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**The Contribution of Quality Infrastructure to
Sustainable Development**

PROGRAMME

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BACKGROUND



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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Africa Agenda 2063 were respectively adopted by the United Nations Summit in 2015 and by the AU Summit in 2013. Therein, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focus on economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and have been quantified through specific targets. The goals provide global guidance to all governments to enable them to set relevant national targets and take necessary actions to meet these. However, the SDGs extend beyond the realm of the public sector. They are a call for action to all societal actors, including businesses and consumers. The SDGs present an opportunity for companies to align their strategies and business models with global sustainable development needs, and for people to contribute to a better world for themselves and for future generations through sustainable consumption. The SDGs are structured into three categories: Planet, People and Prosperity.

On 25 July 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its resolution 70/293 in which it proclaimed the period 2016–2025 as the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). The developmental goal of IDDA III is to guide the efforts of the continent and its development partners towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Supporting the efforts to effectively reach the IDDA III Goals and contribute to the SDGs and measuring the progress in achieving targets requires robust quality

infrastructure (QI) systems with all the building blocks in place: standardization, metrology, accreditation and conformity assessment in particular testing, certification and inspection services.

QI institutions and services provide businesses, policymakers and other stakeholders with a core of knowledge about ways of doing things and tools that can be operationalized to measure and assess almost any type of activity. This knowledge and tools help markets to function and governments to achieve regulatory mandates and objectives. The private sector, governments and the world community can use this infrastructure to disseminate and leverage knowledge, to support actions that promote the sustainability (incl. SDGs).

Since 2015, governments around the world have proceeded to translate and mainstream the SDGs and targets into national sustainable development plans setting out what they will do. Some have started to report on the progress they have made. Countries must align their national SD priorities with what national capabilities and resources are needed for effective implementation. Among the requisite capabilities and resources is the technical infrastructure known as Quality infrastructure.

As was briefly explained QI institutions and services have a fundamental role to play to support this transformation – but they also need to be strengthened and expanded to meet a new set of requirements.

New (or existing and extended) requirements of this kind embedded in standards, regulations, codes of practice



and other elements of the QI, can help consumers make informed choices, encourage innovation and, lead businesses and industries to take up appropriate new technologies and organization methods improving current practices, and support public authorities in designing and implementing public policies aligned with the SDGs.

It is important for all countries and all stakeholders of sustainable development to be involved in this activity, to influence it and benefit from the knowledge and emerging innovations, which can be put to use to save lives, monitor pollution and climate change and help societies to advance on many of the other goals associated with sustainable development.

FORUM OBJECTIVES

The International Quality Infrastructure Forum will be Co-Organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the African Union Commission (AUC). This event takes place within the context of the UNIDO cooperation on good governance of QI systems with other relevant partners, such as the AUC, the global quality infrastructure governance bodies and other developmental partners.

This event will convene the international community of quality infrastructure governance bodies and quality infrastructure practitioners from Europe and Africa. The forum will combine interventions from policy makers, technical experts, private sectors and developmental

partners that will assist in setting the future scene for collaboration on QI.

The Forum will focus on best practices of quality infrastructure for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), and it will look at how sustainability standards can help the private sector achieve the SDGs. It will gather representatives of international quality infrastructure governance bodies and practitioners, and will combine interventions by policymakers, technical experts, members of the private sector and developmental partners that will set the scene for future collaboration on quality infrastructure. The Forum will also serve to identify priority interventions for the development of quality infrastructure systems in support of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa 2016 -2025 (IDDA III).

The event will also identify priority interventions for the further development of Quality Infrastructure Systems in support to the IDDA III.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background paper: Quality Policy Guiding Principles, Quality Policy Technical Guide and Quality Policy Practical Tool.



