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**RAISING THE AFRICAN STANDARD -
THROUGH TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE**

NOVEMBER 2007

1. OPEN FOR VIEWING

- **Universities, standards organizations, governments**

**(TANZANIA, ETHIOPIA, NIGERIA,
IVORY COAST, UN DELEGATES)**

2. ANSWERS TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS regarding testing and product problems of textiles

- **Companies and standards organizations**

**(BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, ETHIOPIA,
KENYA AND KENYA ASSOCIATION of
MANUFACTURERS)**

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**3. TRAINING provided in textile,
leather and footwear**

- **standards organizations**

**(BOTSWANA, MAURITIUS, up coming
ETHIOPIA BUREAU of STANDARDS)**

**4. TESTING that cannot be
done by any of the standards
authorities are also
contracted to SABS**

LEGAL/TRADE METROLOGY

- Workshops at SADC MEL meetings in various countries
- 2002 – “Verification of non automatic weighing instruments”

(Angola, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seycelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe)

LEGAL/TRADE METROLOGY

- 2005 – “Verification of mechanical counter scales”
(Botswana, DRC, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- 2006 – Trade Metrology Act and Regulations
(Swaziland and Rwanda)



SOUTH AFRICA WTO/TBT ENQUIRY POINT

STANDARDS SOUTH AFRICA

TRAINING BY SOUTH AFRICA

Date	Country	Delegates	Notes
Feb 1996	Mauritius	Various	Setting up of standards organization in Mauritius
March 1996	Mauritius	Ms Appanah	Standards Information Centre Standards Sales In RSA
June 2001	Namibia	Ms Heita Ms Hoaes	Standards Information Centre WTO Enquiry Point Standards Sales In Namibia

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TRAINING CONTINUE

March 2002	Rwanda	Ms Kamanzi	Standards Information Centre WTO Enquiry Point Standards Sales
Sept 2003	Botswana	Ms Moilwa	Standards Information WTO Enquiry Point Standards Sales
Feb 2004	Botswana	Mr Wakwena	Standards Information WTO Enquiry Point

TRAINING CONTINUE

Aug 2004	Kenya	Mr Gantonye	Standards development Standards Information WTO Enquiry Point Standards Sales
Oct 2004	Kenya	Various	Standards development ISO/IEC meetings WTO agreement In Kenya
Nov 2004	Lesotho	Mr Molapa	Evaluation of proposal. Setting up Standards Information Centre

TRAINING CONTINUE

Oct 2005	English speaking countries by WTO	Trade and WTO officers of various countries	Workshop on WTO agreement in Namibia. Presentations on WTO Enquiry Point and conformity assesment by R Heydenrych
March 2006	Kenya	Mr Chonelwa Mr Odongo	WTO agreement WTO Enquiry Point Responsibilities of WTO members

TRAINING CONTINUE

Nov 2006	English speaking countries By SADC	WTO officers of various countries	Workshop on WTO agreement in Botswana Presentations on WTO Enquiry Point and technical regulations by R Heydenrych
March 2007	Rwanda	Ms Kamanzi	WTO agreement WTO Enquiry Point Responsibilities of WTO members

TRAINING CONTINUE

June 2007	English speaking countries By WTO	WTO officers of various countries	Workshop on TBT in Botswana Presentations on WTO Enquiry Point and electroin notification system by R Heydenrych
June 2007	Swaziland	Dr Mkonta	Certification, testing, metrology, standards development, Standards Information Centre

TRAINING CONTINUE

July 2007	Tunisia	Ballet-El-Mouna Amara Zayani Besma Ben Hmida Khammassi Afef Chenni Intissar	WTO agreement WTO Enquiry Point Standards Information Standards Sales
Sept 2007	Mozambique	Mr Benjamin Ms Joaqium Ms Zandamela Mr Casteano Mr Mucone	Standards development, Standards Information WTO Enquiry Point Standards Sales

TRAINING COURSES

- How to write a national standard
- Participating in ISO and IEC meetings
- Standards editing
- Effective committee meetings
- Set up of Standards Information Centre
- Set up of WTO/TBT Enquiry Point
- WTO agreement and responsibilities of member countries

