



One Market One Standard

**Overview of ARSO – African standards
(ARS)**

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2. AUC- Highlight

1. ARSO founded – **1977 by OAU** (currently AU)
2. Abuja Treaty of 1991 Chapter XI Article 67: **adopt a common policy** on standardization and quality assurance of goods and services among Member States;
3. AU CAMI, 20th Ordinary Session, 10–14 June 2013: **Recognize the PAQI(ARSO, AFSEC, AFRAC, AFRIMETS)** as the continental platform for all matters related to standardization, metrology, accreditation and conformity assessment

- ✓ **Quality policy finalized- under approval of AUC organs**
- ✓ **Technical regulation framework ongoing**
- ✓ **Made in Africa guideline ongoing**





3. ARSO within AfCFTA – TBT Annex 6 Article 6

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2.State Parties shall:

a)develop and promote the adoption and/or adaption of international standards;

b)promote the adoption of standards developed by the ARSO and the AFSEC;

c)where a relevant international standard required to facilitate trade does not exist, request the ARSO and/or the AFSEC to develop the required standard to facilitate trade between State Parties;

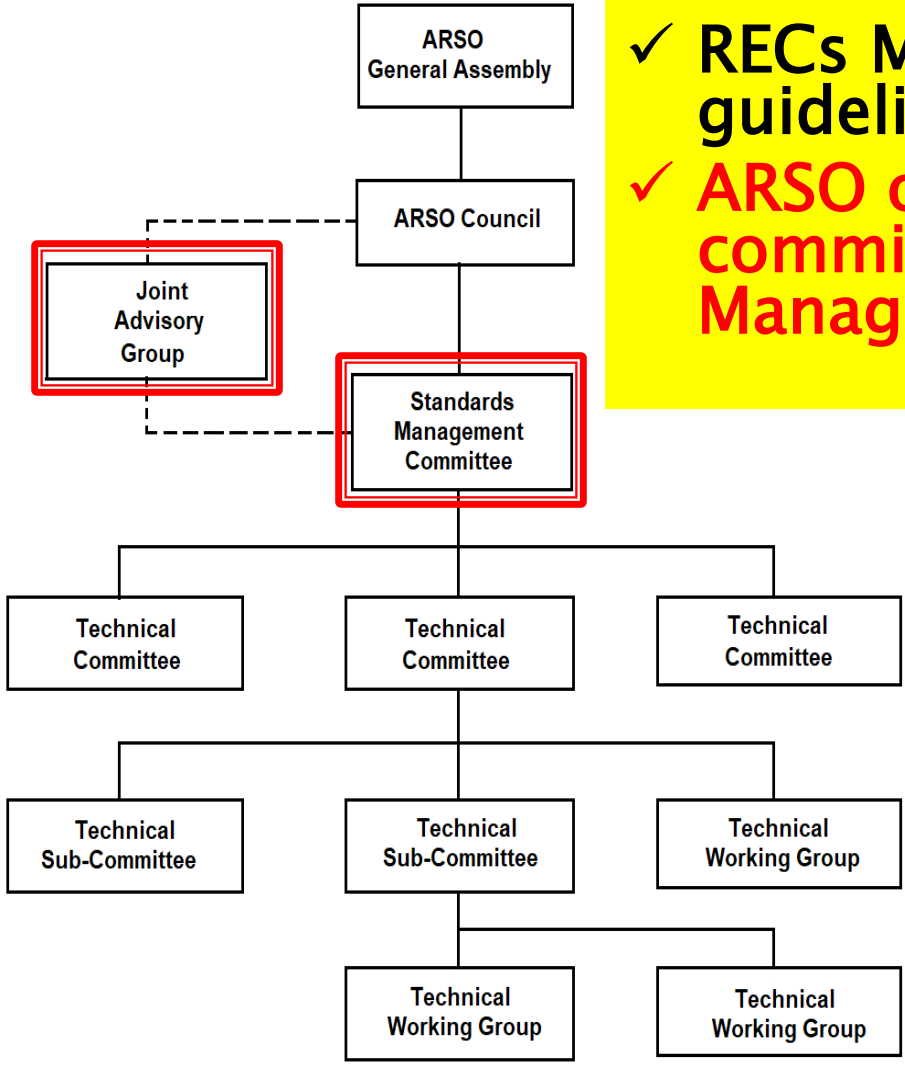
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4. ARSO and RECs collaboration