AGENDA

08:30 - 09:30

Registration of Participants and Welcome Coffee

Forum Moderator:

Sarah Kelly, TV News and Journalist

09:30 - 09:40

Welcoming Remarks

Patrick Gilabert, Representative to the European Union and the ACP Secretariat Group of States, UNIDO

H.E. Ambassador Ahmat Awad Sakine, Permanent Representative to the European Union and the ACP secretariat Group of States, Africa Union (AU)

09:40 - 10:40

Opening Statements:

Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union (AU)
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Philippe R. Scholtès, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation, UNIDO

Stefano Manservigi, Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission (EC)

Kanayo Awani, Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

Merih Malmqvist Nilsson, Chair, International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI)

10:40 - 11:10

Photo Session



11:10-12:30

SESSION 1: “How to steer African regional quality infrastructure development towards the SDGs within the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)”

The AfCFTA Agreement will build an integrated market for the duty-free flow of goods, services, people and capital, encompassing the majority of the member states of the African Union and 1.2 billion people. This will create a continent-wide environment of fair competition, harmonized investment policies and will pave the way to African integration.

The objective of this session is to examine the key challenges of the AfCFTA Agreement, such as the conformity assessment recognition, food safety and trade facilitation, as well as discuss the role of a sound regional quality infrastructure in the rapid growth of intra-African trade.

Keynote Speaker:

Eve Christine Gadzikwa, President, African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

Panellists:

Mamadou Traore, Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Oswald Chinyamakobvu, Senior Technical Advisor, African Union (AU)

Gainmore Zanamwe, Senior Manager, Intra-African Trade Initiative (Trade Facilitation), African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

Badr Mouhcine, Programme Manager, EU-WCO Programme for Harmonized System in Africa, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Marcel Gbaguidi, Director General, Le Système Ouest-Africain d’Accréditation (SOAC)

Cecile Billaux, Head of Unit D2 Economic Partnership Agreements – Africa, Caribbean and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission (EC)

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

SESSION 2: “Good governance and quality policy dialogue – building strong foundations for a robust quality infrastructure”

Integrating successfully in the global trading system requires complying with international quality requirements for goods and services. Quality infrastructure (QI) helps domestic and global producers and consumers fulfil their mutual quality goals. QI is a key driver for better health, increased safety and enhanced competitiveness, thereby contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At the same time, QI components may evolve in isolation and overlap in functions and responsibilities, resulting in policy gaps and lack synergies. Proper interventions at policy level are usually critical to address these challenges and to ensure good governance.

The objective of this session is to explore how to capitalize on quality policies as instruments to improve the governance of a QI system and to coordinate and streamline quality infrastructure institutions and components.

Keynote Speaker:

Silvia Vaccaro, Policy Officer Standardization, European Commission (EC)

Panellists:

Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Department, UNIDO

Shey Jones Yembe, Commissioner, Department of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development, Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l’Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)

Hermogene Nsengimana, Chairperson, Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI)

Iyalode Alaba Lawson, President, Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI)

Erich Kieck, Director of Capacity Building, International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Ian Dunmill, Assistant Director, International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), also representing the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)

15:30 - 15:45

Tea/Coffee break

15:45-17:15

SESSION 3: “How sustainability standards and related QI services can steer the private sector contribution to the SDGs”

Both governments and the private sector could use voluntary sustainability standards as tools towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Sustainability standards are one of the market requirements necessary for integration of business operators into global markets and value chains.

The objective of this session is to present how the positive utilization of standards enables integration into global value chains and to highlight the importance to support small- and medium-sized enterprises in meeting sustainability standards in order for them to access international markets, connect to global value chains and make an effective contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Keynote Speaker:

Bonapas Onguglo, Representative of the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS) and Head, Trade Analysis Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Panellists:

Jeske van Seters, Head of Programme, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)

Dominika Dor, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO

Harrison O. Kojwang, Regional Director for Africa, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Bernardson Adamali, Production Manager, Asuo Bomosadu Timbers & Sawmills (ABTS) LTD

Mathieu Lamolle, Senior Advisor - Sustainability Standards & Value Chains, International Trade Centre (ITC)

17:15 - 17:30

Closing Session

Patrick Gilabert, Representative to the European Union and ACP Secretariat Group of States, UNIDO



