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Quality Infrastructure in Kenya's regulatory systems

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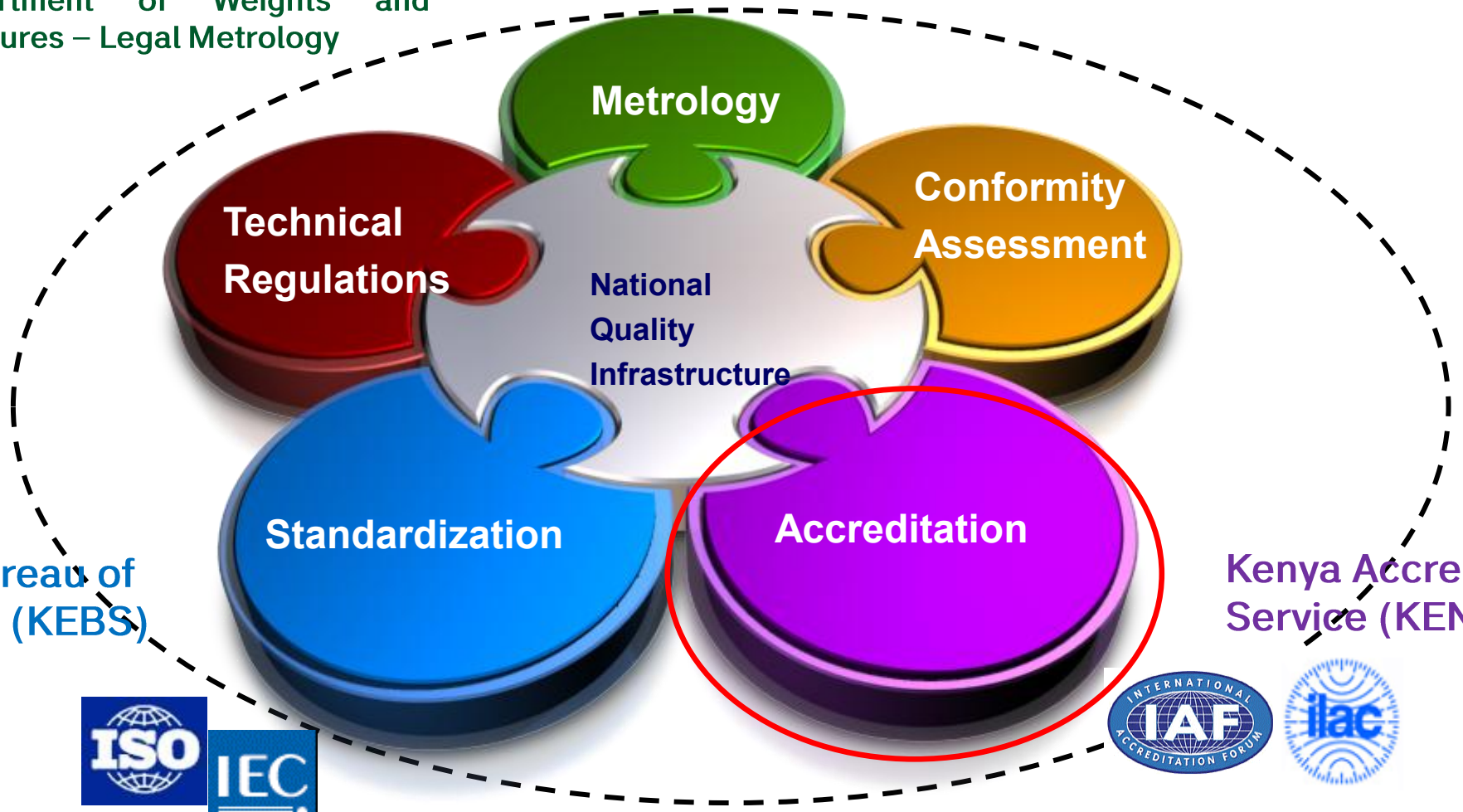
National Quality infrastructure & international linkages

1. National Metrology Institute – Scientific and Industrial Metrology
2. Department of Weights and Measures – Legal Metrology



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Kenya National Quality Policy

- Kenya has developed National Quality policy – align quality infrastructure, provide consumer protection, improve market access and trade through encouraging adoption of quality improvement practices

- Policy covers standardization, technical regulation, accreditation and market surveillance (involving national and county governments) – supported by conformity assessment procedures, ensure products meet international standards, facilitate trade and investment

- Framework supported by multilateral / mutual recognition arrangements, has a positive impact on trade in the developed world and unlocks the trading potential of developing economies.

