

ZAMBIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS (ZABS) PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL MIRROR COMMITTEES

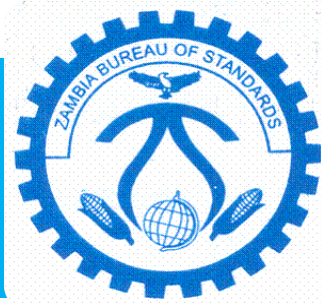
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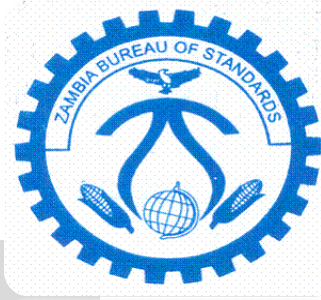
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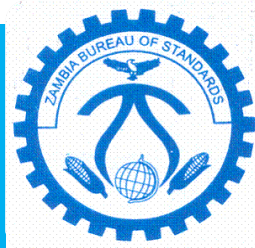
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INTRODUCTION



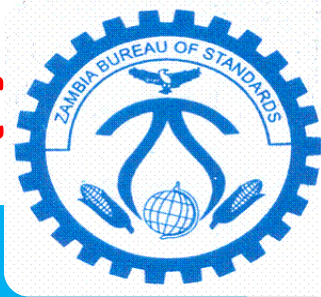
- ❖ ZABS is the national standards body established by an Act of Parliament
- ❖ Comprises of 4 technical depts. and 2 support depts.
- ❖ ZABS is a Correspondent member of ISO.
- ❖ However, under New Members Rights, ZABS is participating in three ISO committees as a P member
- ❖ These are ISO/TC 34 (food products), ISO/TC 242 (energy management) and ISO/TC 82(mining)

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NMC



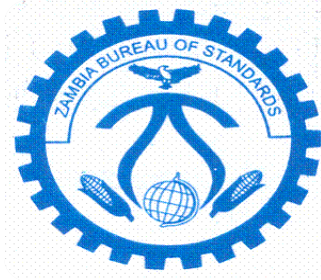
- Getting appreciation of international standards development through participation in International Meetings
- Establishing linkages with other experts
- Ensuring that the views of Zambia(developing countries) are taken on board by commenting and voting on a number of issues

CHALLENGES FACED BY NMC



- ❖ Low stakeholder participation
- ❖ Erratic internet connectivity
- ❖ National experts sometimes change jobs hence continuity is affected
- ❖ Lack of resources to participate in all international meetings;
- ❖ Some members are not able to access documents from the ISO portal

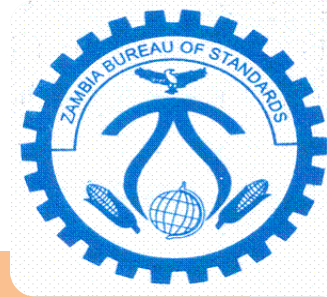
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FUTURE GOALS.

- ❖ Becoming a p member
- ❖ Have more NMC for various ISO/TC's
- ❖ Continue actively participating in ISO/TC deliberation
- ❖ Explore ways on establishing a twinning arrangement with developed countries

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***Thank you.
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