



AFRICAN ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION

ORGANISATION AFRICAINE DE NORMALISATION

Role of ARSO and the development process for a African standard in GFGP

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INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

WHEREAS the Constitution of The African Regional Organisation for standardization (ARSO) was adopted at Nairobi on 11th January, 1977;

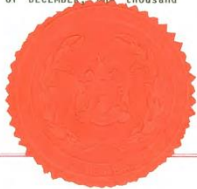
AND WHEREAS Article XIX (6) of the said Constitution provides that the Constitution after coming into force shall remain open for adherence by non-signatory State which are members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Organisation of African Unity;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe being a member of the Economic Commission for Africa and the OAU, do hereby notify that the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, having considered the aforementioned Constitution and accepted it, to hereby accede to the same and undertakes faithfully to fulfil and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of my Office.

DONE at HARARE this Fourth day of DECEMBER, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

R. Mugabe
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE



CONFIRME
OBSERVE.

EN FOI DE QUOI NOUS AVONS DONNE LES PRESENTES,
REJETUES DU SCEAU DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL.

DAKAR, LE 16 SEP. 1978

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10/6/2015

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**ARSO is intergovernmental
organization established in 1977 by
OAU (currently AU) and UNECA**

AYANT vu et examiné l' dit Acte
1. avons approuvé et approuvons en toutes et
chacune de nos parties, en vertu des dispositions qui
y sont contenues et conformément à l'article 53 de la
Constitution.

DÉCLARONS qu'il est accepté, ratifié et
confirmé et PROMETTONS qu'il sera inviolablement
observé.

EN FOI DE QUOI, Nous avons donné les
présentes, revêtues du Sceau de la République.

A Abidjan, le 18 / 08 / 81

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Le Président de la République

Semina
accepte



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL
THE CASTLE
OSU, ACCRA

CONSTITUTION OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL
ORGANISATION FOR STANDARDISATION

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS a Constitution of the African Regional Organisation for standardisation was adopted at the Founding Conference held in Accra from 10th - 17th January, 1977.

AND WHEREAS it is provided in the said Constitution that ratification thereto shall be effected by deposit of an Instrument of Ratification with the Executive Secretary of Economic Commission for Africa.

AND WHEREAS on the 20th day of July, 1977, the Supreme Military Council of the Republic of Ghana, acting in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Decree approved the terms of the Constitution of the African Regional Organisation for standardisation.

