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MINUTES OF THE 12th SADCMET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD, AT THE CAPE SUN HOTEL, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, 6 MAY 2008

Opening:

The Chairperson, Mr. Davlin Chokazinga opened the meeting by welcoming all the members and observers present. He extended a special welcome to the Keynote Speaker Dr. Seton Bennett, Board member from EURAMET, as well as the PTB representatives Mr. Martin Kaiser and Mr. Stefan Wallerath, associate members from Kenya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the SADC Secretariat. The Chairperson also extended thanks to the host country, South Africa, as well as the **dti** for the hosting of the conference.

The Chairperson further acknowledged the contribution made by Mr. Michael Streak as Acting Regional Coordinator and assisting Mr. Donald Masuku through a smooth transition into the position of Regional Coordinator.

1.	Procedural Matters: An attendance list was circulated to identify members and observers present (Appendix 1). The meeting noted with concern the absence of the representative from Madagascar, to which the RC responded that no apologies had been received from them.	Action by
2.	Finalization of the agenda (Appendix 2) The agenda was adopted without any modifications/additions	All
3	Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the 11th SADCMET Committee. (Appendix 3)	

	At the proposal of Zambia, seconded by DRC, the Minutes of the 11 th SADC MET GA Meeting held in Madagascar 28 April 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.	All
4.	Matters arising from the Minutes:	
4.1	Customs Issue SADC Secretariat informed the meeting that progress has been made with regards to the customs issue. The SQAM Expert made a presentation at the meeting of the Customs officials held in Lusaka and it was agreed that a standard form be developed that will be used for customs purposes when transporting calibration equipment, circulating PT samples and inter-comparison artefacts across the region. It was suggested that such a form be designed to capture all details including serial numbers of all the equipment, samples and artefacts being moved through customs. A task team chaired by TC 1 Chair and comprising TC 1 working group chairs as members was established to help with the implementation of these new procedures in relation to the movement of samples and calibration equipment. This task team is expected to continue to engage the regional customs officials through the SQAM Expert to ensure smooth cross-border movement of all PT samples and calibration equipment.	SQAM Expert/ RC TC 1 Chair
4.2	NML/NMISA 60th Anniversary Celebrations The NMISA 60 th Anniversary Celebrations took place during the Tests and Measurement Conference held in South Africa in November 2007 and was well attended. The Technical Committee meeting which was planned to run back to back with the Test and Measurement Conference did not take place.	RC
4.3	Associate Membership SADC MET Secretariat informed the meeting that Seychelles Bureau of Standards (SBS) has expressed interest in joining SADC MET as an associate member. It was agreed to provisionally accept the application of SBS to become an Associate Member, pending the receipt of an official application from SBS on an SBS letterhead and signed by the SBS Chief Executive Officer.	SADC MET Secretariat
4.4	EURAMET Offer to assist with surplus metrology equipment	

