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# **TBT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

## **KENYA**

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# Outline

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# INTRODUCTION



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- **The TBT Mentorship Program covered the application and implementation of the TBT Agreement, running for a three year period.**
- **Its overall objective was to contribute to the overall goal of poverty reduction in the participating countries.**
- **It was managed by the Swedish National Board of Trade (SNBT) and financed by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).**



# **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION - MENTORSHIP ACTIVITIES**



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- **Kenya :**
  - **Was among the 6 participating countries – Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia**
  - **Attended the initial meeting that took place in Stockholm, Sweden in October 2008.**
  - **Attended 13 WTO TBT Committee meetings in Geneva between November 2008 and November 2012.**
  - **Hosted the Mid term review meeting for the Mentorship Program in Mombasa in May 2010**



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# MID TERM REVIEW MEETING

## MAY 2010





# **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION NATIONAL ACTIVITIES**



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**We learnt:**

- **i) The structure of the TBT Agreement and international standardization organizations &**
- **ii) The use of Logical Framework Approach (LFA) method**
- **Kenya used the LFA method to come up with the Problem Tree and the Objectives Tree**
- **We also did stakeholder analysis**





# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



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## Development Objective

- Increased competitiveness for Kenyan goods leading to increased trade by 10% by 2030
- (Kenya's Vision 2030)

## Overall Objective

- Improve the implementation of WTO TBT Agreement among stakeholders by 2012



# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



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## Immediate Objectives

- **Create awareness on TBT measures to enhance the understanding of the TBT agreement among stakeholders**
- **Strengthen the institutional capacities for conformity assessment bodies**
- **Strengthen the TBT NEP for effective service delivery**
- **Improve the regulatory infrastructure**





# Activities carried out



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- i) National TBT Workshops**
- ii) Participation in the SQMT regulatory reform process**
  - Review of the Standards Act**
  - Development of the National Quality Policy**
  - Development of Technical Regulations Bill**
- iii) Capacity building for National TBT Committee and NEP**
- iv) Participation in TBT Committee meetings in Geneva**
- v) Participation in regional mentorship programs**
- vi) Preparation of mid term review meeting**
- vii) Capacity building for KEBS**
  - Purchase of equipment**
  - Training of staff**
  - Attendance of international meetings on SQMT**



# Achievements



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- i) Enhanced understanding of the TBT Agreement among stakeholders**
- ii) Improved attendance of WTO TBT Committee meetings**
- iii) Improved functioning of the National TBT Committee**
- iv) Improved communication between the NEP and stakeholders**



# Achievements



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- v) Increased number of notifications**
- vi) Legal reforms to clarify mandates among regulators under way**
- vii) Improved national capacity for testing services**