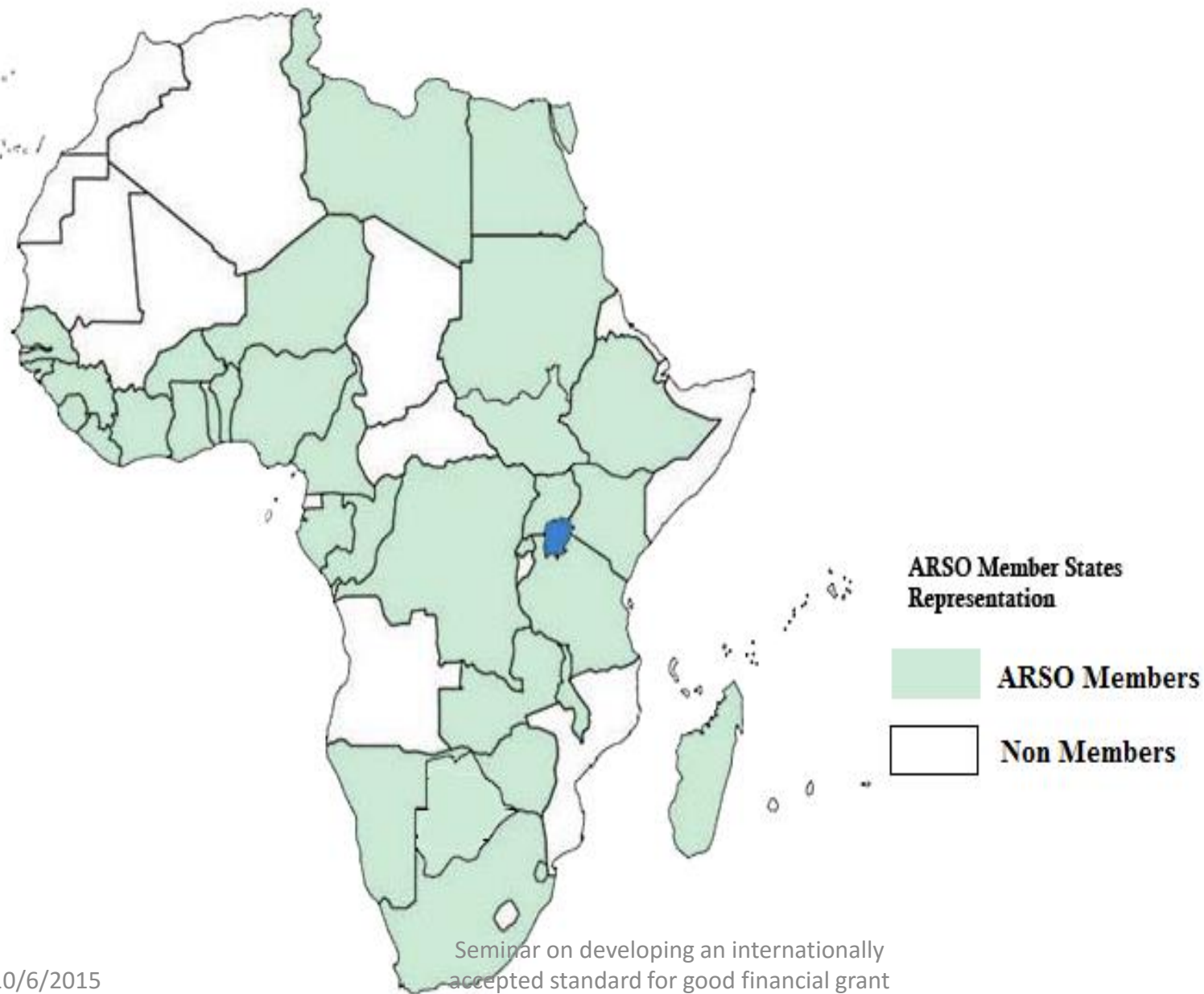
The Government of the Republic of Ghana do hereby confirm and ratify the Constitution of the African Regional Organisation for standardisation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Instrument of Ratification is signed and sealed by the Chairman of the Supreme Military Council of the Republic of Ghana.

Dated at Accra this 22nd day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven (1977).

Ignatius Kutu Acheampong
GENERAL IGNATIUS KUTU ACHEAMPONG
HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME
MILITARY COUNCIL