BIOGRAPHIES



FORUM MODERATOR



SARAH KELLY

Anchor-at-Large, DW News, Deutsche Welle

Sarah Kelly is an American journalist and television news anchor. She is the Anchor-at-Large at Deutsche Welle in Berlin, where she hosts the flagship international news programme “DW News” and the talk show “Global Talk”. Previously, Sarah was an anchor and producer at Bloomberg Television in New York. In addition to her journalism, Sarah moderates at high-level global conferences, such as the World Economic Forum and the G20. She has been named a German Chancellor Fellow and an Atlantik-Brücke Young Leader. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science (magna cum laude) from Columbia University, where she was a trustee scholar.



WELCOMING REMARKS



PATRICK J. GILABERT

Head of the UNIDO Office in Brussels and Representative to the European Union, European Investment Bank, ACP Secretariat, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Patrick Gilabert is an economic development expert in Asia and Africa; with academic background in sociology, economic, technology management and business administration; he has exercised increasing leadership responsibilities in managing complex development portfolios in the field as well as at UNIDO Headquarters Vienna, Austria.

Prior to his appointment in Brussels, he was UNIDO deputy Representative to the United Nations in New York (2016-2018), Representative and head of the UNIDO country offices in Hanoi, Vietnam (2011-2016) and in Antananarivo, Madagascar (2007-2010) with coverage of the Union of Comoros, Seychelles, and Mauritius. Patrick started

his career with UNIDO in Vietnam in 1993, followed by Headquarters in Vienna (1996-2006). Previously, he worked for smart cards company Gemplus Electronics in France, and the French Embassy (Trade Commission) in Japan and Sri Lanka. Fluent in French and English, Patrick holds a Ph. D in technology management (University Aix-Marseille III), a Master in socio-economics (University Aix-Marseille I), complemented by the Trium executive MBA (HEC Paris, London School of Economics, New York University Stern School of Business).

Awarded with Madagascar “Chevalier de l’Ordre National” and two medals by Vietnam Government for his contributions to national progress in agriculture and industry, Patrick has co-authored several publications, including most recently “Un défi pour la planète: Les Objectifs de développement durable en débat” (IRD Editions, 2017).



H.E. AMBASSADOR AHMAT AWAD SAKINE

Permanent Representative to the European Union and the ACP secretariat Group of States, Africa Union (AU)

H.E. Ambassador Ahmat Awad Sakine has been the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Chad to the Republic of South Africa, Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho, of Swaziland, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe from 15 March 2016 to 22 August 2017. From 23 April 2013 to 2 April 2016, he was also the Ambassador of the Republic of Chad in Ethiopia, Permanent Representative of the AUC and the UN Commission for Africa. He has been extensively involved in Africa multilateral representation as until the end of 2015 he was the President of the Committee in charge of Multilateral Cooperation with key stakeholders including the African Countries, UAE, the Arab World at the Kuwait Summit in November 2015, South Korea, the US, Japan, India, China at the Johannesburg Summit in December 2015. From 2010 to 2013 he was also Ambassador to Belgium, the Nederland, Luxemburg, the United Kingdom and Permanent Representative to the UE and the States Group from Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP). Former Minister of his country, H.E. Sakine has a strong background in Economics and Finance.



OPENING STATEMENTS



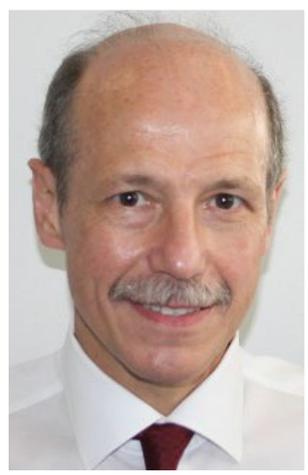
ALBERT MUCHANGA

Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union (AU)

Albert Mudenda Muchanga was elected African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry in January 2017 for a four year term. He took up his post on 15th March 2017. He previously worked in the Zambian Civil Service at home and abroad, including the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community. He works with ease at technical, professional, leadership and political levels.

Albert Mudenda Muchanga brings to the Department of Trade and Industry experience in the promotion of inter-governmental relations, engagement with the private sector, as well as promotion of regional integration and cooperation as levers of sustainable development, among other key areas that are critical to the effective execution of his current duties.

Albert Mudenda Muchanga has a passion for creating value from all his official engagements. He also believes that continuously developing people and institutions is crucial to creating value on a sustainable basis.



PHILIPPE R. SCHOLTÈS

Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation, UNIDO

Philippe Scholtès is Managing Director, Directorate of Programme Development and Technical Cooperation at UNIDO. He oversees in that capacity the technical assistance programme of UNIDO—a portfolio of over 800 projects for a total value of 1.4 billion dollars, delivered by 1800 staff and project personnel at UNIDO HQs in Vienna and in a hundred developing and emerging countries.

The Directorate promotes through technical assistance UNIDO's mandate of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID). It rests on four Departments: Energy, Environment, Agribusiness, and Trade, Investment and Innovation. A fifth Department, Programmes, Partnerships and Field Integration leverages these resources in joint operations with other UN agencies, private firms, investment banks and development finance institutions under execution in a growing series of national programmes for country partnerships.

Prior to his role of Managing Director, Mr. Scholtès was Director of UNIDO's Agribusiness

Development Department; he also served as UNIDO Representative in Vietnam and Regional Director for South Asia in New Delhi, India.

Mr. Scholtès, a Belgian national, holds an MSc degree in engineering (major electro-mechanics) and an MSc degree in economics (major mathematical economics). He has published in economics, energy economics, industrial organization etc. He is married and has two sons.



STEFANO MANSERVIGI

Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission (EC)

Stefano Manservigi is Director-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) at the European Commission since May 2016.

An Italian national, he previously served as Head of the Private Office of Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Commission Vice-President.

In 2014, he was the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey. Before that, he held different positions at the Commission, including as Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs, and Director-General for Development and Relations with African, Caribbean, and Pacific States. He has also headed the Private Offices of the Commission's President Romano Prodi and Commissioner Mario Monti and served in the Private Offices of the Commission's Vice President Filippo Pandolfi, and of Commissioner Francesco Vanni d'Archirafi.

A lawyer by training, he enjoys teaching and has been a visiting professor at the University of Bologna, University of Roma III, and the College of Europe.



KANAYO AWANI

Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

Kanayo Awani is the Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative in Afreximbank. She holds a Master of Public Administration Degree (specializing in International Trade and Finance) from Harvard University (Kennedy School of Government), Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America. She also holds the Edward S. Mason Fellowship in Public Policy and Management from the same University. Mrs. Awani has extensive banking experience having worked for Citigroup in Nigeria for about 17 years in various functions, the last being Vice President and Head of Industrial and Commercial Corporates. She joined the African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank) to pursue development finance in 2009 as Director, Trade Finance and Branches. In her current role as Managing Director, she leads the Bank's efforts in implementing its Intra-African trade and Industrialisation Strategies, and in that role, she chairs the Bank's Industrialisation Working Group. She is also the Chairperson of the Africa Chapter of FCI, a global factoring association.



MERIH MALMQVIST NILSSON

Chair, International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI)

Merih Malmqvist Nilsson (M.Sc. E.E.) has 32 years of experience in accreditation, conformity assessment, elimination of technical barriers to trade, the EU system for accreditation and conformity assessment including technical regulations and cooperation within the global quality infrastructure. She has also been involved in international training and development programmes giving support to developing economies. She has supported the Swedish delegation to the EU as expert in various trade negotiations, the latest being in the TTIP negotiations between the EU and the USA.

She has 20 years of experience as lead assessor and 23 years of experience as a manager at various levels from Swedac. She topped her career in the Swedish civil service as the Acting Director General of the Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment, Swedac, and the Chair of ILAC.

