



## A harmonized and applicable National Quality Policy

### Challenge

Development of institutional capacities remains the backbone of implementation of strategies. National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) does not exist without a National Quality Policy (NQP). Fundamental laws on standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation must be guaranteed and in compliance with the requirements of the WTO’s Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) agreements.

Hence, the development of a coherent and stable National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) in Nigeria, entailing the creation of two new and essential institutions, the National Accreditation Body (NAB) and the National Metrology Institute (NMI), needs a NQP. Also evident is the fact that the Nigerian technical regulations and related procedures for compliance should be further systematized, intelligible, easily accessible and based on cost-effectiveness data related to its application and enforcement.

### Response

UNIDO assistance in the development of a National Quality Policy for Nigeria will ensure that goods and services that are exported from or traded in Nigeria are designed, manufactured and supplied in a manner that meet the needs of the market, as well as those of regulatory authorities.

The UNIDO-EU National Quality Infrastructure project aims to develop a National Quality Policy to aggregate stakeholders’ resolutions in that framework, as well as motivate analysis, discussion and updating of legislation supporting it. Establishing a consensual and effective national policy will be made operational through the following outputs:

Preparation of a “Green Paper” on the legal framework for an overarching, systematic, coherent, efficient and sustainable NQP and NQI
Assessment of the current Nigerian Technical Regulations (TR) package and of the effectiveness of related market surveillance authorities
Streamlining the WTO and SPS National Enquiry Points (NEP)
Preparation of the basic activities to identify, store, update and use the information on foreign TR, standards and conformity assessment dispositions of countries that import from Nigeria
Strengthening the implementation of the Food Safety Policy through Nigeria Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) infrastructure