



EUROPEAN UNION



**WEST AFRICA QUALITY SYSTEM PROGRAMME**  
SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS QUALITY POLICY (ECOQUAL)  
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## Accreditation and Conformity Assessment: Key Activities / Main Achievements

**JUNE 2017**

*Monrovia*

Regulation C/REG.10/06/17 on the organization and operation of the Regional Accreditation System adopted by the Council of Ministers

**JULY 2017**

*Tunis*

Memorandum of Understanding signed between SOAC & the Tunisian Accreditation body (TUNAC)

**AUGUST 2017**

*Regional*

First edition of the Directory of Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies in West Africa

**OCTOBER 2017**

*Regional*

Regional Meeting on PT Scheme in Food testing in West Africa

**FEBRUARY 2017**

*Bamako*

**& APRIL 2017**

*Abidjan*

Promotion of the Regional Accreditation System: Courtesy visit to the Ministries of Industry in Mali & Côte d'Ivoire

**JUNE 2017**

*Abidjan*

Promotion of the Regional Accreditation System: Celebration at regional level of the World Accreditation Day in Abidjan 29 June 2017

**AUGUST 2017**

*Regional*

Capacity building of 24 candidate assessors of the regional accreditation system on the ISO FDIS 17025 v.2016 (draft standard for the accreditation of calibration and testing laboratories)

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

*Regional*

Participation to the 8th AFRAC General Assembly, next AFRAC GA to be hosted by SOAC/ECOWAS RAS



### SUPPORTED FOR ISO 17065 ACCREDITATION

4 certification bodies (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal)

Accreditation Assessments by ACCREDIA ongoing until mid-November 2017



### SUPPORTED FOR ISO 17025 ACCREDITATION

12 testing laboratories covering 17 scopes of accreditation

Accreditation Assessment by Accreditation Bodies (TUNAC, DAKSS, COFRAC, SANAS) planned until mid-May 2018

6 calibration laboratories supported towards accreditation (in partnership with ECOWAS/PTB Programme)



### SUPPORTED FOR ISO 9001 CERTIFICATION

7 inspection bodies supported for the implementation of a quality management system (ISO 9001 v.15), (results of International bidding awaited)



Around 55 National consultants and technicians trained on the requirements for Product Certification Quality System Management (ISO/IEC 17065, Abidjan, August 2016) and on requirements for quality management systems for inspection bodies

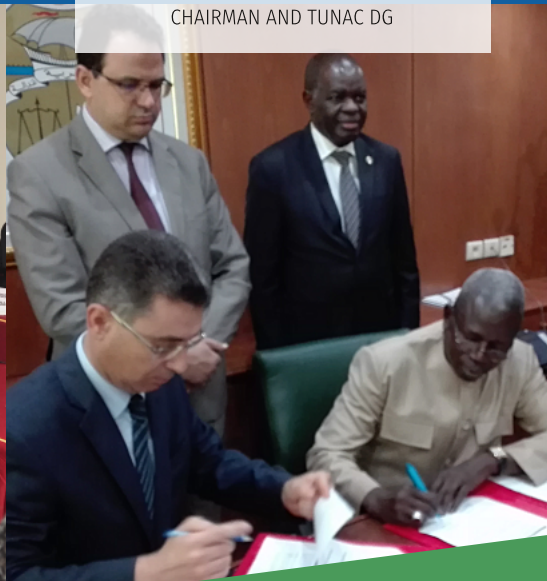
22 testing laboratory technicians trained on the implementation of the metrology function in testing laboratories, Cotonou, October 2016



REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PT SCHEME SETTING UP IN WA



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ECOWAS RAS: CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP OF LABORATORY ACCREDITATION ASSESSORS IN WA

