

BSTI's comments on D-8 Member states strategy plan on Standardization, Conformity assessment, Metrology and Accreditation for the period of 2016-2020

Item	BSTI Comments
<p>Standardization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing technical Barriers to trade and facilitating exchange of goods through promoting the use of international standards among member states. 	<p>BSTI Agrees with this proposal. Member states should consider technical regulation (mandatory standards) of each other.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting each other's proposals for developing new international standards. 	<p>BSTI agrees to this item. Besides National Standards Bodies (NSBs) of D-8 countries, coordination through regional standards bodies may be effective in this regard.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging member states to adopt OIC/SMIIC halal standards as national standards. 	<p>Bangladesh (BSTI) has already developed Halal standard titled 'BDS 1813:2009 General Guidelines for production, preparation, handling and storage of halal food'</p>
<p>Conformity Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing technical consulting services in the field of test laboratories. 	<p>BSTI agrees with all proposals relating to Conformity assessment.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborating among member states in the field of Halal Certification based on relevant OIC/SMIIC Standards adopted by SMIIC. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage member states' producer to obtain CE marking from other member states who have notified bodies for the purpose of exporting their products to EU countries. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the potential cooperation among member states in the field of Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) Services. 	

<p>Metrology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a joint metrology working group to review the metrology standards with respect to the member states' industries need • Holding calibration courses at primary levels for various measuring parameters • Joint holding of metrology seminars, particularly during World Metrology Day. 	<p>BSTI agrees with this item.</p>
<p>Accreditation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting each other at international accreditation organizations such as IAF, ILAC, EA, ARAC and SMIIC AC. 	<p>Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB) agrees with this proposal.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferring information and experience as well as providing training and technical support by the national accreditation bodies of member states for the countries not having any national accreditation body or the countries having national accreditation body without international recognition. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing and supporting the accreditation of Halal product certification and related activities of SMIIC Accreditation Committee by the member states. 	
<p>Capacity building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing training and capacity building programmes in the fields of standardization, conformity assessment (testing, inspection, surveillance and certification) in order to develop human resources and institutional capacity. • Establishing an Auditor Pool consisting of experts from national bodies of member states. 	<p>BSTI agrees with this proposal.</p>