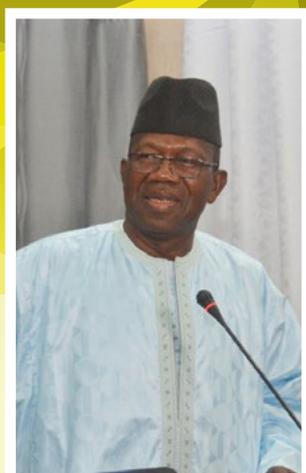
Internationally, she has performed more than 20 peer-evaluations of accreditation bodies and regional cooperation, chaired various committees within EA and ILAC and has been a member of the executive committees of these organizations.



EVE CHRISTINE GADZIKWA

President, African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

Dr Eve Gadzikwa has enjoyed an illustrious professional career, which spans over 25 years in the public and private sector. Eve is the current and first female President of African Organisation for Standardisation (a Pan African intergovernmental standardisation body formed by African Union in 1977) that is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, for the period 2016-2019. Eve was appointed to her current executive position of Director General and Governance Champion (Board Company Secretary) of the Standards Association of Zimbabwe in September 2008. Eve has led a diverse team of professionals, represented her organization with distinction on national, regional and international platforms (ISO, SADC, COMESA, ARSO, IEEE and Continental Technical Standards Committees). Eve is a qualified and experienced medical laboratory pathology scientist (Med. Micro). Other leadership positions: Chair-IEEE-SA Africa 4IR Strategy Program (Collaboration with ARSO), ISO DEVCO Chairman's Advisory Committee Member (2015-Current), National Code of Corporate Governance Trustee (2017-Current), Banc ABC Non-Executive Director (2015-Current).



MAMADOU TRAORE

Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Mamadou Traore is the Commissioner for Industry and Private Sector Promotion at the ECOWAS Commission.

Prior to this, Mr. Traore was the Commissioner for Macro-economic policy and Economic Research, also at the ECOWAS Commission.

He was also the former Secretary General of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Trade of Mali in 2007 and of the Department of Mines in 2013.

In the course of his career, Mr. Traore has acquired experience in mines, industrial strategies, trade policies, integration and investment.

Mr. Mamadou Traore has also held high level positions in his country, Mali, such as: the first National Coordinator of the Businesses Restructuring and Upgrading Program of Mali; the Deputy National director for Industry in Mali as well as the head of Standardisation, Quality Promotion and Intellectual Property Division at the National Directorate of Industry of Mali.



OSWALD CHINYAMAKOBVU

Senior Technical Advisor, African Union (AU)

Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu is one of the senior experts on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) team in the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) at the African Union Commission. In this position he coordinates AfCFTA activities in the areas of TBT, SPS and NTB. In addition, Dr. Chinyamakobvu is the link officer for the department in the area of quality infrastructure responsible for ensuring that issues of quality infrastructure are included in the programmes of the department - in particular within the industry division. In this regard he also works closely with the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI) institutions. Dr. Chinyamakobvu is a Metallurgist by training and has a long career spanning academia as well as development work in the area of quality infrastructure at national (Zimbabwe), regional (SADC) and continental (AU) levels.



GAINMORE ZANAMWE

Senior Manager, Intra-African Trade Initiative (Trade Facilitation), African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)

Gainmore Zanamwe, is a Senior Manager under the Intra-African Trade Initiative at the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) responsible for Trade Facilitation. Mr. Zanamwe has more than 14 years of experience on trade and industrialisation matters. Before joining Afreximbank, Mr. Zanamwe worked as the Regional Trade Adviser under the Commonwealth Secretariat (Hub and Spokes Programme) and was posted to the SADC Secretariat, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), where he provided support on industrialisation, private sector development, export promotion, investment promotion, trade facilitation, trade negotiations, trade policy advocacy, development of trade and industrialisation policy frameworks, training and capacity building, regional and global value chains and trade standards.

Prior to joining the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mr. Zanamwe also worked at the Midlands State University in Zimbabwe (as Chairperson and Acting Dean) and at the

Trade Law Center for southern Africa (tralac) in South Africa.

