

2019 Roadmap for Implementing GSO-KATS' MoU

Background

The Standardization Organization for the Cooperation Council for Arab States of the Gulf (GSO) and the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) signed an MOU on 28 November 2011 and renewed in 19 September 2017. A roadmap was designed in 2014 and implemented up to 2017. To supplement the renewed MOU, some of its elements are taken over into a new roadmap proposed to be implemented throughout 2019.

Goals

- Contributing to the removal of technical barriers to trade between the two regions by strengthening the cooperation in the fields of standardization, and
- improve economic, scientific and technical relations and ensure the compatibility and interchangeability of supplied products

Objectives

1. To promote communication between the Parties.
2. To promote cooperation and exchange of information about standardization and related activities between the Parties.
3. To coordinate stances in regional and international arenas in relation to issues of common interests in the field of standardization and its related activities.
4. To promote mutual understanding of the roles, functions and specialization of each Party.
5. To avoid duplication of work efforts wherever possible.
6. To promote awareness in the field of standardization and related activities.
7. Exchange of notifications relating to all new proposed regulations at early stage.
8. Facilitate and increase the level of trade exchange between the Parties.

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1	Frequency of information exchange:													
	- Annual reporting to the other Parties' activities in standardization, achievements reached in the context of the MoU, and proposals for cooperation during next year													- Annual report
	- Annual catalogues of standards published by each party													- Standards development plans
	- Annual Work programmes to identify common work items (avoiding duplication)													- GSO Annual Work programme - KATS Annual Work programme
	- Strategic information on priorities, challenges, interests, best practices, and cooperation perspectives between the Parties													- Find synergies for cooperation in areas of mutual interest, such as: - Smart city - Energy efficiency
2	Technical Cooperation													
	- Identify the GSO and KATS TCs which have a common interest in cooperating at technical level.													- exchange the list of GSO and KATS TCs
	- Follow-up and assessment of already existing technical cooperation													- Assessment made
	- Follow-up on desire of some NSBs to													- Report of the work progress

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	cooperate with the Korean side in various fields: - ESMA: reference to cooperation between the two countries and their joint committee for cooperation, especially fields of standards and halal. - BSMD: cooperation in Energy Conservation field - SASO: Recycling of plastic waste field													
	- Working on collecting technical comments from the Korean side on the new GSO technical regulations that are in the process of notification.													- Cooperation Channel between GSO & Korean companies
	- Where appropriate, either anyone Party may study and comment on the other Party's draft (Standards projects).													- Workshop on a regular basis
	- Expanding the scope of activities included in the work programs, such as technical regulations, metrology, Proficiency Testing, standards development													- Exchange of experts
	- Sharing experience on standards development methodology, adoption,													- Manuals/Guides/systems & exchange of views

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	and withdrawal.													– WebEx workshop for both parties – Good understanding of Standards development systems in both parties
	- Sharing experience and expertise of stakeholders' participation/ engagement in standards development process.													– Manuals/Guides/systems & exchange of views – WebEx meeting
	- Sharing experience and expertise of standardization education													– Manuals/Guides/systems & exchange of views
	- Conducting a joint research/survey/study in one of the standardization fields.													-Survey/Study
3	Capacity Building:													
	- Exchange of annual training/events plans and identification of topics of mutual interest.													– GSO Training plan – # of courses delivered by KATS
	- Organizing joint workshop on some areas of interest to share technical knowledge.													– GSO TR on cosmetics/Toys/LV – GSO Standards & TR on HALAL – GSO Notification System
	- Consider organizing site visits for certain topics by any of the Parties.													– Site visits

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4	Organisation of Bilateral Meetings & participation in International Meetings													
	Organizing bilateral meetings wherever necessary to enhance and strengthen collaborative relationship													
	Inviting other party to participate as Observer or whenever relevant as Speaker in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adjusted road map and shared views on cooperation – Good understanding of works of both parties –
	Cooperate and exchange information on their participation in international meetings, i.e. ISO, IEC, etc., where issues of mutual interest and those related to the MoU are on the agenda.													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Learn about the other parties' networking – Coordination of views and decisions at the int'l level
	Arrangements of visits by KATS and GSO delegations to one another													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Visit of KATS delegation to GSO (Date To be confirmed,

Financial Arrangement

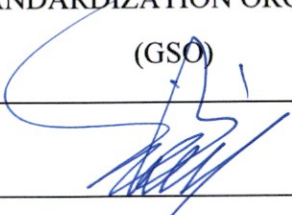

The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the cooperative activities undertaken within the framework of this action plan will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funds.

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