“One Africa One Market - The Role of Standardisation in attaining sustainable Development within the context of Regional Integration”

THE SPEAKERS BIO-PROFILES
Dr Eve Gadzikwa, President ARSO

Dr Eve Christine Gadzikwa, D.HL, MBA, FML&CS, Grad Dipl IMM. Eve, the ARSO President, has enjoyed an illustrious professional career which spans over 25 years in the public and private sector. Eve was appointed to her current executive position as Director General of the Standards Association of Zimbabwe in September 2008. She is the organisation’s Company Secretary and Governance champion. During her tenure at the helm of SAZ, Eve has successfully lead a diverse team of professionals, represented her organisation on national, regional and international (ISO, SADC, COMESA) SQAM Committees & platforms. An experienced medical laboratory scientist (Microbiologist), Eve is a Fellow of the Institute of Zimbabwe Medical Laboratory and Clinical Scientist Council, Proficiency Testing & SQAM expert and business administrator. Eve has been recognised through several business excellence accolades, chief among them, 2014 Board Chairperson of the Year (Zimbabwe Business Awards Council). In 2015, Eve was instrumental in the crafting and successful launching of the National Code of Corporate Governance for Zimbabwe (ZIMCODE) as Project Steering Committee vice Chair, now accepted as a minimum guide for corporates in Zimbabwe. In 2015, Dr Gadzikwa and published her first Leadership Book, “I Dare You to Lead.” Eve was elected ARSO President Elect by the 21st General Assembly in Addis Ababa in 2015 and is to be inaugurated by the 22nd ARSO GA holding in Arusha, Tanzania. Currently, Dr. Eve is ARSO President (2016–2019); Zimbabwe National SQAM Chair; SADCA Country Representative (SADC); Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries Committee Chair – Standards & Business Ethics, and the ISO DEVCO Chairman’s Advisory Committee Member.
Dr Hermogene Nsengimana, Secretary General ARSO

Dr Hermògène NSENGIMANA, the ARSO Secretary General, holds a PhD in Analytical and environmental chemistry from the School of Chemistry, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. He also has Post-doctoral Studies from the Witwatersrand University and University of Botswana. Prior to his appointment as the ARSO Secretary General in 2012, he was a senior lecturer at National University of Rwanda (NUR) where beside active research work alongside teaching, he held leadership position as Vice dean in the Faculty of Science and Deputy Director in Charge of Consultancy and Research at NUR. In his capacity as a researcher in environmental pollution, he was the President of the International Hydrological Program (IHP) in Rwanda and a member of the scientific advisory committee (McSac) of the Victoria Lake research (McRes). Dr. Nsengimana is an accomplished Standardisation expert with wide knowledge on standards development, adoption and implementation principles based on the WTO/TBT/SPS Agreements. In his capacity as ARSO’s Secretary General and Chairperson of the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI) since its inauguration in 2013, he has addressed high level meetings and conferences with a main focus on the role of standardization in economic development for ACP countries.
Mr. Reuben Gisore, Technical Director ARSO

Mr. Gisore is the ARSO Technical Director responsible for the Coordination of Technical programmes with Regards to Standards Harmonisation and Conformity Assessment Systems and Resources mobilisation, having joined ARSO in 2012. With a master’s degree in Degree in Development Studies, and a BSc in Electrical and Electronics Engineer from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT, 1996), Mr. Gisore is currently pursuing a Doctorate (PHD) degree in Development Studies. Mr. Gisore is highly experienced on standardisation and Conformity Assessment Issues and Strategies, and their impact on Integration, Trade, Sustainable Economic Development and World Global Economic Agenda. He started his standardisation profession in 1997, when he joined the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) as a Standards Officer responsible for Electro technical and Renewable Energy Standards. Mr. Gisore represented Kenya in the harmonization of standards and trade negotiations in the East African Community and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, where he contributed to the formulation of the East African Community Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Testing (EAC SQMT) Act 2006 and the COMESA Standardization and Quality Assurance (COMESA SQA) Policy and participated in the initial stages of negotiating the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. Mr. Gisore holds a Master’s Degree in Development Studies. Mr. Gisore has written may Policy and Strategic papers and represented ARSO in various Technical International Panel Discussions on standardisation and its impact in sustainable development and in the context of Africa.
Mr John Walter, ISO President