- ✓ RECs Treaty –e.g COMESA art 112
- ✓ RECs MoU's Implementation guideline- 4th April 2016 ARSO -
- ✓ **ARSO organs–Joint Advisory committee and Standard Management Committee**

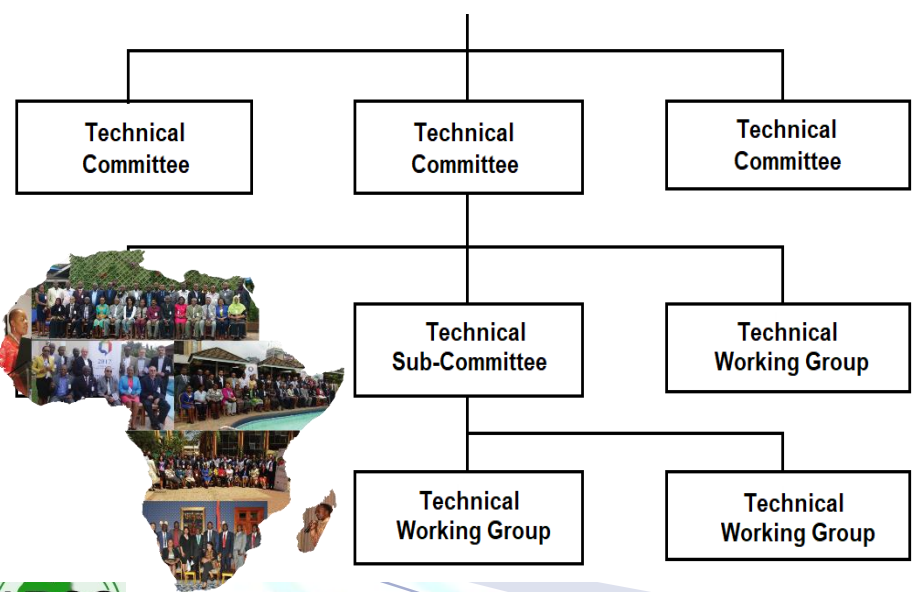




5. African standard need-AfCFTA

Integration Unit	No. of Tariff Lines	No. of Standards	Product Standards	% of Tariff Lines	% Deficit
COMESA	6,903	305	250	3.6	96.4
EAC	5,440 HS6	1,500	500	9.2	90.8
ECOWAS	5,899	100	60	1.0	99.0
SADC	6,420 HS8	100	90	1.4	98.6
SACU	7,902 HS8	—	—	—	—
UEMOA	5,544 HS10	—	—	—	—
AfCFTA (ARSO)	4,547 HS6	1,345	537	11.8	88.2

References: COMESA (Cheelo *et al.*, 2012); EAC (Karingi *et al.*, 2016; KAM, 2017); ECOWAS & UEMOA (de Roquefeuil, 2013; Laski *et al.*, 2014); SADC & SACU (Edwards *et al.*, 2008; Cheelo *et al.*, 2012); AfCFTA (UNECA, 2018)