ARSO Member States Representation



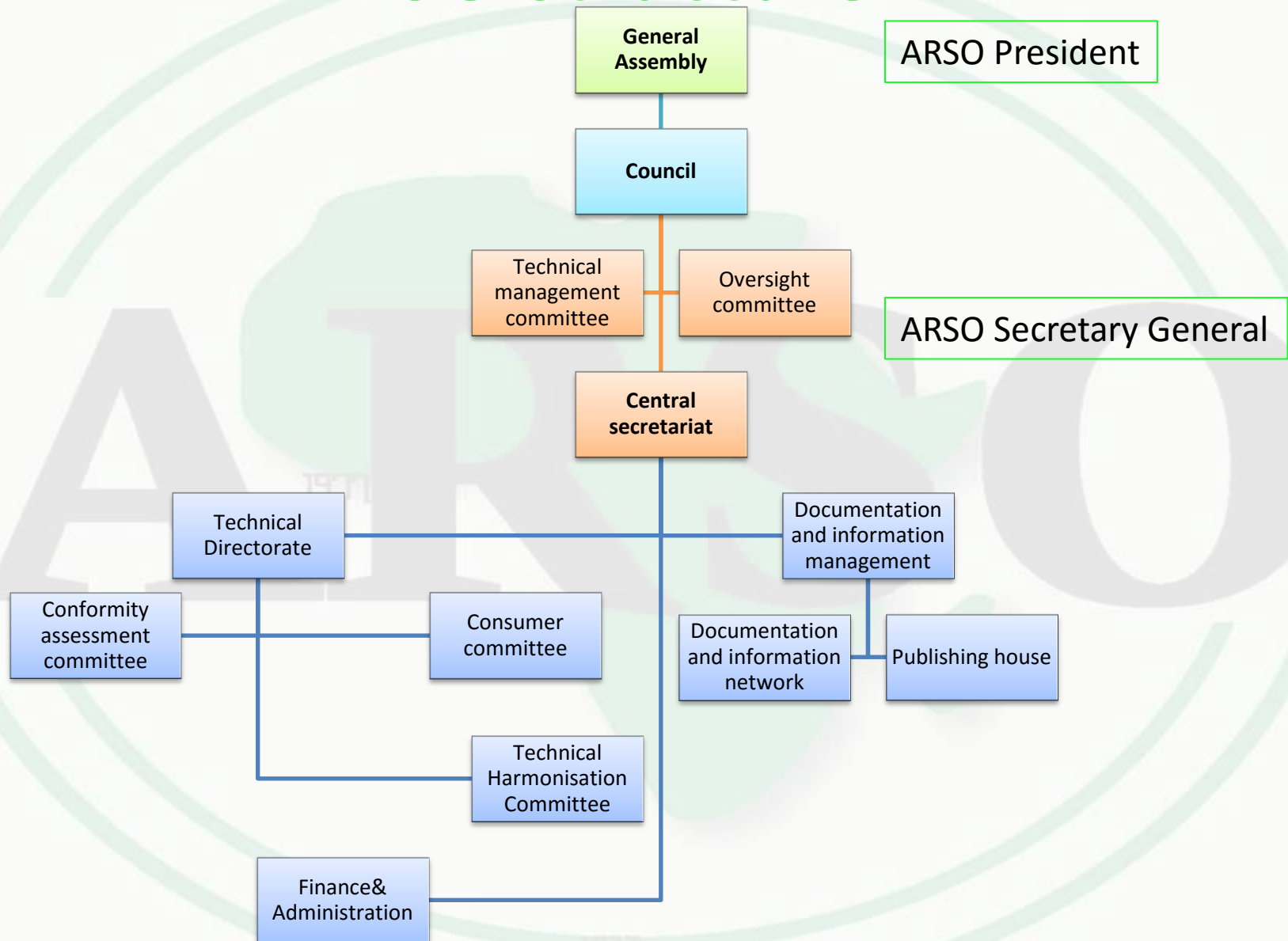
ARSO mandate

- **Harmonize national and regional standards**
- Initiate and **coordinate the development of African Standards**
- Promote and **coordinate standardisation and conformity assessment** systems in Africa;
- Encourage and facilitate **adoption of international standards**;

ARSO mandate...

- Encourage and facilitate the development of **technical regulations**;
- Support the establishment of **effective national standards bodies**;
- **Coordinate the views** of its members at international level; and
- Create **appropriate bodies in addition to the organs of ARSO for the purposes of fulfilling** its objectives.

