

Integrated Framework Window II project brief

Country:	Ethiopia		
Project title:	Support to establishment of an internationally recognized conformity assessment to enhance trade competitiveness		
Project number(s):	Component 3:	00038867	
Duration	2 years		
National counterpart:	Ministry of Trade and Industry		
Implementing agency:	Ministry of Trade and Industry		
Project summary:	<p>The project will assist Ethiopia to identify and implement a full set of measures to diversify both the export bundle as well as markets for products. The country also needs to overcome technical barriers to trade involving sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures (SPS). Technical assistance will be provided to undertake necessary studies as well as to enhance the capacity of the Quality and Standards Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.</p>		
Project strategy and/or results framework:	<p>Main outputs will revolve around, the extended mandate of the Ethiopian Quality and Standards Authority, implementation of strategies to address supply-side constraints, and the implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs).</p> <p>Main inputs will consist of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building on standardisation, certification, accreditation, documentation, quality assurance, financing and administration, human resources and marketing.</p> <p>Key activities envisaged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a government-recognised professional body to accredit laboratories and conformity assessment bodies, after evaluation and site inspections undertaken in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the relevant international organisations; - Make arrangements in the interim to access the services of foreign accreditation bodies; - Establish as system for alerting exporters to forthcoming changes in technical regulations or SPS measures by using WTO notifications; - Create greater awareness among industry and trade associations of the need to take a more active interest in standardisation activities at both national and international level 		
Budget total:	US\$300,000		
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