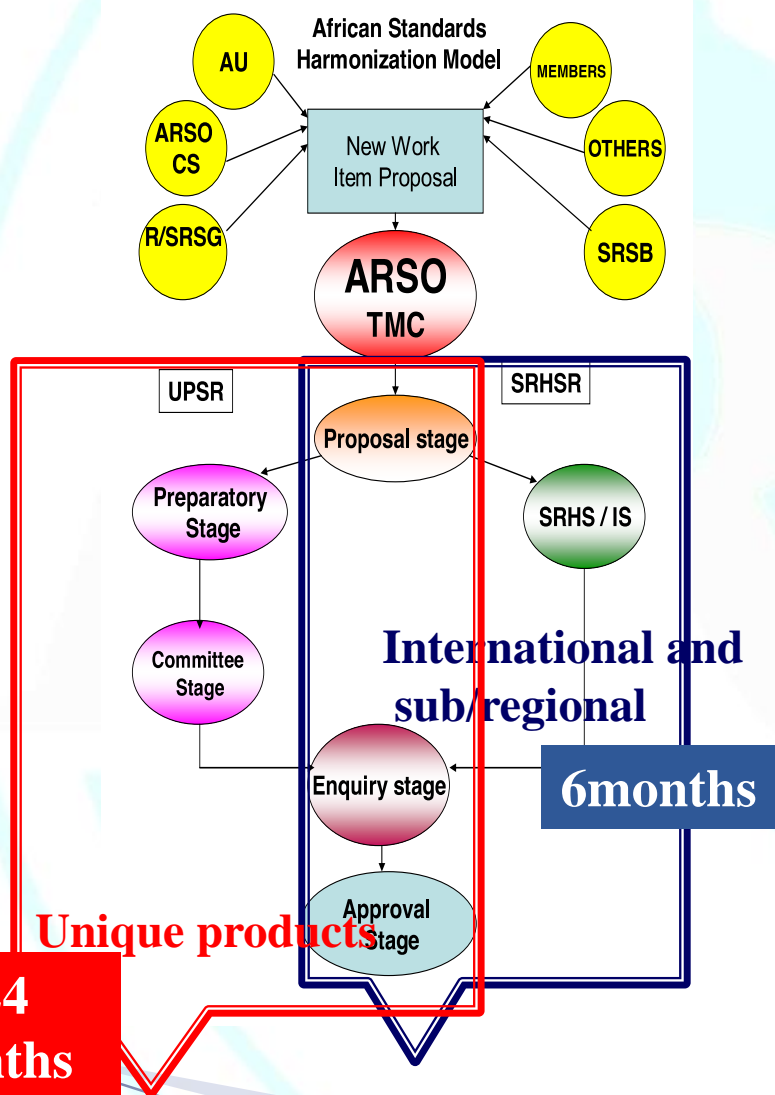


Sectors	TC
Basic and General Standards Sector	1
Agriculture and Food Products Sector	22
Building and Civil Engineering Sector	7
Mechanical Engineering & Metallurgy Sector	4
Chemistry & Chemical Engineering Sector	11
Electrotechnology	7
Textiles and Leather Sector	3
Transport and Communication	5
Environmental Management Sector	6
Energy and Natural Resources Sector	5
Quality Management Sector	
Services Sector	6
African Traditional Medicine Sector	
Other Sectors n.e.s.	3





6. ASHAM – Harmonisation & priority



ARSO TC Agriculture and food products	
ARSO/TC, Cereals, pulses and derived products	COMESA, ECOWAS, UMA, SADC, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Fish, fisheries and aquaculture	COMESA, ECOWAS, UMA, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Farm Implements and Machinery for Agriculture and Forestry	EAC, ECCAS, SADC
ARSO/TC, Animal feeding, feeds and feeding stuffs	COMESA, UMA, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Apiculture (Apiary and apiary products)	COMESA, SADC, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Milk and milk products	COMESA, ECOWAS, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Coffee, cocoa, tea and related products	ECOWAS, ECCAS, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Meat, poultry, eggs and related products	ECOWAS, SADC, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Horticulture (Fresh and processed fruits & vegetables, tubers,)	ECCAS, SADC, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Oilseeds, edible fats and oils	UMA, SADC, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Live animals (husbandry, welfare, grading, housing, identity,)	EAC, COMESA, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Spices, culinary herbs and condiments	ECCAS, IGAD
ARSO/TC, Contaminants and toxins in foods and feeds	ECCAS
ARSO/TC, Food packaging and labelling	ECCAS
ARSO/TC, Food hygiene (and safety management)	IGAD
ARSO/TC, Non-timber forest products (eg, gum Arabic, resins,)	IGAD
ARSO/TC, Seed and propagation materials	IGAD
ARSO/TC, Food additives	All
ARSO/TC, Nutrition and foods for special dietary uses	All
ARSO/TC, Sugar, sugar products and confectionery	All
ARSO/TC, Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	All
ARSO/TC, Tobacco and similar products	All

