



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



TUNISIA

Core Problem:

a) Lack of a National Metrology Institute (NMI)

Because of the lack of calibration laboratories in Tunisia, laboratories and enterprises are suffering from the waste of time and money caused by the calibration of measuring instruments in foreign countries (mainly European countries).

b) Lack of expert in metrology

Through lack of experts in metrology, mainly in some fields (chemistry for example), some activities are not well defined (laws, methods of calibration and verification, equipments needs for testing).

Significance of the problem:

a) Custom procedures and formalities, transports delay, measuring instrument damaging risks, are negative factors relating to economic competitiveness.

b) In spite of their social and financial importance, some metrological activities, especially those dealing with environment, road safety and public health, are not carried out. The verification fees are not collected by the government and the law is not enforced in these fields.

What is needed:

a)

- Support of calibration laboratories for accreditation according to ISO 17025 standard.
- Creation of National Metrology Institute (NMI). The metrological activities of the NMI can be extending to other countries of the Maghreb Region.

b)

- Financial support of training activities in the field of metrology. The training of trainers is the most important theme with the objective of creating a core of experts who will take over the metrological training activities of inspectors.
- Creation of Training Centre with the aim of developing the ability and experience of inspectors. The activities of this centre can be extending to other countries in the Maghreb Region (Language of training: Arabic and French).

Contributions:

a)

- Designation and preparation of calibration laboratories for accreditation according to ISO17025.
- Establishment of laws for designating national laboratories.

b)

- To develop a branch of metrology teaching in university.
- To benefit from a bilateral cooperation program (with France for example) to train inspectors and trainers.

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