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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**REGIONAL EAC WTO TBT MEETING ON NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

6th – 8th August 2014

*Arusha, Tanzania*

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 6th AUGUST 2014**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 08.30 – 9.00 hrs | Registration/Documentation |
| 09.00 – 10.30 hrs | Opening of the meeting   * Constitution of the bureau * Adoption of agenda and programme * Presentation of the Background Paper * Introduction of USAID Standards Alliance Project |
| **10.30 – 11.00 hrs** | **Health Break** |
| 11.00 – 13.00 hrs | Presentation of National Enquiry Points Status and Capacity Issues   * *Burundi* * *Kenya (Status before introduction of ENS)* * *Rwanda* * *Uganda* * *Tanzania* |
| **13.00 – 14.30 hrs** | **Lunch Break** |
| * 1. – 17.00 hrs | Presentation of KEBS Electronic Notification System  Hands on Exercise on Registration and Utilization of ENS on day to day management of WTO TBT Notifications |
| **17.00 – 17.30 hrs** | **Health Break/End of Day 1** |

**DAY 2 – THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2014**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 9.00 – 9.30 | * “The U.S. Enquiry Point experience”   + Kent Shigetomi, USTR   Q&A/Discussion |
| 09.30 – 10.00 hrs | Strategy for Replication of ENS in other EAC Partner States and program of activity |
| 10.00 - 10.45 | TBT Forum |
| **10.45 - 11.00 hrs** | **Health Break** |
| 11.00 – 13.00 hrs | **Public Consultation Part I “Public consultation in the regulatory process”**   * “State-of-play panel discussion: regulatory processes in the EAC” * Presentations by EAC Partner States * Q&A Moderated by Kent Shigetomi, USTR and Shagufta Ahmed, OIRA |
| **13.00 – 14.00 hrs** | **Lunch Break** |
| 14.00 – 16.00 hrs | **Public Consultation Part I “Public consultation in the regulatory process”**   * “ENS, public consultation and international trade commitments”   + Kent Shigetomi, USTR   + Q&A/Discussion * “Public consultation and transparency in the U.S. regulatory process”   + Shagufta Ahmed, OIRA   + Q&A/Discussion |
| **16.00 – 16.15 hrs** | **Health Break** |
| 16.15 – 18.00 hrs | **Public Consultation Part I “Public consultation in the regulatory process”**   * “Preparing an effective comment on a proposed technical regulation” * “Submitting public comments on domestic regulations”   + Shagufta Ahmed, OIRA * “Case study for an effective comment ona domestic regulation”   + Christopher Lindsay, IAPMO * “Guidelines for comments on TBT notifications”   + Kent Shigetomi, USTR * “Case study for an effective comment on a TBT notification”   + Teresa Cendrowska, ASTM International * Q&A/Discussion |

**DAY 3 – FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2014**

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| **Time** | **Activity** |
| 08.30 – 10.30 hrs | **Public consultation workshop Part II “Public Consultation and Consensus Process in Standards Development”**   * “State-of-play panel discussion: standards development in the EAC”   + Presentation by EAC Partner States   + Q&A Moderated by Teresa Cendrowska, ASTM International and Christopher Lindsay, IAPMO |
| **10.30 - 11.00 hrs** | **Health Break** |
| 11.00 – 13.00 hrs | **Public consultation workshop Part II “Public Consultation and Consensus Process in Standards Development”**   * “Guidelines and tools for public consultation” * “ANSI, the U.S. standards system and the ANSI Essential Requirements”   + Madeleine McDougall, ANSI * “Implementation of stakeholder outreach and public consultation”   + Christopher Lindsay, IAPMO     - IAPMO’s lessons in water/sanitation development from Asia   + Teresa Cendrowska, ASTM International     - ASTM MoUs with EAC Nations and benefits/value to signatories * Q&A/Discussion |
| **13.00 – 14.00 hrs** | **Lunch Break** |
| 14.00 – 15.00 hrs | **Public consultation workshop Part II “Public Consultation and Consensus Process in Standards Development”**   * “Potential outcomes of public participation in standards development ” * Teresa Cendrowska, ASTM International   + ASTM Training programs and electronic tools as a resource * Christopher Lindsay, IAPMO   + IAPMO’s professional development and product testing/certification * Q&A/Discussion |
| 15.00 - 15.30 | * “Closing remarks and recommendations for the way forward”   + Moderators: Madeleine McDougall, ANSI and Bernard Kagira, EATH |
| 15.30 – 16.30hrs | Report Writing and Adoption of the Report |
| **16.30 – 17.00 hrs** | **Health Break/End of Day 3** |