DAY ONE

- Understanding the WTO
- What are Non-Tariff Barriers?
- The WTO/TBT Agreement
- Technical regulations vs standards
- The Code of Good Practice for Standards
- Dispute settlements and International Standards

DAY TWO

- Responsibilities of WTO members
- Organizing WTO/TBT Enquiry Point
- Scope of responsibility of Enquiry Point
- Management and procedures in Enquiry Point
- Identifying TBT or SPS
- The notification process

DAY THREE

- Completing the notification form
- Disseminating notifications of other members
- Handling of comments
- Statistics and reporting to Ministry of Trade
- Products and services of Enquiry Point

Challenges for Developing Countries in Africa

- Lack of knowledge of the WTO agreement in Notification Authority and Enquiry Points
- Lack of awareness of responsibilities of WTO members in regulatory department of government
- Lack of support from Ministry of Trade

Challenges for Developing Countries in Africa

- Non-transparent development of technical regulations
- No separation of voluntary standards and compulsory technical regulations
- Delegates to workshops too high in stature
- No knowledge transfer after workshops or meetings to officers on the floor

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- Language barrier for Portuguese speaking countries
- Information about workshops and meetings by WTO are not given through from missions in Geneva to their countries and/or from Ministries to Enquiry Points

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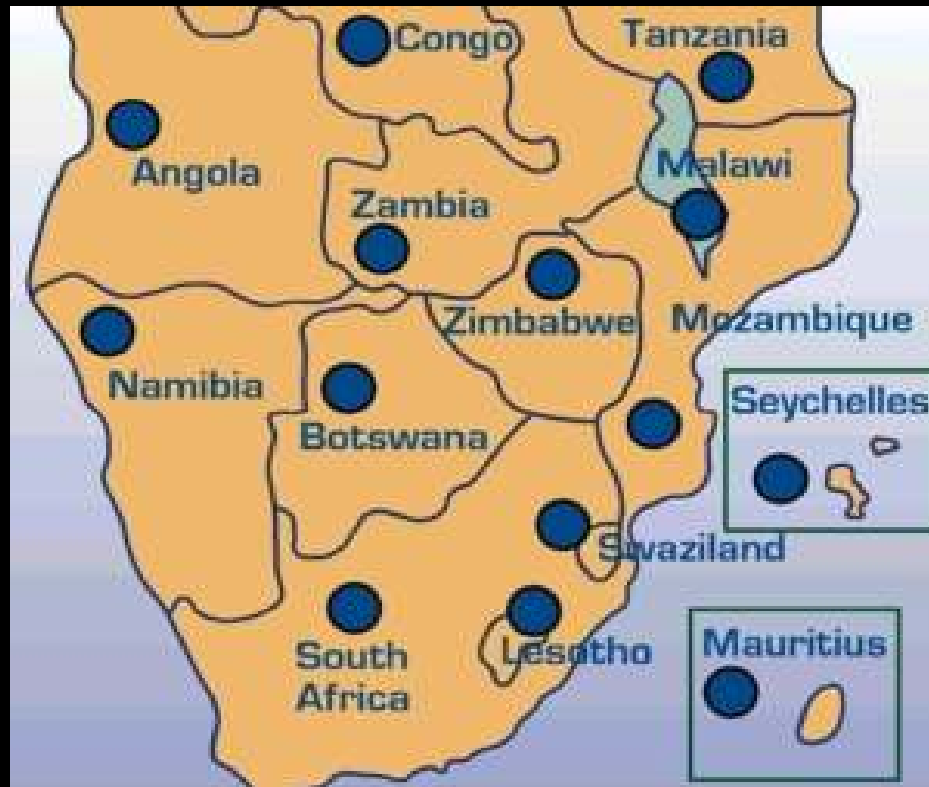
All you need to run a successful WTO/TBT Enquiry Point is a PC with Internet, a telephone and maybe fax facilities.

Possible solutions

- Training from different sources
- Knowledge transfer after meetings and workshops
- Ministry to realize and acknowledge importance of Enquiry Point
- Regular interaction between Ministry and Enquiry Point
- Awareness workshops to regulators

Possible solutions

- Regulators to attend workshop on “Good Regulatory Practice” in Geneva in March 2008
- Awareness sessions or presentations to standards organization on the Code of Good Practice for Standards development
- Assistance with IT programmes for electronic notification systems



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