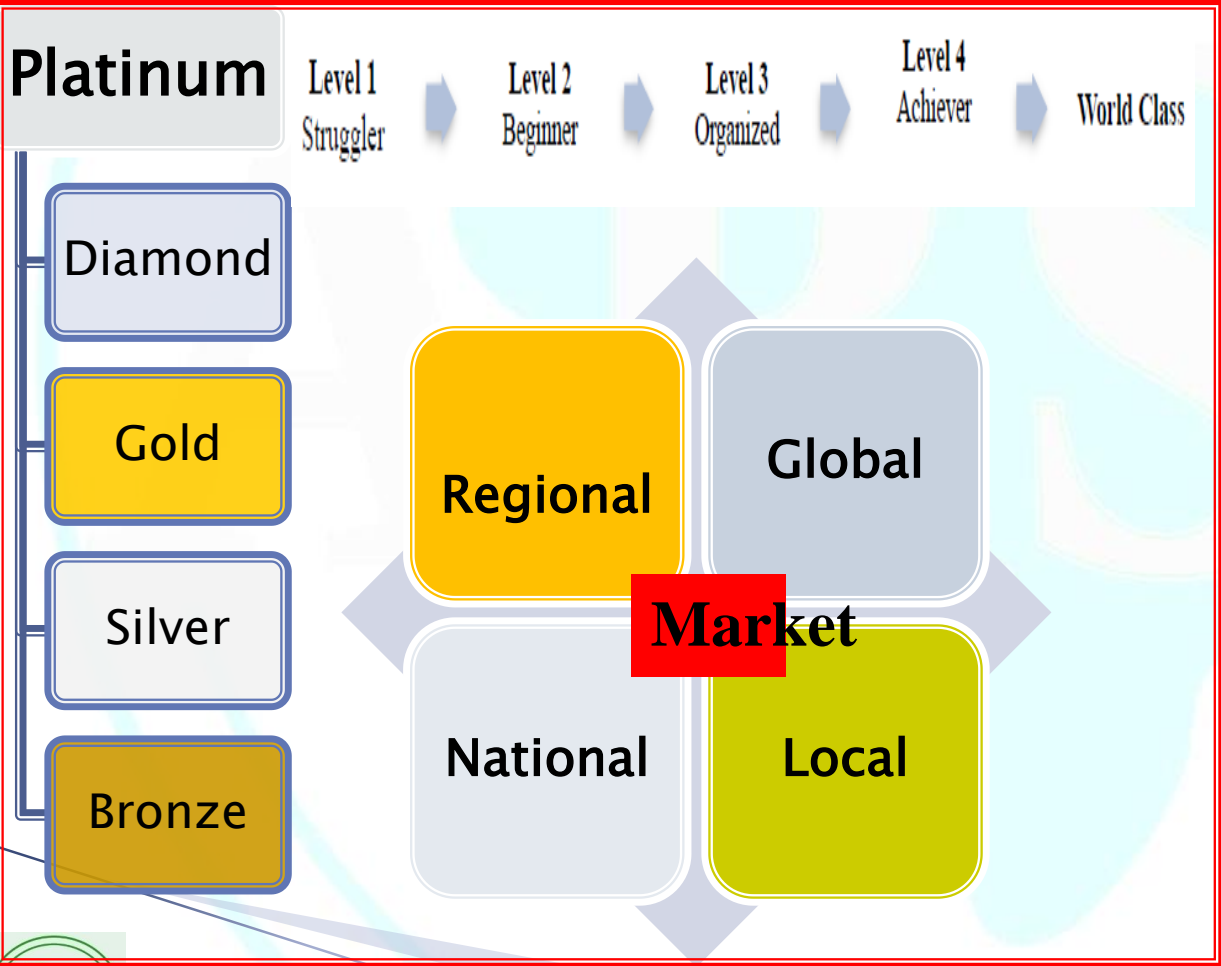




7. Standard implementation-CACO

Maturity model –value chain -ECOMARK

Outreach Material



This block contains two outreach materials. The top material is for 'CARROTS', featuring the ARSO logo, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa logo, and the text: 'ARS GAPM 01:2018 Good Agricultural Practices Outreach Information for African Standards on Fresh Carrots. Based on ARS 942:2018. Fresh Carrots - Specification'. It includes images of fresh carrots and a bag of carrots. The bottom material is for 'SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE', featuring the ARSO logo, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa logo, and the text: 'ARS GAPM 08:2018 Good Agricultural Practices Outreach Information for African Standards on Sustainable Agriculture. Based on ARS AES 1 -2014 Agriculture - Sustainability and eco-labelling - Requirements'. It includes a grid of six images showing various agricultural practices and products.





8. ARS Agriculture and food standards– TBT, fortification, sustainability, Resilience

TBT

1. ARS 461:2013(E), Maize grains (Corn) — Specification
2. ARS 462:2016(E), Sorghum — Specification
3. ARS 463:2016(E), Pearl millet grains — Specification
4. ARS 464:2013(E), Milled Rice — S
5. ARS 465:2016 (E), Wheat — Speci
6. ARS 466:2013(E), Milled maize pr Specification
7. ARS 468:2016(E), Sorghum flour
8. ARS 469:2016(E), Millet flour — S
9. ARS 470:2016(E), Wheat flour —
10. ARS 825:2016(E), Yams — Specifi
11. ARS 831:2017(E), Fresh bananas
12. ARS 833:2017(E), Fried banana cl
13. ARS 834:2017(E), Dried banana –
14. ARS 835:2016(E), Fresh sweet ca:
15. ARS 836:2016(E), Fresh bitter cas
16. ARS 844:2016(E) Cassava and ca: Determination of total cyanogens method
