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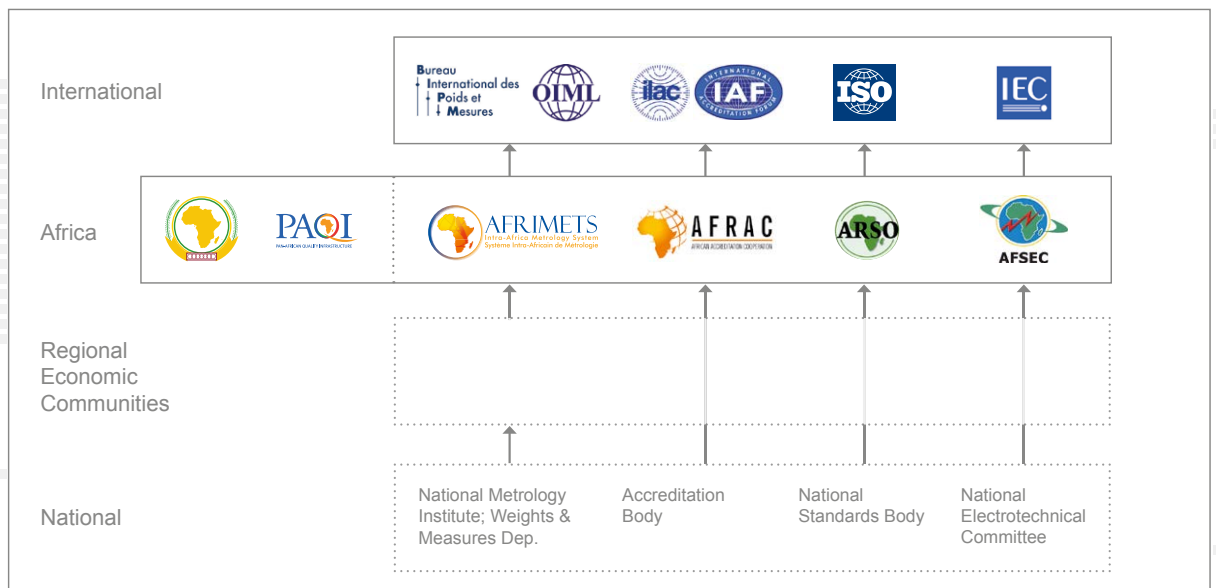
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Upgrading of Quality Infrastructure in Africa

Objective Upgrading of the Pan-African quality infrastructure supports the economic integration in Africa.

Approach Strategic advice is rendered to the African Union Commission (AUC) to coordinate the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) area. Awareness creation for quality infrastructure as a cross-cutting topic is continued and the Pan-African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI) organisations are supported to fulfil the requirements arising from AfCFTA Annex 6 (Technical Barriers to Trade). Technical consultancy is provided to develop Pan-African approaches for the harmonization and approximation of standards, of technical regulations and of conformity assessment, ensuring the participation of the regional economic communities to support an effective and efficient implementation of the AfCFTA. Tailor-made tools are used to sensitise stakeholders. The methodical approach is based on different concepts of capacity building, organisational development and policy advice, and is mainly focussed on the AUC and on PAQI.

Impact The project contributes to the establishment of an African Economic Community which envisages to remove internal and, later, also external tariffs, while at the same time curbing other potentially protectionist measures that have no justification in terms of consumer, health and environmental protection. The removal of technical barriers to trade represents a prerequisite for the realisation of the advantages of a free trade area. The measures lead to economic growth, an increase in income and employment, and thus to poverty reduction. Synergies will be achieved by gearing the consultancy to international standards and by thus fulfilling essential requirements for participation in global value chains.



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