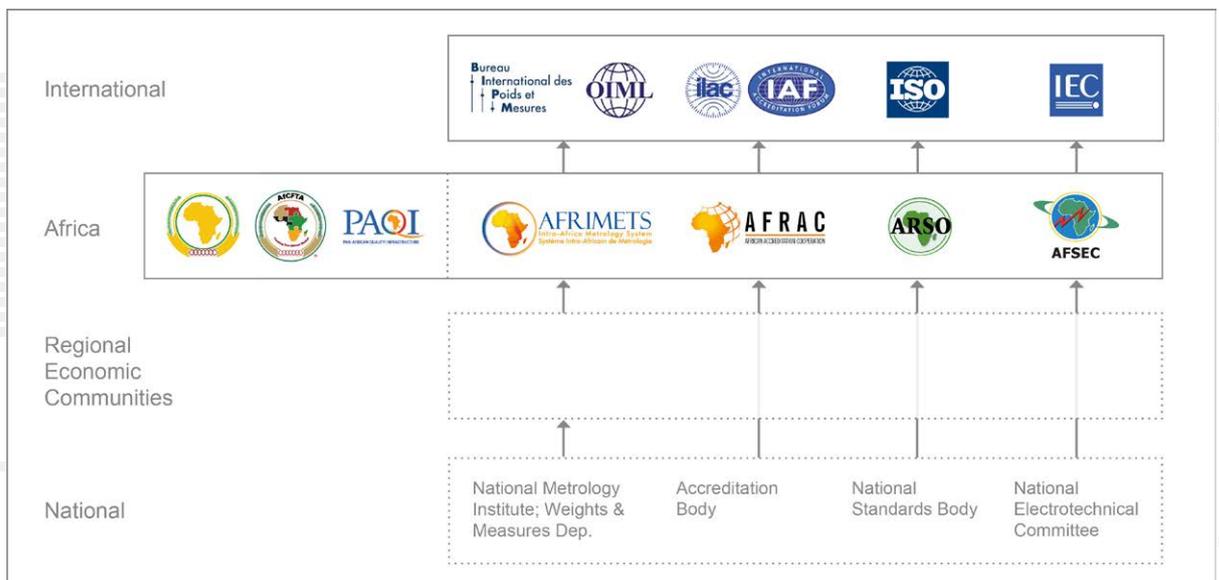
Sub-Saharan Africa



Africa

Upgrading of Quality Infrastructure in Africa II – Trade Component

- Objective** Upgrading of the Pan-African quality infrastructure supports the economic integration in Africa.
- Approach** The project supports the upgrading of quality infrastructure in Africa and provides strategic advice to the African Union Commission (AUC) on implementing African quality policy, as well as to the Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on coordinating the implementation of the AfCFTA agreement. The Pan-African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI) organisations are supported to fulfil the requirements arising from AfCFTA Annex 6 (Technical Barriers to Trade). Technical and methodological consultancy is provided to develop Pan-African approaches for the harmonization and approximation of standards, of technical regulations and of conformity assessment, ensuring the participation of the regional economic communities to support an effective and efficient implementation of the AfCFTA and strengthening the endeavors towards the African economic integration. The methodical approach is based on different concepts of capacity building, organisational development, and policy advice.
- Impact** The project contributes to the establishment of an African Economic Community which envisages to remove tariffs and potentially protectionist measures that have no justification in terms of consumer, health and environmental protection. The removal of technical barriers to trade represents a prerequisite for the realisation of the advantages of a free trade area. The measures lead to economic growth, an increase in income and employment, and thus to poverty reduction. Synergies will be achieved by gearing the consultancy to international standards and by thus fulfilling essential requirements for participation in global value chains.



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