17. ARS 845:2016(E), Production and cassava — Code of practice
18. ARS 846:2016(E), Food grade cas Specification
19. ARS 847:2016(E), Fresh potato tuber — Specification
20. ARS 848:2016(E), Production and handling fresh ware potatoes — Code of pract
21. ARS 849:2016(E), Reduction of acrylamide in potato products — Code of practic
22. ARS 855:2017(E), Fresh tannia — Specification
23. ARS 857:2016(E), Finger millet grains — Specification
24. ARS 858:2013 (E), Rough (paddy) rice — Specification
25. ARS 859:2013(E), Brown rice — Specification
26. ARS 864:2013 (E), Dry beans — Specification
27. ARS 865:2014(E), Green gi
28. ARS 866:2014(E), Dry chici
29. ARS 867:2014(E), Dry cowp
30. ARS 868:2014(E), Dry pige
31. ARS 869:2014, Dry whole f
32. ARS 870:2014(E), Lentils –
33. ARS 871:2014 (E), Dry spli
34. ARS 872:2014(E), Dry soyt
35. ARS 873:2014(E), Dry faba
36. ARS 874:2014 (E), Dry lime
37. ARS 876:2017 (E), Brown s
25. ARS 878:2018, Barley grains — Specification
26. ARS 884:2018, Fresh tomatoes — Specifi
27. ARS 885:2018, Fresh citrus fruits — Spec
28. ARS 886:2018, Fresh pineapples — Spec
29. ARS 887:2018, Fresh avocados — Specifi
30. ARS 888:2018, Fresh mangoes — Specific
31. ARS 889:2018, Fresh papaya — Specifica
32. ARS 890:2018, Passion fruit — Specificat
33. ARS 891:2018, Fresh sweet pepper — Spe
34. ARS 903:2018, Fresh melons — Specifica
35. ARS 922:2018, Headed cabbages — Speci
36. ARS 923:2018, Fresh carrots — Specifica
37. ARS 929:2018, Leafy vegetables — Speci
38. ARS 935:2014(E), Edible full fat soybean
39. ARS 936:2014, Soy milk — Specification
40. ARS 937:2014, Soy protein products — S
41. ARS 938:2014, Textured soy protein prod
42. ARS 939:2016(E), Feed maize — Specific