ARSO structure

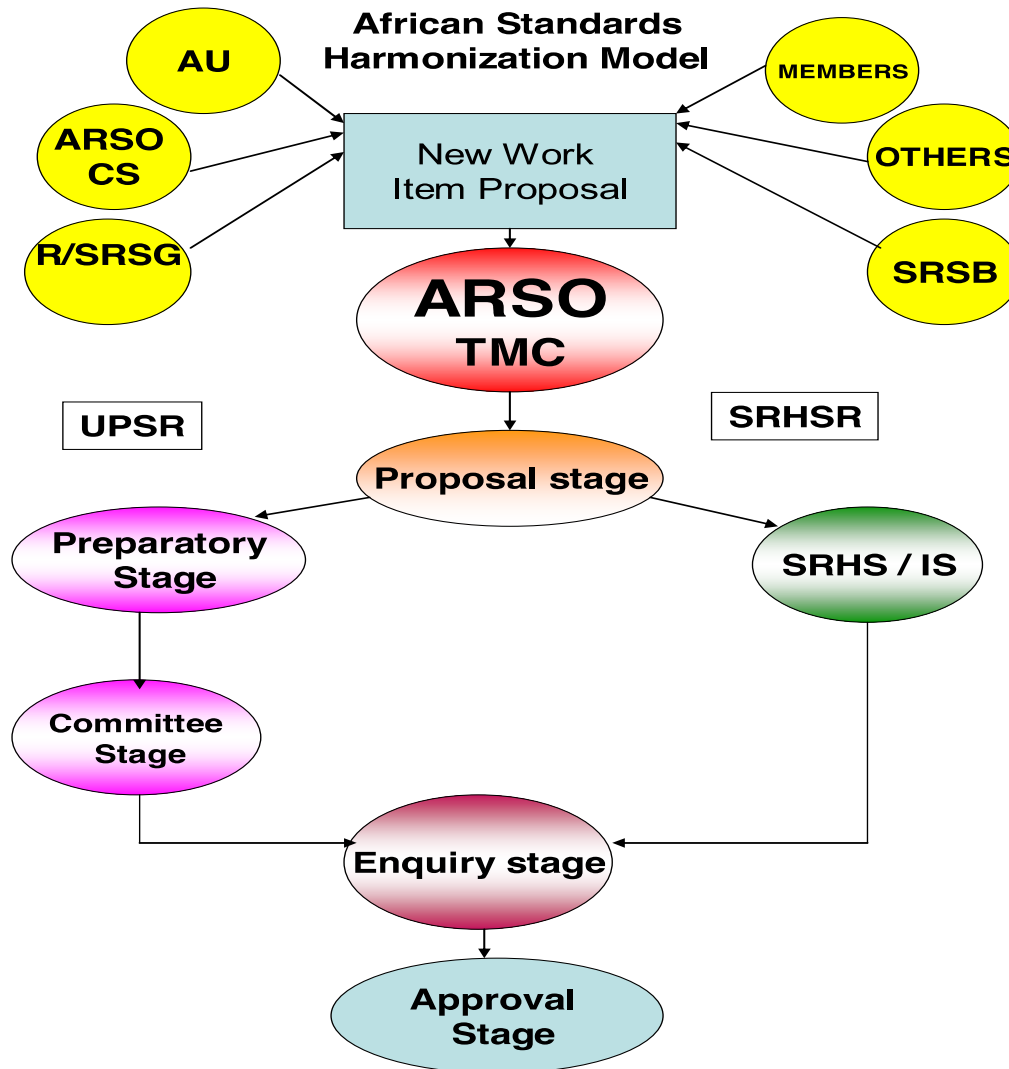


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Role of ARSO

Promote development of ARS

African Standardisation harmonisation model



Stage and timeframe

	Stage	Description
0	Preliminary Stage	Preliminary Work Item (PWI)
1	Proposal Stage	New Work Item Proposal (NWIP)
2	Preparatory Stage	Working Drafts (WD)
3	Committee Stage	Committee Drafts (CD)
4	Enquiry Stage	Draft African Standard (DARS)
5	Ballot Stage	Final Draft African Standard (FDARS)
6	Approval Stage	Final Draft African Standard (FDARS)

ARSO Maximum Timelines for each Stage		
	Stage	Time (months)
0	Circulation of NWIP	4
1	Committee Draft	8
2	Internal Commenting	1
3	Enquiry Stage including preparation	4
4	Preparation for Balloting	4
5	Balloting	1
6	Approval and Publication	2
	Total	24

Technical harmonisation committees

1. Basic and General Standards
2. Agriculture and Food Products
3. Building and Civil Engineering
4. Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy
5. Chemical & Chemical Engineering
6. Electro-technology
7. Textiles and Leather
8. Transport and Communication
9. Environmental Management Systems
10. Energy and Natural Resources
11. Quality Management Systems
- 12. Services**
13. African Traditional medicine

Disseminate harmonized standards

Specific ARSO committees

1. **ARSO Consumer committer (COCO)**
2. **ARSO Conformity Assessment committee (CACO)**
3. **ARSO Documentation and Information Network (DISNET)**

