



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



TOGO

Core Problem:

Metrology is in an embryonic state in Togo and does not meet the requirements of international trade, security, health, or environmental protection.

Significance of the problem:

The negative impacts of this situation can be summarized as follows:

- lack of confidence in exported goods for want of a credible certification system;
- trade exchanges are not facilitated;
- lack of accuracy of results from medical analysis laboratories;
- lack of accuracy of environmental and security standards due to the use of non-calibrated instruments.

What is needed:

Needs are as follows:

- 1 Outfitting of the national metrology laboratory to reach the norms of conservation and use for standards (conditions of temperature, hygrometry, pressure, etc)
- 2 Strengthening of capabilities in the following areas:
 - weights (comparators of 35 kg capacity);
 - volumes (standard capacity measures of 500 L, 50 L, 20 L, 10 L, 5 L);
 - electricity (test bed for the calibration and checking of electricity meters);
 - water (testing bed for the calibration and checking of water meters);
 - temperature;
 - pressure;
 - hygrometry.
- 3 Training in various areas.
- 4 Access to standards and Recommendations; necessity for Togo to join the OIML.
- 5 Raising the awareness of managers and users of MSTQ.

Contributions:

Contributions based on own resources are as follows:

- 1 Infrastructure for the laboratory.
- 2 Bearing the costs of water, electricity and phone use.
- 3 Commitment of Togo to the implementation of a metrology and testing system in the context of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA).
- 4 Existence of 4 higher technicians in metrology.
- 5 Existence of weight standards certified thanks to the cooperation with PTB.

Whom to address:

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