

Report on Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative – Regional Workshop

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From 2-6 September 2019, representatives from the Pacific Island Forum (PIF) Countries participated in a Workshop on Quality Infrastructure (QI) held in Nandi, Fiji. The Workshop was organised by the PIF Secretariat together with the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ), PTB Germany, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the European Union's Trade Committee (EU TradeCom II) facility and the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF).

*CARICOM: Caribbean Community Market



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The program comprised 2 days of invited presentations from representatives of global, regional and national QI bodies to provide Forum Island Country (FIC) representatives with an understanding of the key QI elements:

- Policy & Regulatory Framework
- Standards
- Metrology - speakers were:
 - Anthony Donnellan, Director, BIML
 - Andy Henson, Director – International Liaison and Communication Department, BIPM
 - Dr Angela Samuel, Director – International Relations, National Measurement Institute, Australia (NMIA), also representing APMP as Chair, APMP Developing Economies Committee
 - Ajeshni Lata, Department of National Trade Measurement and Standards, Fiji and

- David Tomlinson, Technical Officer – Metrology, CROSQ
- Conformity Assessment and
- Quality Promotion

The 3 days following involved review of the results of a QI needs survey of FICs recently conducted by PTB Consultant, Dr Ulrich Diekmann, presentations from each FIC and facilitated group discussions to identify priorities for QI capacity building. Agencies with QI capacity building work programs (World Bank Group, UNIDO, Commonwealth Standards Network, ISO, IEC, OIML, BIPM, Standards Australia and PTB) as well as DFAT, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) then shared information to assist in the identification of mechanisms to help address agreed priorities. A regional statement on Quality Infrastructure has been drafted to be submitted for endorsement by Forum Trade Ministers. Next steps will involve development of a roadmap and action plan to take forward agreed outcomes.



Metrology Panel (LtoR):

- Mr Lorens Sibbesens, Consultant, EU TradeCom (*at podium*)
- Ms Ajeshni Lata, Department of National Trade Measurement and Standards (DNTMS), Fiji Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism
- Mr Andy Henson, Director – International Liaison and Communications, International Bureau of Weights & Measures (BIPM)
- Dr Angela Samuel, Director – International Relations, National Measurement Institute, Australia (NMIA) and Chair, APMP Developing Economies' Committee
- Mr Timothy Kepou, Executive Manager – Certification Division, PNG National Institute of Standards & Industrial Technology (NISIT)
- Mr Anthony Donnellan, Director, International Bureau of Legal Metrology (BIML)
- Mr David Tomlinson, Technical Officer – Metrology, CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ)