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DRAFT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ECOWAS QUALITY AND INDUSTRY DATABASE**

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PRESS BOOK



1, LEADERSHIP

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By Jerry Emmanson, Abuja –

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<http://leadership.ng/2017/10/06/waqsp-stakeholders-meet-implementation-ecowas-regional-quality-database/>

2. THE NIGERIAN

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3. NAIRALAND

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<http://www.nairaland.com/4100573/waqsp-stakeholders-meet-implement-ecowas>

4. BUZZREPORTERS

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5. THE PUNCH

FG seeks UNIDO support to boost Nigeria's competitiveness

Okechukwu Nnodim, Abuja

The Federal Government on Thursday sought the support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation and other development partners to increase the level of trade within the West African sub-region.

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah, stated this at the opening session of the regional information workshop for the validation of the draft framework document for the implementation of the ECOWAS quality and industry database.

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He stated that with the sum of €12m assigned to the project, it would help improve the overall competitiveness of the Economic Community of West African States.

<http://punchng.com/fg-seeks-unido-support-to-boost-nigerias-competitiveness/>

6. SUNDIATAPOST

ECOWAS Quality Infrastructure Gets Boost, As Stakeholders Validate Draft Database

By Nse Anthony-Uko

(Sundiata Post) – The drive towards establishing quality infrastructure to enhance trade competitiveness of the ECOWAS sub-region globally received a boost on Thursday, as stakeholders move to validate the industrial Database for use within the region.

The West Africa Quality System Programme (WAQSP) stakeholders, at a 2-day workshop in Abuja for the validation of the draft framework document for the implementation of the ECOWAS quality and industry database, prior to the adoption of the Database by the Ministers of Trade and Industry of the ECOWAS member countries.

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