Fortification

- ▶ ARS 468:2016(E), Sorghum flour — Specification
- ▶ ARS 469:2016(E), Millet flour — Specification
- ▶ ARS 470:2016(E), Wheat flour — Specification
- ▶ ARS 471:2016(E), Food grade salt — Specification
- ▶ ARS 860:2016(E), Fortified wheat flour — Specification
- ▶ ARS 861:2016(E), Fortified maize flour — Specification
- ▶ ARS 862:2016(E), Fortified cooking oils — Specification
- ▶ ARS 863:2016 (E), Fortified sugar — Specification
- ▶ ARS 938:2014, Textured soy protein products — Specification

Resilience

- ARS 53:2016(E), General principles of food hygiene — Code of practice
- ARS 1100:2018, Good agricultural practices for food crops
- ARS 1101:2018, Good Agricultural practices for food crops — Maize
- ARS 1102:2018, Good Agricultural Practices for Food Crops — Rice
- ARS 1103:2018, Production and handling of cassava — Good Agricultural practices
- ARS 1104:2018, Good Agricultural Practices for Dairy Farms
- ARS 1105:2018, Good agricultural practices for poultry farms
- ARS 1106:2018, Good Agricultural Practices for Tilapia Farms
- ARS 1107:2018, Good Agricultural Practices for Freshwater Aquatic Animal Farms
- ARS 1108:2018, Good agricultural practices for beef cattle farms
- ARS 1109:2018, Good agricultural practices for food crops — Fruits and vegetables

Sustainability:

- ARS/AES -5:2018 Aquaculture African catfish - Sustainability and ecolabelling requirements
- ARS/AES-1:2014 Agriculture Sustainability and eco-abeling requirements
- ARS/AES-3:2014 Fisheries Sustainability and eco-abeling requirements
- ARS/AES-6:2018 Aquaculture Tilapia Sustainability and ecolabelling requirements





9. ARSO- Africa Trade Web portal

<http://trade.arso-disnet.org/>



ATWP - Africa Trade Web Portal

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Intra-Trade in Africa



Trade in Africa



The Africa trade varies from one country to another and is dominated by diverse natural resources that the continent enjoys in abundance. Other countries represent the higher side of the spectrum whereas other have the least trade volumes and can therefore be said to be a representation of extremes.

Most African economies remain largely agrarian, dependent on agriculture and other natural resources as the major source of foreign exchange and employment. However, many African