# STATISTICS



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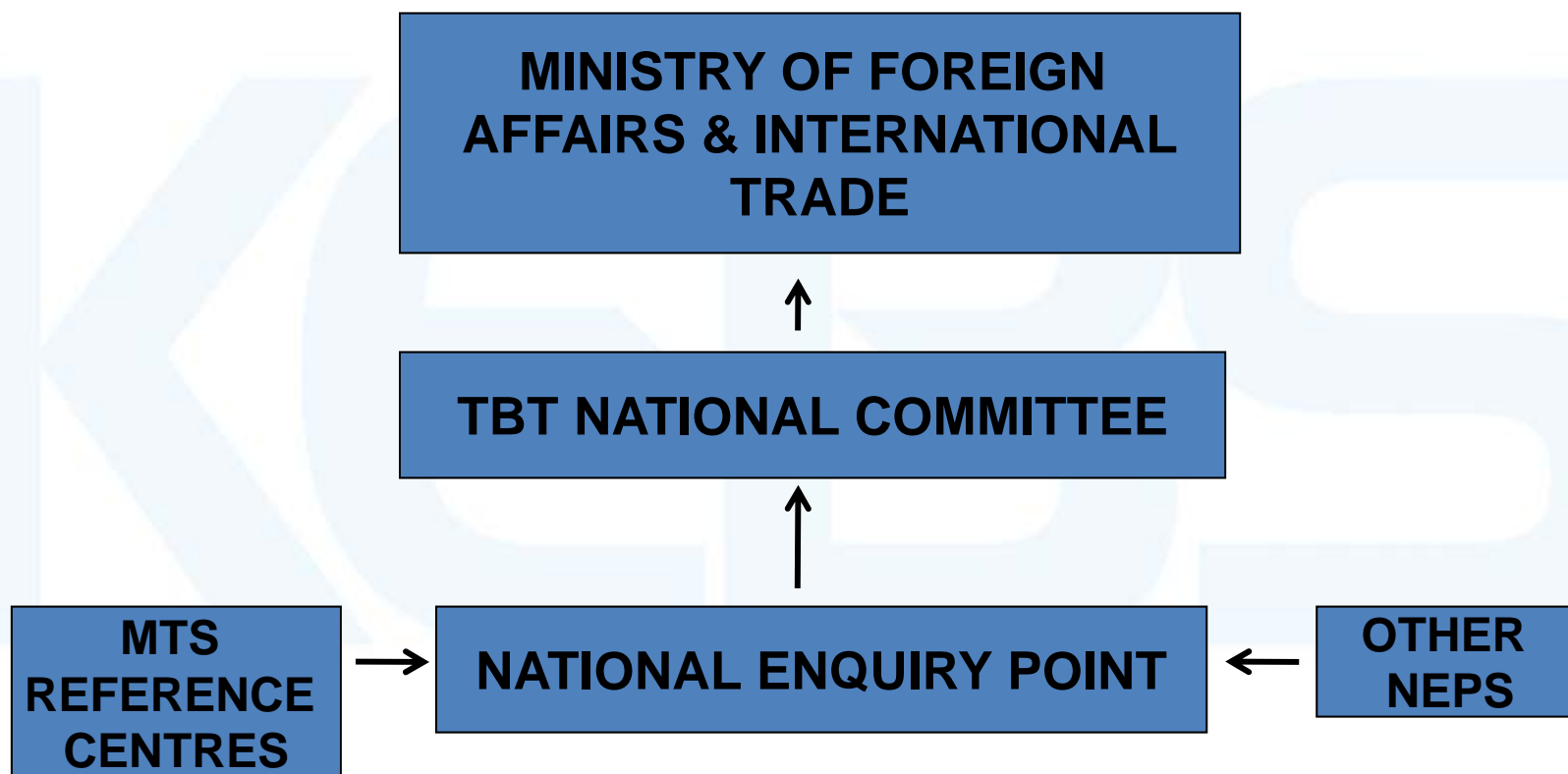
YEAR	DOMESTIC NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED	FOREIGN NOTIFICATIONS DOWNLOADED	ENQUIRIES RECEIVED
UPTO JUNE 2007	104	1,409	1,390
2007/2008	15	962	276
2008/2009	87	1,112	177
2009/2010	64	1279	187
2010/2011	54	939	162
2011/2012	30	545	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>6,246</b>	<b>2,267</b>



# IMPLEMENTATION OF TBT AGREEMENT



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# INTEGRATION INTO NATIONAL PLANS

- 1) SQMT issues have been integrated in Government Policies e.g. National Trade Policy and Industrialization Policy**
- 2) Review of quality infrastructure (standards, conformity assessment) integrated into working plans of different institutions like KEBS**
- 3) Infrastructural development (ICT hardware and software, testing equipment, training of experts) integrated into the Private Sector Development Strategy, and Kenya's Vision 2030**



# CHALLENGES



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- **There is lack of involvement by the business sector in the analysis of Technical Regulations and feedback on foreign notifications**
- **Low institutional capacity**
- **Lack of an interactive website on notifications.**
- **Lack of a government regulatory policy or legislation to guide regulatory authorities in the country concerning notification procedures.**
- **Lack of synergy between various regulatory authorities in the country.**





# WAY FORWARD



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- **Kenya is concentrating on:**
  - **Regulatory reforms**
  - **Improving on National & Regional networking**
  - **Building awareness among all stakeholders**



# **Regional Cooperation on TBT issues**



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- **Establishment of a Regional TBT Forum coordinated by EAC Secretariat is under way**
- **To have rotating Chair and Rapporteur**
- **To discuss issues of common interest in the EAC region and harmonize positions**
- **The Chair to present positions on behalf of all the EAC Member States**



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*Thanks For Listening*

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