4.5	<p>The RC reported that he consulted with the Chair of EURAMET, Dr. Michael Kuhne regarding EURAMET's previous offer to assist SADC MET member countries with surplus metrology equipment, who informed him that EURAMET does not have surplus metrology equipment.</p> <p>Dr. S Bennett reiterated that EURAMET as a body does not have such equipment but undertook to request individual EURAMET National Metrology Institutes if they have surplus metrology equipment to make them available to SADC MET members.</p> <p>MRA Database feedback</p> <p>Dr. Franz Hengstberger gave feedback on the proposal for the CIPM to make the BIPM MRA database available for capturing regional comparisons data for countries, which have not yet signed the CIPM MRA.</p>	Dr. Bennett
5.	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Dr. Seton Bennett delivered a powerful presentation titled "Metrology in the World of Sport." His presentation was complementary to this year's theme for the World Metrology Day celebrations and the Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, China at the end of the year. He highlighted the importance of measurements in all sports including track and field athletics, boxing, weight lifting, horse racing, golf, motor racing, team ball sports and swimming. "Accurate measurements are key to many Olympic events, with hundredths of a second often being all what separates winners from losers" he emphasized. The presentation was well received and it was recommended that members use this presentation for their World Metrology Day celebrations in their countries.</p> <p>South Africa raised the issue of the Scientific Metrology vs Legal Metrology and the importance of understanding the issues surrounding this, especially with the Olympic Games coming up in October.</p>	<p>Dr. Bennett</p> <p>Dr. W Louw</p>
6. 6.1	<p>Technical Reports Presentations:</p> <p>Annual Report by the Regional Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AFRIMETS has been established, the TC and WG to mirror SADC MET. The AFRIMETS Chair has requested permission to propose to the JCRB that AFRIMETS replace SADC MET as the RMO. ○ Metrology support for SME's project sponsored by PTB intends to support and assist SME's to become globally competitive. The project is now in the third phase: Impact Assessments. This project has been contracted to Dr. Mukayi Musarurwa, and is aimed at completion by September 2008. ○ The SADC MET website has been updated and the promotional material has been redesigned. 	RC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Following a report on the workshop of the representatives of the Regional Metrology Bodies (RMOs) and the Regional Accreditation Bodies (RABs) held at the BIPM, Mr. Mike Peet emphasized the need for close cooperation with SADCA and between NMIs and NABs with regard to the question of CMCs/BMCs and the accreditation of NMIs. ○ Regarding the issue of CMC versus BMC – a joint statement has been issued on the ILAC and BIPM websites. But it was decided that the base terminology remain CMC. ○ SADC MET Water PT Scheme held its 4th round evaluation workshop on the chemical analysis. Next PT round will also in addition to chemical analysis include microbiology analysis and Uganda National Bureau of Standards has been appointed as the pilot lab for microbiology analysis. ○ Full report of the RC is attached as Appendix 4. 	
6.2	<p>TC 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair of Technical Committee 1 (Metre Convention & BIPM Issues), Mr. K. Morgan presented the report for the year, and highlighted JCRB matters. (Report is attached as Appendix 5) 	TC 1
6.3	<p>TC 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair of the Technical Committee 2 (Metrology Education and Training), Mr. M. Rabolinyane presented the report for the year, and notified the board of the suspension of the SRCME. (Report is attached as Appendix 6) 	TC 2
6.4	<p>TC 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Technical Committee 3 (Metrology Facilities and Infrastructure Development) Mr. V. Kanama presented the report on the countries going forward with legal metrology. South Africa noted that NMISA is not the only provider of traceability. The RC will contact the member states directly to provide an update of countries providing traceability. (Report is attached as Appendix 7) 	TC 3
6.5	<p>TC 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair of Technical Committee 4, Mr. M. Blasius (Metrology legislation), presented the annual report and noted that no information was received from member states on legislation. He noted that South Africa was to provide the guidelines on legislation. South Africa commented that the countries who requested these guidelines, received them. South Africa will compile a general document regarding the guidelines of legislation and distribute them to all member states. (Report is attached as Appendix 8) 	TC 4
6.6	<p>TC 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The chair of Technical Committee 5, Mr. G. Albasini, presented the report. He indicated that the World Metrology Day 	TC 5