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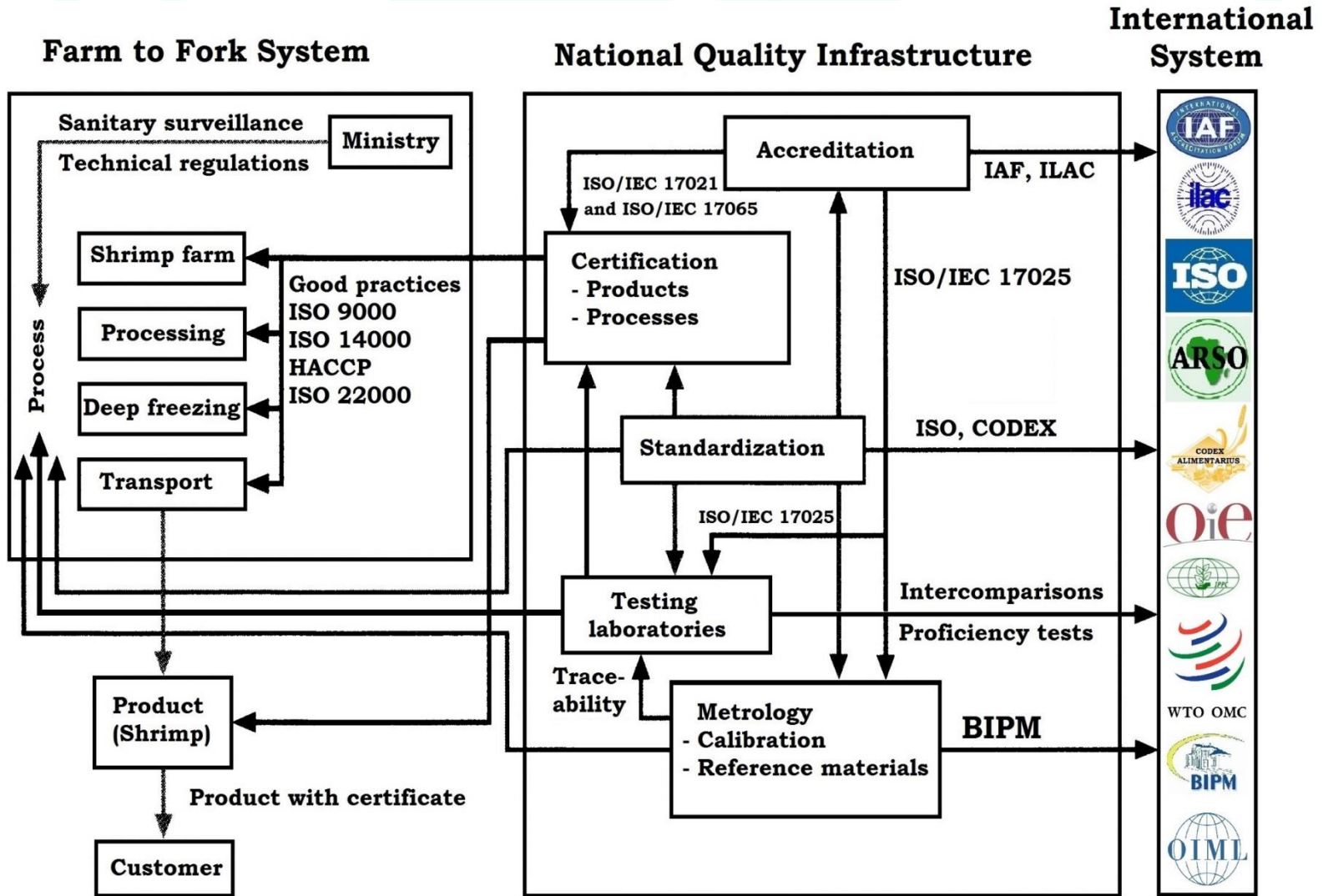
10. Conclusion