Disseminate harmonized standards

Specific tailored dissemination material

1. Develop **target group** specific **communication / outreach materials**
2. Organise **targeted trainings on standardization and conformity assessment systems**
3. Specific targeted group training on the **implementation of approved ARS standards**
4. Africa day for **Standardisation**

Maximum and effective participation

Enhance standardisation work at National and regional level

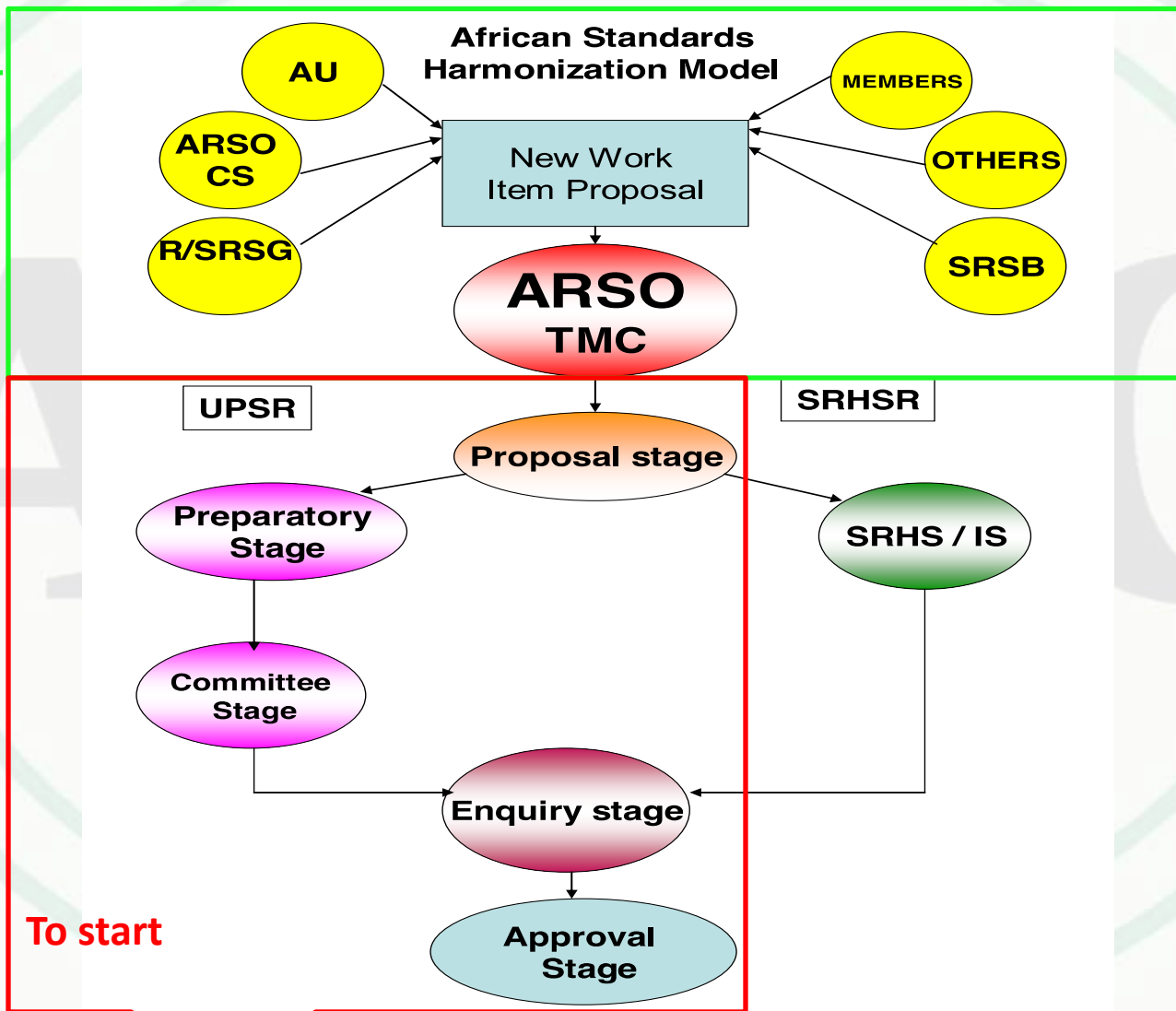
- 1. Increase participation of African developing countries in international standards development process**
- 2. Inclusive Technical Harmonisation committees (academics, consumers, public, private...) at national within mirror committees and regional**
- 3. Standardisation mandate in Tripartite (COMESA-EAC-SADC) work**
- 4. Technical support in Continental Free Trade Area negotiation on TBT/SPS toward African integration**