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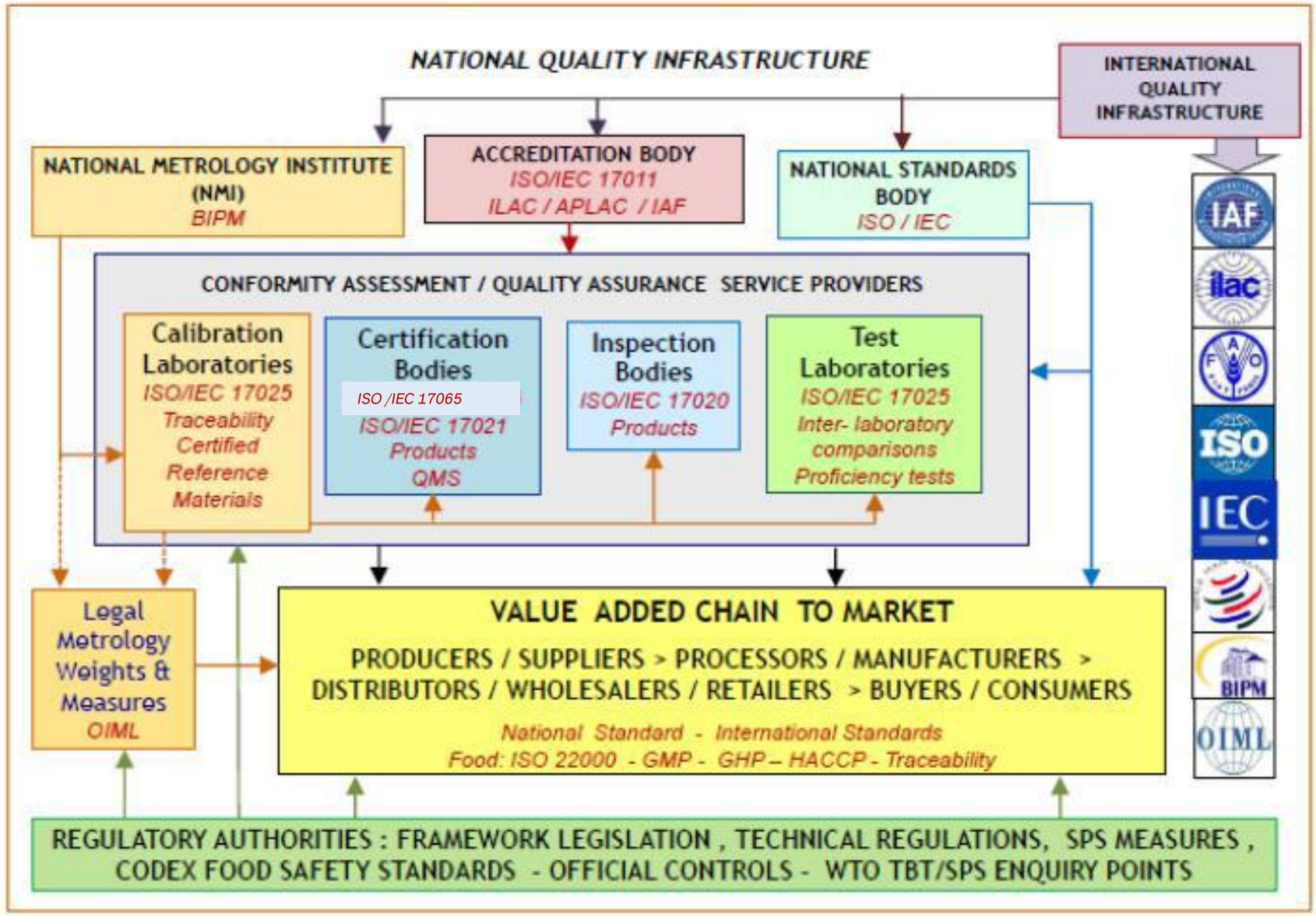
National Quality Infrastructure - Opportunities



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Challenges of NQI

1. Build capacity for implementation in sector players at national and county level (and MSMEs) of the NQI
2. Inconsistency in legal regulatory institutional frameworks
3. Inadequate awareness on NQI
4. Weak Coordination of activities within the QI institutions at national and county levels
5. Expanding accreditation to cover sector needs – KENAS is a mutual recognition arrangement member to African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC), signatory member to ILAC,IAF soon to be merged
6. Inadequate coverage of emerging markets and slow adoption of QI changes, and risks.

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