	pamphlets were available in Pretoria, and not in Cape Town. The toolkits are available in both French and English. (Report is attached as Appendix 9)	
7.	<p>Country Reports</p> <p>The Chairperson requested members to be brief and only provide highlights to the submitted country reports of which the RC commended those SADC MET members that submitted the reports on time and pointed out the importance of submitting the report on time and urged all members to do so.</p>	RC
7.1	<p>Angola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ INNORQ is experiencing a lack of HR support, but are currently busy with recruitment. They are also experiencing problems in their laboratories, and are currently in the process of upgrading them. ○ Angola hosted a seminar for members of the Council of Quality which included all SQAM related institutions, which took place on 20 May 2007. ○ Angola has one laboratory that participates in SADC MET water PT sponsored by PTB. 	
7.2	<p>Botswana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BOBS is currently busy with laboratory development project, procurement of equipment was done in 2007 and continued into 2008. Installation and commissioning is expected to take place during May to July 2008. ○ Their staff numbers have increased from 2 to 5 metrologists. They are strengthening their staff force by providing in-house training as well as ISO 17025 training. ○ BOBS is looking at expanding their calibration services as soon as their laboratories are completed. 	
7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The National Task Team (NTT), in line with the requirements of the TC-5 ‘Metrology Support to SMMEs’, continues to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Measurement Support Toolkit to those companies that have participated in workshops. During the reporting period one workshop was held and this attracted 53 SMMEs and 100 participants. ○ Three workshops were conducted during the 2007 World Metrology Day celebrations with the purpose of disseminating information on Measurement in Healthcare. 	
7.4	<p>DRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to industry needs in the fields of pressure, temperature and electrical measurements, OCC is planning to expand its metrology activities. ○ DRC is in the process of writing a draft Metrology Law ○ The DRC has set up a national committee for implementing the Tool Kit. ○ Two members of the laboratory staff attended training at LAME Laboratory in Senegal, which was based on mass calibration practice and assessment of uncertainty. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The measurement standards are calibrated by NMISA \ SOUTH AFRICA in the field of mass, volume and length and calibration certificates are valid. 	
7.6	<p>Lesotho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lesotho is focusing on raising awareness regarding metrology in their country this year. The World Metrology Posters were widely distributed with a cover letter introducing metrology. ○ The Standards and Quality Assurance Department of the Ministry of Trade and Industry organized an awareness seminar marking World Metrology Day in November 2007. ○ On the same day, the video, Demystifying SQAM, was shown to participants in an attempt to target the media. ○ The SMME Toolkits have been widely distributed in Lesotho and presentations were made to 5 different SMME groups. <p>Malawi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBS was pleased to report that they procured a master meter for calibration of bulk flow meters and vehicle tanks – the equipment is expected in April 2008. ○ The NCRCME is still in existence, and receives funds sponsored by the Malawi Bureau of Standards and member organizations. ○ There is a public demand for water and electricity meters. MBS has further trained their staff to calibrate water meters, and these staff members will in turn train other staff members. ○ With regards to the World Metrology Day activities, the Laboratory in Malawi issued a press release, had banners printed, distributed posters and conducted media reports. ○ MBS participated in the 4th Water PT, and felt that they benefited greatly from this. They plan to use this as a benchmark of their capabilities against other countries, and they wish to thank the PTB for sponsorships in this regard. 	
7.7	<p>Mauritius</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The laboratory in Mauritius receives traceability from the NMISA with regards to pressure, force and mass. ○ The laboratories are being renovated in order to provide the correct environmental conditions for calibrations. The laboratories are also in the process of receiving new calibration equipment. ○ Mauritius participated in a Science Exhibition in order to sensitize the public to metrology. ○ The Mass and Temperature laboratory is expected to be ready for the accreditation by mid 2009. 	
7.8	<p>Mozambique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ INNOQ is still looking for sponsorship for the construction of a new building, and are still making use of the mobile laboratory. ○ The Technical Committee established a Standard Technical Committee for Metrology, in order to accommodate the formation of various Sub Technical Committees. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World Metrology Day was used as a day for the dissemination of information to the public. A workshop was held in Maputo, and was sponsored by the UNIDO and SECO project. World Metrology Day posters were distributed to the SME's and various government institutions. ○ All inspection activities were successfully linked to legal metrology, and for institutions dealing directly with consumer trade. 	
7.9	<p>Namibia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Namibia Standards Institute has been established which will also be responsible for the Namibia National Measurement Standards. A new CEO has been appointed, and they are currently advertising positions for metrologists. ○ One Metrologist received training in the area of mass, electrical measurements and uncertainty measurements. ○ The metrology division is planning to expand to cover mass, temperature, volume and dimensional within the next years. ○ SADC MET is expected to provide assistance in establishment of the National Metrology Lab. 	
7.10	<p>South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NMISA was established on 1 May 2007 according to the Measurement Units and Measurement Standards Act (Act 18 of 2006). All staff and equipment of the CSIR NML were transferred to the new entity. ○ Quality systems and accreditation systems have been put in place. ○ Two laboratories still need to be assessed to ISO 17025 by SANAS, namely Flow and Surface and Micro-analysis laboratories. ○ NMISA is on an 18 month assessment cycle, where each laboratory is assessed at lease every 18 months. ○ South Africa is focusing on making international alignments in order to lead the way with regards to the accreditation in laboratories. 	
7.11	<p>Swaziland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The enactment of the Swaziland Standards Act which has the component of industrial metrology creates a clear scope of expansion to fully establish a metrology section within the newly formed Swaziland Standards Authority. ○ A new technical manager has been appointed and recruitment of further staff members is still in the early stages. ○ The National Standards Body and Metrology Unit are forging a way forward on Industrial Metrology. The Body will also have a strong stake in the re-launch of the metrology unit. ○ A visit from the EU technical team raised concerns with regards to the lack of laboratory space. ○ Government has committed to create more space to build laboratories for the industrial and legal metrology. 	
7.12	<p>Tanzania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TBS has 14 laboratories that are currently looking for accreditation, and 2 laboratories have already been accredited. ○ TBS is grateful to the PTB and UNIDO for the equipment received for their pressure and electrical laboratories. 	