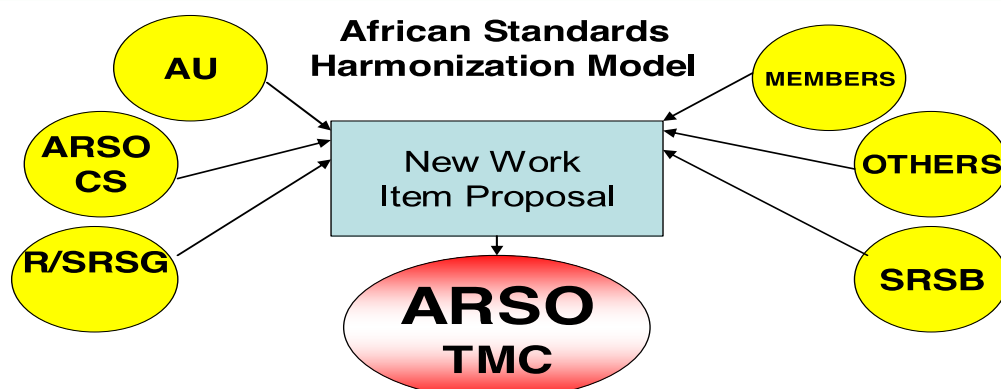


Development process for a African standard in GFGP

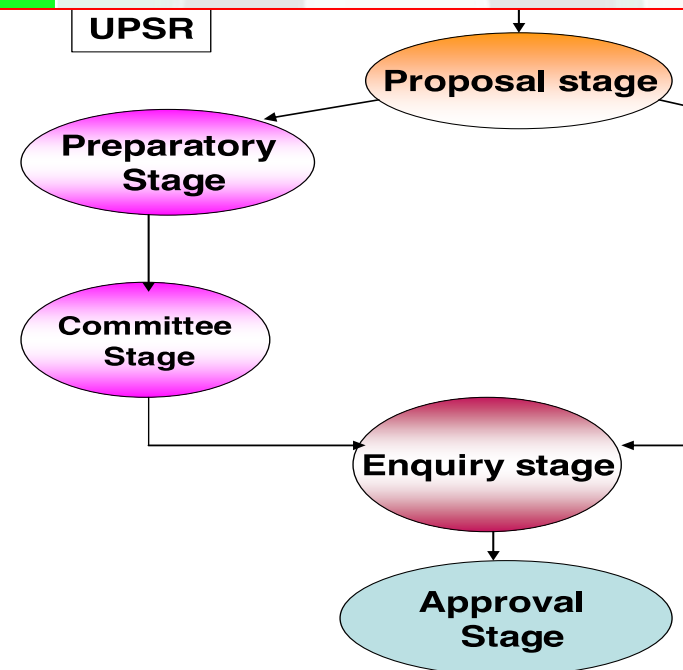
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	Stage	Description	Timing
0	Preliminary Stage	Preliminary Work Item (PWI)	Completed
1	Proposal Stage	New Work Item Proposal (NWIP)	Completed
2	Preparatory Stage	Working Drafts (WD)	Mid Feb'16
3	Committee Stage	Committee Drafts (CD)	July 2016
4	Enquiry Stage	Draft African Standard (DARS)	December 2016
5	Ballot Stage	Final Draft African Standard (FDARS)	March 2017
6	Approval Stage	African Standard (DARS)	June 2017



Building consensus



Working Draft

- Experts from the NWI proposer
- Consultative meetings (stakeholders)

KEBS
RSB

THC Chair and secretariat

- Kenya (chair)
- Rwanda (secretariat)



Mirror committees (inclusive of national expert, academic, public, private...)