John Walter is the ISO President having commenced his two-year term on January 1, 2018. He served as ISO President-elect in 2017 and ISO Vice-President (policy) in 2014-2016. His duties in these roles included leadership of ISO's Strategy and Policy Committee, supporting implementation of the ISO Strategic Plan, and ensuring effective stakeholder communication on strategic issues. Mr. Walter continues to support ISO's Strategy 2016-2020 and to conduct revitalized regional engagement strategies within ISO's global membership. He has also served as a member of ISO's Technical Management Board (TMB). Mr. Walter strengthened international standardization by assisting regional organizations such as the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT) and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC) to set new strategic priorities. He was appointed as an advisor to the China Standardization Expert Committee (CSEC) of the Standardization Administration of the People’s Republic of China (SAC). Mr. Walter recently retired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Standards Council of Canada (SCC), Canada’s member body to ISO. He led Canada’s standardization network and promoted the effective and efficient use of standardization, enhancing Canada’s economic competitiveness and social well-being. He successfully established standardization as a top strategic priority for the Government of Canada. Prior to his appointment at SCC, Mr. Walter gained experience as a standards developer and user. He was Vice-President, Standards Development for the Canadian Standards Association (CSA); President and CEO of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA); and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Technical Standards Division of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations in Canada’s largest province, Ontario.
Dr. Oswald Chinyamakobvu is a Metallurgical Engineer by training and his career spans 9 years as a University lecturer, 9 years as Operations Director at the Zimbabwe Standards Association and 9 years as a QI expert at the SADC Secretariat. He joined the African Union Commission in April 2016 as Senior Technical Advisor on the CFTA responsible for coordinating TBT and SPS issues.
Mr. Hussein is a holder of Master of Public Policy and Management (MPP), Majored In “Trade and Industry “From The Korean Development Institute of Public Policy & Management – (Korea – Seoul- 2005),
Currently he is the Head of Industry Division-Trade and Industry Department of the African Union Commission (From 1/8/2007 until Now).
He is a member in the Technical Office of the Ministers of Trade & Industry (From 1990 – until end of July, 2007).
Current Key Duties and responsibilities as the following include formulation of appropriate policies and plans of actions; developing programs and project proposals relating to Industrial and mining policies and coordinate and harmonizing it among the AU member States and REC’s. He also oversees Small and medium scale industries; financing and Investment promotion of industrial development; Industrial cooperation with International Organizations, Academia, Private sector and Civil Societies; Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementation of AU programs of developing industrial and mining in Africa.
Dr. David Luke, Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA

David Luke is Coordinator of the African Trade Policy Centre at the UNEconomic Commission for Africa with the rank of a director at the Commission. He is responsible for leading ECA's research, policy advisory services, training and capacity development on inclusive trade policies and in particular the boosting intra-African trade and the continental free trade area initiatives. His portfolio also includes WTO, EPAs, Brexit, AGOA, Africa's trade with emerging economies, and trade and cross-cutting policy areas such as trade, industrialization and structural transformation, trade and gender, trade and public health and trade and climate change. Prior to joining ECA in 2014, he served as UNDP trade policy adviser in Southern Africa and Geneva and also as Senior Economist and Chief of Trade at the Organization for African Unity/African Union Commission, and as an Associate Professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada.
Dr. Bernice McLean, Senior Programme Officer for Fisheries, NEPAD