Collaboration- Institution framework

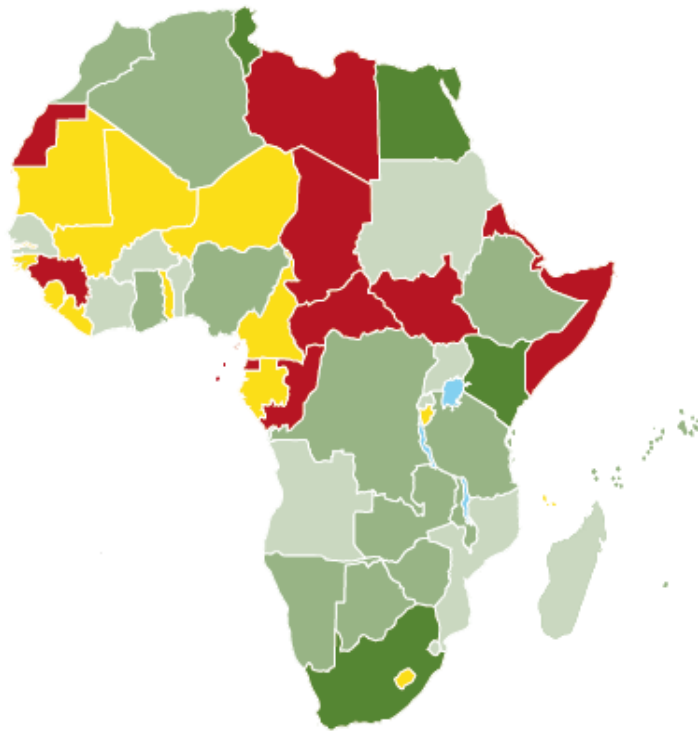
Shrimp- supply chain





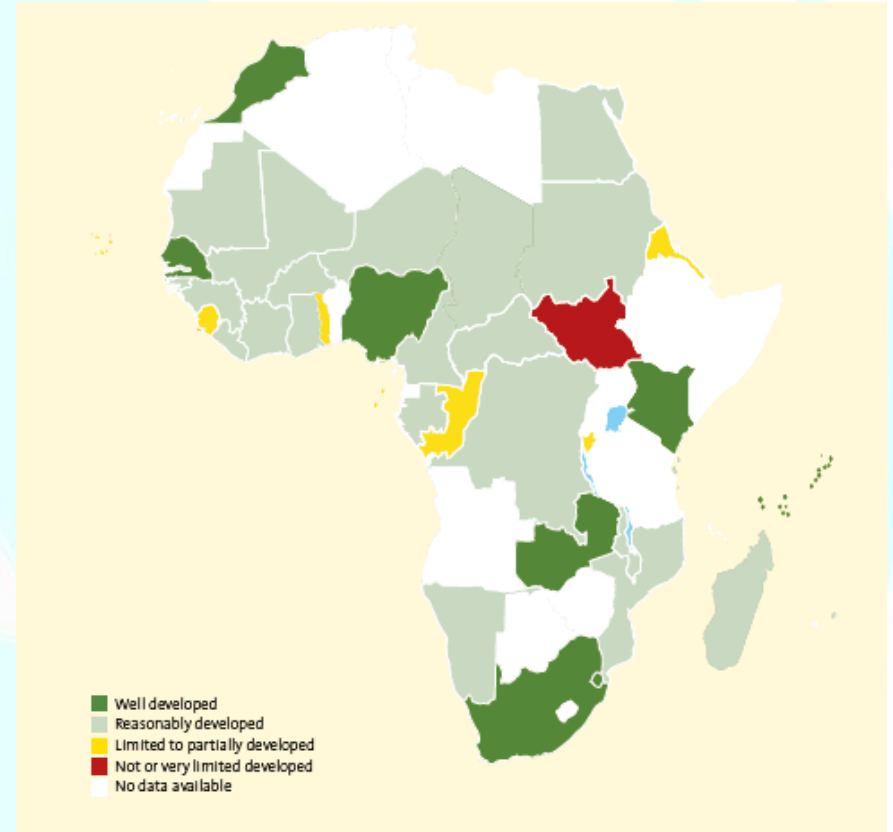
Capacity building-TBT and SPS

TBT – Stocktaking 2020



- Well developed QI
- Reasonably developed QI
- Partially developed QI
- Limited QI
- Non or very limited QI

SPS – Stocktaking 2020



- Well developed
- Reasonably developed
- Limited to partially developed
- Not or very limited developed
- No data available





Asante

Merci beaucoup!

Thank you!

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Muito obrigado!

