Towards a Global Quality Infrastructure: An Approach to Harmonization and Capacity Building

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System of Quality Infrastructure (QI)
Common Technical Barriers to Trade

- Complex search for information
- Short lead time for regulatory changes
- Lack of clarity in the implementation of new regulations
- National standards differ from international standards
- Certificates are not recognised
The Global Project Quality Infrastructure (GPQI) of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) brings together political decision-makers with business representatives and technical experts from associations, chambers and specialist institutions.
Objectives of GPQI

- Reduction of technical barriers to trade
- Facilitation of digitalisation and innovation
- Safety of industrial production sites
- Protection of consumers from unsafe products
The bilateral cooperation framework of the GPQI

Annual political meeting of the partner institutions

Evaluation and feedback, assessing needs of the private sector

PROVEN MECHANISM FOR TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE

Implementation of specific projects

- Led by private sector companies, associations, and experts
- Implementation of project activities (e.g. workshops, studies, delegation visits, reports)

Mutual Agreement on cooperation topics and work plans
Budget: 205 mio. EUR
- Asia: 35 mio. EUR
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 55 mio. EUR

85% of all LDCs benefit
- 9 LDCs bilateral cooperation
- 40 LDCs regional cooperation

Budget per sector:
- Trade & privat sector dev.: 47%
- Agriculture & rural dev.: 35%
- Renewable energy and climate: 9%
- Health: 6%
- Natural resources management: 3%

BMZ Portfolio: 80 projects worldwide
Ability to fulfil AfCFTA TBT requirements: Stocktaking

Key findings:
- Positive trend: More countries are able to grade QI systems up.
- Challenge: Only 50% of the AfCFTA State Parties are in the position to fulfil the requirements of the AfCFTA Annex 6.

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Source: PAQI TBT-Stocktaking 2020
Supporting the AfCFTA: Our multi-level-approach
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