To the

Accreditation Bodies, National Metrology Institutes and National Standards Bodies of Latin America and the Caribbean, members of IAAC, SIM, COPANT and CROSQ

November 28, 2016

Invitation to participate in the project: "Promoting Innovation in the Green Economy by including Quality Infrastructure"
Deadline for declarations of interest: December 31, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

Along with greeting you, I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the above-mentioned project implemented by PTB and if it is the case, ask you to declare your interest and to indicate the themes and services that you are most interested in.

This regional project aims to improve the conditions for the development of the Green Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the development of new and improved Quality Infrastructure (QI) services relevant for the Green Economy, defined as an economy which is low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive.

The purpose of this form is to verify the interest of different Quality Infrastructure Bodies in Latin America and the Caribbean in different Green Economy themes that have been selected as having the most potential for innovation between QI and Green Economy. Your answers will help us to identify two or three themes with the highest interest in order to develop pilot projects based on this themes. The six possible interventions areas for the pilot projects have been selected in a regional planning workshop jointly with the project’s “Advisory Committee” and based on the results of five national workshops and a desk study:

- Air quality monitoring (in cities)
- Electronic and Electric Waste Management
- Hazardous Waste Management (in laboratories)
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Sustainable Public Procurement
- Sustainable Social Housing
In case you are interested in participating in the project, please fill in the “Declaration of Interest” form attached and indicate the theme(s) which your institution is most interested in, your experience in this area(s) and the services you would like to develop in the framework of the project. **We look forward to your declaration until December 31, 2016.**

Later, the project team together with the Advisory Committee will analyze the results of the declarations of interests and will decide in which thematic areas pilot projects will be implemented. We plan to decide on that until April 2017.

The promotion of the Green Economy is highly relevant for the rapidly growing economies in Latin America and the Caribbean, both in order to orient their growth in a sustainable way and to stay competitive in a dynamic international environment. Moreover, the region stands out for its exceptional biodiversity, its importance for the global climate as its forests play a significant role in the global carbon budget, but also because of its increasing greenhouse gas emissions. The project offers the possibility to encompass this themes, which are increasingly relevant in the context of the "**Sustainable Development Goals**", an agenda including all the member states of the United Nations.

The institutions participating in the project will not only benefit by working at the regional level with QI institutions of other countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, but also by working more closely with other institutions of Quality Infrastructure (metrology, accreditation, standardization, testing laboratories) as well as with relevant actors for the development of a Green Economy (e.g. at the national level Ministries for Environment, at the regional level United Nations agencies, etc.).

You will find more information on the project and the thematic areas on [the webpage of the project](#).

Under “Overview” and “Downloads”, you’ll find:

- General information on the project
- The “Declaration of Interest” forms in English and Spanish
- Summaries of the six thematic areas in English and Spanish

Under “Activities”, you’ll find:

- Reports on the workshops of 2016 (Regional planning workshop in Colombia and national workshops in Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Costa Rica and Colombia).

Please do not hesitate to contact Andrea San Gil, Ulrich Harmes-Liedtke or me in case you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

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