Experience assisting with the functioning of Enquiry Points in Africa via the Standards Alliance

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Focus of Technical Assistance

- Capacity-building for WTO TBT Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities
- Developed Action Plans to improve the effectiveness of the EPs and NAs tailored to the needs of each country
Highlighted Activities

1. Intensive in-country training with Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi, and all 5 EAC countries
   - January 2014

2. Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi visit Washington, DC and U.S. NEP
   - December 2013

3. Training and re-launch of NEPs, implementation of national action plans
   - 2015

4. In Kenya and Zambia, discussions on maximizing benefits of transparency requirements in TBT Agreement
   - 2016

5. Establishment and operation of national TBT/SPS committees
   - 2017

6. Development of NEP/NNA procedures documents to solidify previous training, ePing
   - October 2018
Results

- **1ST** notifications submitted to WTO: 3 countries
- Expertise in stakeholder communication, promotion
- Increased national awareness of TBT Agreement and benefits

**2013**

- Average notifications per year for participating countries: 13.3

**2018**

- Average notifications per year for participating countries: 54.6