Mr. Zanamwe holds an L.L.B (Distinction) from the Nelson Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare and a Joint L.L.M in International Trade and Investment from the University of Western Cape and University of Amsterdam.



BADR MOUHCINE

Programme Manager, EU-WCO Programme for Harmonized System in Africa, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Mr. Badr Mouhcine, is a Programme manager at the World Customs Organization leading the EU-WCO Programme on the Harmonized System in Africa. Mr. Mouhcine has more than 12 years of experience in the implementation of EU cooperation, dialogue and capacity building programmes. Prior to joining the WCO, Mr. Mouhcine worked at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute supporting Arab Spring Countries in the Recovery of Illicit Assets and fighting corruption. He also held several positions at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development working on migration issues and as Communication Officer at the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus promoting social inclusion and the rights of disabled people. In his current position at the WCO, Mr. Mouhcine is federating African countries, the Regional Economic Communities, the AU and the private sector towards a coordinated implementation and harmonized application of the HS, a key instrument in trade facilitation.



MARCEL GBAGUIDI

Director General, Le Système Ouest-Africain d'Accréditation (SOAC)

Marcel Gbaguidi is specialized in International Trade and Quality Management. He is evolving since 19 years on quality infrastructure issues. In this capacity, he worked, as consultant, for many agencies among which the French Development Agency (AFD), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank (WB), the International Trade Center (ITC), the EU TBT project on SPS / TBT Agreements, etc. and particularly for the West Africa Quality Infrastructure Programs, executed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and with which he has been committed since 2008. He has held, among other responsibilities that of expert in quality infrastructure, Head of sub office / principal technical expert of UNIDO West Africa Quality Infrastructure Programs. Since 2018, he has been appointed as Director General of SOAC, the West Africa Multi- economies Accreditation Body, which was developed with UNIDO support.



CECILE BILLAUX

Head of Unit D2 Economic Partnership Agreements – Africa, Caribbean and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission (EC)

Cécile Billaux has been Head of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Unit in DG TRADE, European Commission, since 1st February 2019. Prior to this, she worked as Deputy Head of Unit in charge of Agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues in DG TRADE where she contributed to remove barriers to trade for exports of agriculture products to third countries. She has more than 10 years of experience inside the European Commission, including at cabinet level. She worked in the cabinet of the current EU Trade Commissioner Cécilia Malmström in the first half of her mandate, from 2014 to 2017, where she notably covered trade relationships with ACP countries, sustainable development and relations with the European Parliament. She also worked in DG Health and Consumer Protection during the first 4 years of her career in the European Commission. Prior to working for the Commission, she worked in the private sector as a consultant in public affairs for major international companies. She is French

and studied political sciences. She holds a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



SILVIA VACCARO

Policy Officer Standardization, European Commission (EC)

Silvia Vaccaro has a university degree in Industrial Engineering from the Politecnico di Milano, Italy, and a Master degree in International Relations, Politics and Trade from the Sydney University, Australia.

She works in the Unit Standards for Growth of the European Commission DG GROW, responsible for international relations with countries outside the EU.

Previously she was several years in CEN-CENELEC, responsible for international cooperation (managing EU-funded projects and supervising bilateral relations with national and regional standards bodies).

She started her career in ANIMA, the Italian Federation of Machinery Manufacturers of Confindustria, the Italian Federation of Manufacturers, advising companies on how to implement CE marking EU legislation.



BERNARDO CALZADILLA-SARMIENTO

Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Department, UNIDO

Dr. Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento is Director of the Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO.

Prior to this, Dr. Calzadilla was Director for the Technical Assistance and Training Services at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as the Secretary of the ISO Policy Committee on Developing countries matters (ISO DEVCO).

With more than 25 years of international experience as a senior quality and standards expert, his involvement includes working in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Born in Bolivia, Dr. Calzadilla holds a Master's Degree in industrial and process organization and a Doctor in economics, from the Vienna University of Economics and Business in Austria.



