SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

Strengthening Pan-African standardization by means of National inputs to the process and national implementation of African Standards.

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Recommendation 1

1. Product certification schemes
   - Possibility of developing an ARSO mark
   - Obtain internal industry standards from industry and gather data from stakeholders to be used by NSB to develop a national standard
   - NSBs should carry out Industry visits at regular basis.

2. Gap analysis
   Involve industry and stakeholders periodically to determine if there are standards lacking in their particular sectors.

3. List of standards to be established in priority fields
   - Awareness
     - Lists of this priority standards to be received from NSBs

Recommendation 2

1. Publicize standards that have been harmonized through workshops, media, training, post standards benefits assessment (surveys), etc.

Recommendation 3

Relevance
   - Establishment of mechanism to determine the net benefit of regional standards.
Recommendation 4

- Breakdown TCs into Sub Committees to ensure more focused expertise if the need arises
- Ensure that internal experts are technically trained and evaluated
- NSBs to ensure that TC members are educated on standards development process
- NSBs to ensure that TC members are experts in their specific fields
- NSBs to develop database of national experts that can be appointed as National delegate for Regional work.

Recommendation 5

- NSBs to ensure that ARSO Standard projects are supported by National Mirror Committee (NMC)

Recommendation 6

- ARSO procedures to stipulate that an ARSO Harmonized standard supersedes NSBs’ national standards.
- Develop internal relationship as a region to ensure that our international input as a region is consolidated