Dr. Bernice McLean is a marine policy specialist with a strong interest in ocean governance and sustainable fisheries development and management. She works as a Senior Programme Officer for Fisheries at the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency. Bernice completed her PhD at the University of Delaware, USA, with a focus on coastal policy development in sub-Saharan Africa. Bernice joined the NEPAD Agency in July 2016, and works within the Programme on Natural Resource Governance, Food Security and Nutrition. Her role in the fisheries programme includes providing support to AU Member States, Regional Economic Communities, Regional Fisheries Bodies, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other partners in improving fisheries and aquaculture governance and in facilitating the development of fisheries trade for the continent.
Lily Sommer is a Trade Policy Expert at the African Trade Policy Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Her research is on African trade policy with a focus on the linkages between trade and industrialization, poverty and gender. She has published widely in the fields of development and trade economics, in particular on issues related to the continental free trade area, smart trade and industrial policy and the sustainable development goals. Ms. Sommer holds a MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences and a BA in Economics from the University of Cambridge.
Everett Wakai currently serves as the Senior Commercial Officer at the Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, Angola. He works with the Angolan Government to support programs to improve the business environment and diversify the economy leading to increased trade opportunities for U.S. exporters. He also leads the U.S. Commercial Service technical standards coordination in the Sub-Saharan region. Previously, he was assigned to the U.S. Commercial Service New Orleans Office where he assisted U.S. companies develop and implement their export promotion strategies. Prior to joining the New Orleans office, he was the Standards Attaché for South America and Commercial Officer for the energy, smart grid, ICT and health care industry portfolios at the U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Consulate General in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He worked with U.S. and Brazilian trade associations and standards development organizations as well as the Brazilian Government to foster greater bilateral trade and economic integration. Under the US-Brazil Commercial Dialogue he was the lead author and chief negotiator for a US-Brazil Ministerial level standards and trade cooperation agreement. In the health care sector, he formed and chaired the Brazil Health IT Strategic Committee composed of 15 U.S. health technology companies. Within the committee he launched a public private Zika Health IT Task Force in cooperation with seven U.S. health technology companies, which developed and implemented a multidisciplinary pilot project with the State of Pernambuco to combat the Zika virus outbreak in Brazil. Prior to his posting in Sao Paulo, he was the Standards Attaché for Mexico, Canada, Central America, and the Caribbean and Commercial Officer responsible for IT, telecom smart grid, and health care at the U.S. Commercial Service, American Embassy in Mexico. He worked closely with both the Mexican government and industry to implement U.S.-Mexico smart grid business co-operator programs, facilitate technology exchanges and develop Mexico’s Smart Grid Regulatory Framework. He collaborated with the Mexican government on implementing Mexico’s NAFTA rule of origin scheme for U.S. products entering Mexico. He also led a 27-country healthcare technology government and industry coalition to streamline the Mexican FDA regulatory approval process. Previously, he served as the Energy and Cleantech Commercial Specialist for the U.S. Commercial Service at the American Embassy in Paris, France. As a Commercial Specialist, he assisted U.S. companies in developing their businesses by forging strategic alliances and partnerships, and facilitating joint-venture, formulating market-entry strategies. He authored numerous cleantech market studies and is a former member of various scientific advisory boards. Mr. Wakai is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, holds a master’s degree from New York University and received his MBA from Krannert Business School at Purdue University. He is also Certified Wine Sommelier.
Dan Ryan is the Director of Standards Programs with Underwriters Laboratories and is responsible for the technical management of UL’s global standards development and maintenance activities. Dan has nearly 35 years of standards related experience. Prior to assuming his current role, Dan’s management roles included managing UL’s relationships with national and regional standards bodies around the world and managing safety and sustainability standards development activities across a number of diverse categories, including indoor air quality, sustainability, security, signaling, building materials, hazardous locations, lighting, and flammable liquids. His management responsibilities included serving as the chair and program manager of the consensus bodies responsible for developing and maintaining the assigned UL standards, and ensuring that the associated standards development activities were in compliance with UL’s various accreditations, as well as with WTO principles for international standards. Prior to joining the UL Standards Division in 2003, Dan acquired nearly 20 years of experience in the application of standards through conformity assessment work, and as a technical participant in the standards development work of UL and other national and international standards development organizations. Dan currently serves as the vice-chair of the ANSI Executive Standards Council.
James P. Olshefsky, the Director of External Relations, ASTM International has worked at ASTM International for 20 years supporting the development and promotion of voluntary consensus standards for materials, products, systems and services. In 2007, Mr. Olshefsky assumed the role of Director of External Relations where he helps to facilitate ASTM's international outreach within ASTM's Global Cooperation Department. Mr. Olshefsky supports ASTM's Memorandum of Understanding program with developing countries and his work in focused in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. His contributions include speaking to international audiences, students, and educators to promote the use of ASTM standards worldwide and to encourage increased standards education at universities. Prior to moving to Global Cooperation, he directed ASTM's Committee Services Department in the Technical Committee Operations Division and also spent several years as a Staff Manager of various ASTM technical committees. Mr. Olshefsky has a BS in Business Logistics from the Pennsylvania State University.
Mr Mpho Phaloane has a Master Degree in Engineering (Materials and Metallurgy) from Wits University and a National Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Vaal Triangle Technikon (now Vaal University of Technology) in Vanderbijlpark. He has trained and qualified as an Inspector of Pressurised Equipment (IPE) at Sasol Chemical Industries in Sasolburg. He later joined Merz & McLellan Consulting Engineers as an IPE and later was promoted to Project Engineer, where his duties included mechanical design verification, inspection of pressurised equipment and overseeing refurbishment of hydro power plant’s equipment. He then joined SANAS in 2003 as a Field Manager for Verification Laboratories and was later promoted to Senior Manager in 2007, and later to Executive: Accreditation, a position he currently holds.
Eng. Paul Johnson - Executive Secretary of AFSEC

Eng. Paul has worked in the electricity supply industry for much of his career in South Africa, starting in 1980 as an Engineer with the South African electricity company, Eskom. He has a degree in electrical Engineering for the University of London and completed a management development program with the University of South Africa in 1987. He was employed by Eskom for 32 years, focusing on standardization in the electricity supply industry for some 20 years, supporting of the South African electrification program. He joined the South African Bureau of Standards in 2012, taking on the role of the IEC National Committee Secretary for six years until March 2018.

While with Eskom, he was instrumental, via the Association of Electric Power Utilities of Africa (APUA – Formerly known as UPDEA) to help establish the African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission (AFSEC), through a decision of the African Ministers of Energy in 2006. He was appointed as Executive Secretary of AFSEC during its inauguration in 2008, and he continues in that role in his personal capacity.