SHEY JONES YEMBE

Commissioner, Department of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development, Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC)

Shey Jones Yembe is a design engineer in civil engineering and public works engineer (speciality hydraulic construction), he was born on November 30, 1960 in the department of Donga Mantung/ North West Province. He is married and has five (5) children.

From 1980 to 1986, he studied at the University of ESSEN in Germany. Positions of leadership include: March 2012, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Autonomous Port of Douala; November 2008, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Civil Engineering Laboratory (LABOGENIE); August 2002, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the construction company MAG SARL; March 2000 to August 2002, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Public Investments and Town and Country Planning and Chairman of the Board of Directors of MAG; December 1997 to March 2000, Secretary of Urban Planning and Housing and PCA at MAG; November 1992 to December 1997, State Secretary at the Ministry of Public Works. April 1992 to November 1992, State Secretary at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport; 1990 to 1992, Directorate-General for Major Works at the Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon.



HERMOGENE NSENGIMANA

Chairperson, Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI)

Hermogene Nsengimana, the ARSO Secretary General, holds a PhD in Analytical and Environmental Chemistry from the School of Chemistry, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

He also has Post-doctoral Studies from the Witwatersrand University and University of Botswana. Prior to his appointment as the ARSO Secretary General in 2012, he was a senior lecturer at National University of Rwanda (NUR), where, beside active research work alongside teaching, he held leadership position as Vice-Dean in the Faculty of Science and Deputy Director in Charge of Consultancy and Research at NUR.

In his capacity as a researcher in environmental pollution, he was the President of the International Hydrological Program (IHP) in Rwanda and a member of the scientific advisory committee (VicSac) of the Victoria Lake research (VicRes).

Dr. Nsengimana is an accomplished Standardisation expert with wide knowledge on standards development, adoption and implementation principles based on the WTO TBT/SPS Agreements. In his capacity as ARSO's Secretary General and Chairperson

of the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI) since its inauguration in 2013, he has addressed high level meetings and conferences with a main focus on the role of standardization in economic development for ACP countries.



IYALODE ALABA LAWSON

President, Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI)

Iyalode Alaba Lawson started her teaching career in 1969 and later left for St. Nicholas Montessori Teachers' Training College at Prince's Gate England in 1973 for further studies where she obtained a 1st Class Diploma in Education with distinction. The first African student to be so rated at the institution. A testimonial issued and signed by the co-principals in 1975 attests to this: "Mrs. Lawson was outstanding in her ability to master her academic studies. She worked with enthusiasm and intelligence. Therefore, we are sure Mrs. Lawson will make good use of these gifts for the benefits of the Children and Young people in Nigeria. We shall miss her in the College, but we look forward with confidence to hearing about the work she will accomplish".

Positions of leadership include: President - Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce (FEWACCI), Chairman - Organized Private Sector in Nigeria – OPS, National President of Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture (NACCIMA), Immediate Past Chairman Board of Governing Council, Moshood

Abiola Polytechnic, Ogun State (MAPOLY), Chairman – ABESTONE MICROFINANCE BANK Abeokuta, Founder & Proprietress Lawson Group of Schools, Abeokuta, Past President – Abeokuta Chamber of Commerce, Past President – Ogun Council of Chambers of Commerce, Past immediate President – Odu'a Chambers of Commerce, Chairperson – NACCIMA Business Women Group.



ERICH KIECK

Director of Capacity Building, International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Erich Kieck is the Capacity Building Director at the ISO Central Secretariat. He previously worked as a Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist at the World Bank Group and as the Director for Capacity Building at the World Customs Organization. He started his public service career at the Department of Trade and Industry in South Africa as the head of the international legal unit and then joined the South African Revenue Service where he was eventually responsible for customs strategy and legal policy. Erich believes that capacity building is a critical enabler for socio-economic development and has extensive experience in organizational development, institutional reform, leadership and governance. At the World Bank Group Erich supported the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement through multiyear technical assistance projects and at the World Customs Organization he was responsible for the delivery of quality, demand-driven capacity building support to administrations around the world.

He is a lawyer and holds a master's degree in international economic law.



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