

ARSO and KATS COOPERATION Action Plan 2011-2015

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ARSO

African Organization for Standardization

KATS

Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

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“Desiring to promote mutual interest through collaboration and cooperation in the fields of standardization, conformity assessment and metrology on the basis of equality and mutual benefit”

The African Organization for Standardization(ARSO) and the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards(KATS) signed an MOU on 3rd December 2010 and acknowledged the importance and contribution of standardization and conformity assessment to value addition improvement, production efficacy and commercial exchange of goods and services. As a result the salient points in the MOU between ARSO and KATS are summarized in the paragraphs below:

- 1 The MOU between ARSO and KATS may support capacity building for harmonization of national, RECs(Regional Economic Communities) and international standards and shall encourage and improve global trade as well as consumer protection;
- 2 May support and help the capacity building programs to benefit both of the member States of ARSO and the Republic of Korea.
- 3 The parties solemnly agree to cooperate in the field of conformity assessment namely inspection and testing of products of mutual interest and share agreements and emerging proceeds in an open and transparent manner such that the membership of AU may benefit from such cooperation.
- 4 The parties hereby agree to exchange data or materials regarding the capacity building programs, and specialists or personnel for the purpose of studying experience and conducting consultations.

Annex 1 to this document contains the Action Plan for the implementation of the MOU for a year beginning June 1, 2011.

Annex 1

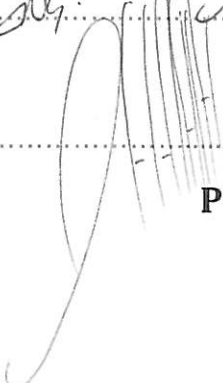
	SCOPE	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
1	PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSO and KATS to discuss regularly how to implement this Action Plan 2011-2015 	Annual
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSO and KATS to send representatives or letters of cooperation wherever necessary to the other Party to increase the role of both Parties in international standardization organizations 	Continuous
2	CAPACITY BUILDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KATS to explore feasibility of invitational program for African experts in the fields of standardization, metrology and conformity assessment, and initiate it - KATS runs two invitational courses for 45 people from ARSO member states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 15 people fully sponsored by KATS · 30 people self sponsored for their airfare and accommodations while KATS provides free training and local transportation · 1st course(22 people) in September 2011 · 2nd course(23 people) in March 2012 <p>(Details of time, venue, topics, and number and selection of participants shall be discussed and agreed between the Parties)</p>	March 2012
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KATS to explore feasibility of on-site capacity building program with ARSO, and initiate it - Korean Experts visit ARSO(Nairobi, Kenya) for consultation and training - Training areas cover Standards, Conformity assessment and Electromagnetic compatibility(EMC) - The venue is provided by ARSO <p>(Details of time, topics, and number of Korean experts shall be discussed and agreed between the Parties)</p>	November 2011

3	EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS AND DATA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSO to invite Korea's representatives as liaison to ARSO General Assembly or Council Meeting to exchange information and discuss common interest 	Continuous
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSO and KATS to endeavour to exchange experts to share experience and information needed for the Parties on request. (Information contents shall be discussed and agreed between the Parties) 	Continuous

Signed in duplicate, in Seoul on the 1st of June 2011

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