



**Forum: Metrology – Trade Facilitator  
Request for support**



**CAMEROON**

**Core Problem:**

Lack of metrology laboratories and standards with the required traceability.

**Significance of the problem:**

- 1 Inaccurate evaluation of the uncertainty of most measurement results.
- 2 Lack of traceability. Comparability of measurement results is impossible and confidence is absent.
- 3 Impossibility of controlling measuring instruments in the following areas:
  - Services and utility metering such as water, electricity, telecommunications and taximeters;
  - Environmental and pollution control such as vehicle exhaust gases, petroleum pollution, etc.;
  - Health care such as temperature and blood pressure measurements;
  - Human safety matters such as radar speed control and alcohol in the blood.
- 4 Consequences:
  - Problems of access to global markets and of protecting consumers locally;
  - Difficulties in adopting innovative technologies;
  - Reduced government revenues;
  - Unsustainable development;
  - Unemployment;
  - Unreliable measurement in human health and safety, resource and environmental control.

**What is needed:**

- 1 Construction of metrology laboratories equipped in the following areas:
  - Gravimetric measurements;
  - Volumetric measurements;
  - Electricity, electronics, telecommunication measurements;
  - Temperature, length, speed measurements.
- 2 Training of personnel to run these laboratories.

**Contributions:**

- The Government of the Republic of Cameroon can finance about 30 % of investment.
- Loans and donations to finance the rest are welcome by the Government.

**Whom to address:**

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