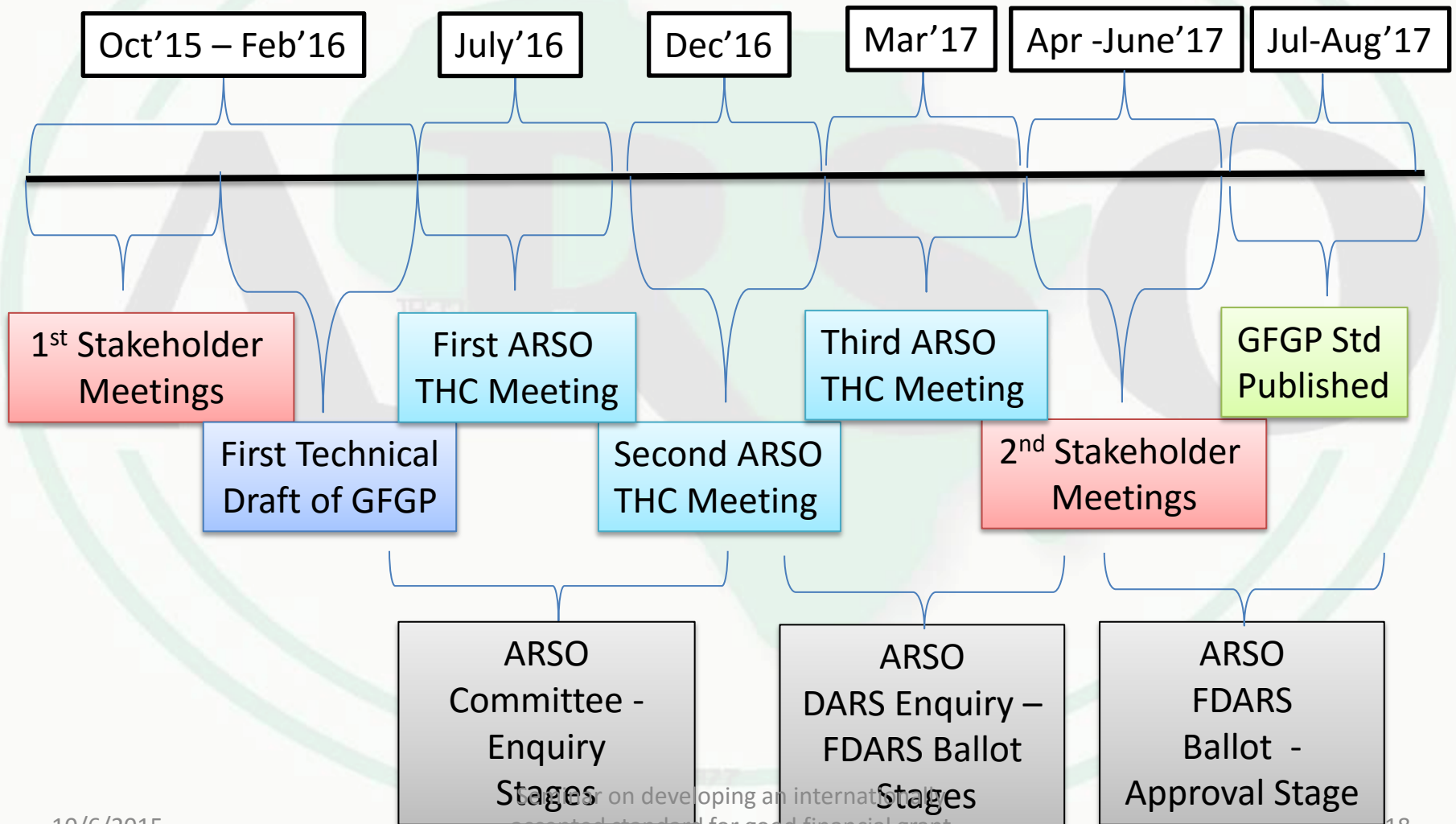
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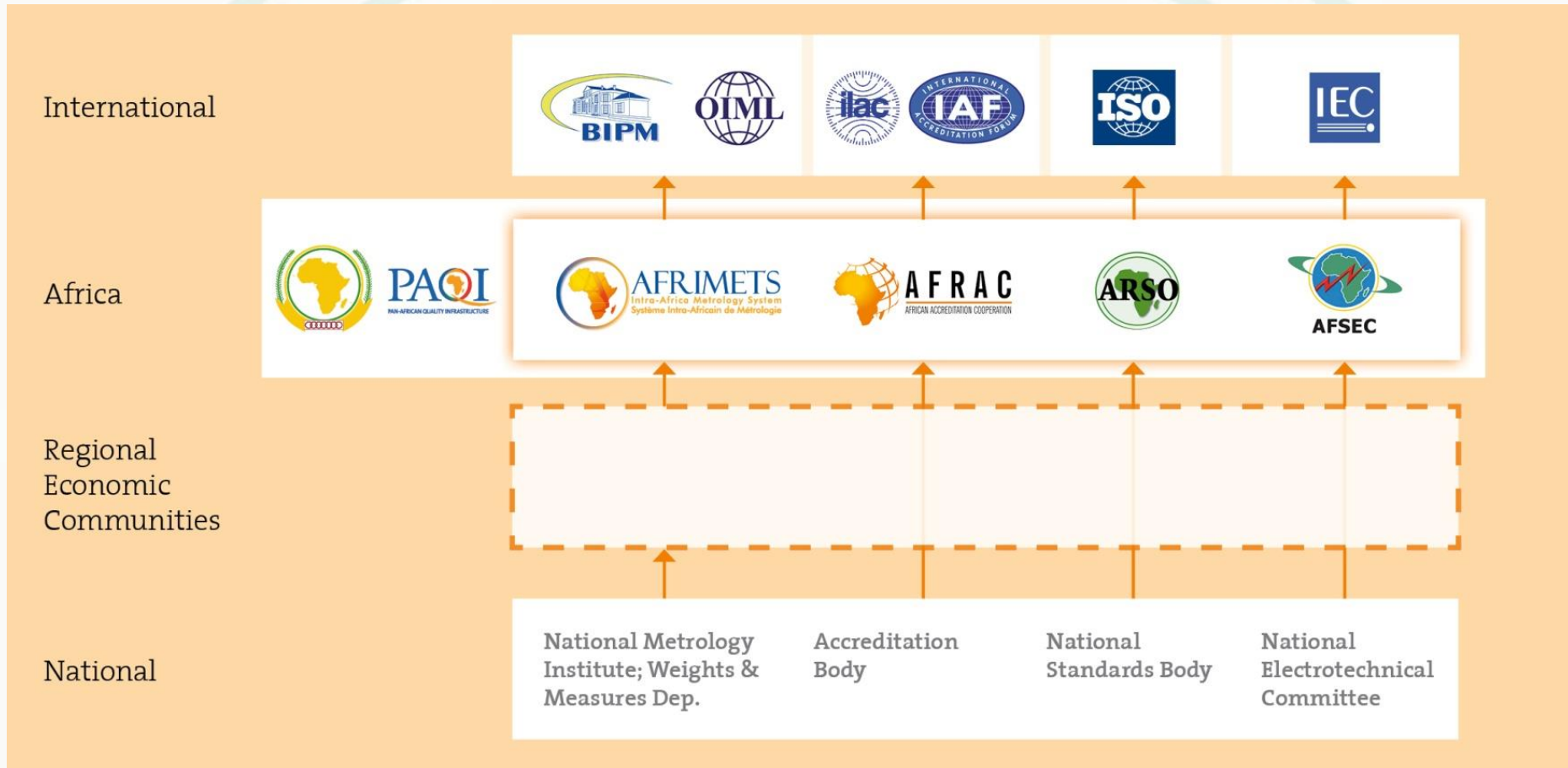
THC 12 plenary (representative of members and observers)

- Cameroun, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, S. Africa,
- DR Congo, Seychelles, Tanzania

Process & timetable to GFGP Std.



Future- Certification and Accreditation ?...





Thank you

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