<p>7.13</p> <p>7.14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SME Toolkit rollout has commenced, World Metrology Day posters have been received and distributed. ○ TBS participated in Water Proficiency Testing Scheme. <p>Zambia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZABS plans to have their equipment received from the bilateral EU project installed during the third quarter of 2008. Delays in this regard were due to the length of the procedures required by the donors. Low DC, Volume, Temperature and Force laboratories are still waiting for equipment. ○ ZABS requires assistance in the Laboratory Management Systems with regards to complying with ISO 17025. <p>Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality management was successfully compliant to ISO 9001:2000. ○ NMI trained two Mozambique metrologists in Mass and Volume Metrology. ○ NMI is currently working on a research project with regards to a Temperature controller and plans to launch a Temperature Controller. 	
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p>Statements by Associate Members</p> <p>Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KEBS reported on the bilateral inter-comparison in which they have been involved in and thanked SADCMET for the support in this regard. All KEBS labs are now operating to ISO 17025, and four labs AC/DC, Volume and Flow, Mass and Temperature are accredited and accreditation of the Force lab is expected by the end of 2008. The Chemical Metrology division will be hosting a seminar in August 2008 for the East African Region. With regards to EAMET, the procedures and work programs for TC's and WG's now have a standard structure. KEBS wishes to thank the PTB and the NMISA for collaboration in 2007. <p>National Institute of Standards (NIS) Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NIS reported that they face a challenge in the realization of SI units in relation to other laboratories. They are in the process of planning a microbiology laboratory. The SRM is to prepare a GCMS for atomic absorption from agricultural samples, and the results will be traceable to MST. <p>Quality and Standards Authority of Ethiopia (QSAE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QSAE informed the meeting they have participated in a capacity building program and that they are planning the second phase for accreditation of all laboratories. The first audit of laboratories was conducted in March. QSAE was the pilot laboratory for the inter-comparison on Platinum done in May. They are in the process of upgrading two of their branches, and have integrated metrology into the University Curriculum: Basic Metrology. 	<p>KEBS</p> <p>NIS</p> <p>QSAE</p>

8.4	<p>Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SON presented their report, and informed the body that they currently have a small laboratory for the calibration services in Mass, Force, Length, Temperature and small volume which are all traceable to NIS. SON faces the challenge in the lack of support from Government. ○ The National Assembly has approved establishment of a National Metrology Institute and a Mobile Metrology Laboratory and it's expected the two projects will fully commence this year, 2008. 	SON
9. 9.1 9.2	<p>Project Work:</p> <p>SRCME</p> <p>The SQAM Expert reported that the proposal to suspend the SRCME which was prepared by the SADC MET Regional Coordinator had been circulated to the other structures for discussion during their meetings, and a final discussion will take place at the SQAMEG meeting regarding the future of SRCME and the training material needed.</p> <p>Lesotho proposed that calling for abandonment of the SRCME should not happen, but that the SRCME should be allowed to continue with their work, as a lot of work has been done and the region will need such a body in future.</p> <p>SADC MET members supported the decision to suspend the SRCME MoU as adopted at the extra-ordinary SQAM meetings held in Gaborone, Botswana in January 2008 and mandated the SADC MET representatives to the SQAMEG meeting to support the proposal to suspend the SRCME.</p> <p>SADC MET EU Project</p> <p>The SQAM Expert gave a brief status report on the EU project and informed members of the delay to start the activity due to the need to cut on the activity list and streamline the budget. Members raised concerns about these delays. More information on the EU project will be discussed at the SQAMEG meeting.</p> <p>The RC proposed that a steering committee be erected and should vote on what exactly should be submitted to the EU, especially with regards to the streamlining of the budget, fine tuning the budget etc. Botswana stated that EU activities should be cut, and that they agree that a steering committee be erected. The EU stated that they reserve the right to make final decisions regarding budget cuts.</p> <p>It was reported that the Technical Assistance (TA) team is now in place at the SADC Secretariat and that once the EU has approved the revised Project Estimates (PE1), the TA team will start implementing the EU programme by 1st July 2008.</p> <p>Zambia stated that SADC should be ready for the EU project with regards to technical specifications and procurement of equipment in accordance with the supplier guidelines. Zambia has had experience with the EU project and the EU</p>	<p>SQAMEG</p> <p>LESOTHO</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RC</p> <p>TA Team</p> <p>ZAM</p>

	<p>procedure for the procurement of equipments is a long and protracted process.</p>	
9.3	<p>Working Programme for 2008/2009 The RC presented the following work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AFRIMET GA to take place in Tunisia in July 2008 ○ EU Project PE1 activities to start by 1st July 2008 ○ World Metrology Day 2009 – To adopt the BIPM theme ○ SADC MET Water PT – 5th round workshop to be held in Uganda ○ SADC MET Inter-comparison to start in June/July 2008 ○ TC and WG Chairs meetings – Scheduled for February 2009 depending on what takes shape with AFRIMETS TC structure. 	RC
9.4	<p>PTB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PTB representative gave a run-down of all projects and activities that had been funded by the PTB during the year 2007. ○ He also informed the meeting that PTB will continue supporting SADC MET Water PT Scheme, the preparation and distribution of the PT samples by NAM Water and continuous consultancy to all members. ○ PTB will also continue to support associate members to participate in SADC MET activities i.e. inter-comparisons, PT scheme etc. 	S. Wallerath PTB
9.5	<p>AFRIMETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first AFRIMETS GA meeting was held in July at NEPAD Secretariat Offices in Midrand, South Africa. The meeting was attended by 40 delegates, and included sponsored attendance by the PTB and NMISA. At this meeting, the AFRIMETS Executive Committee was elected and two Executive Committee Meetings were subsequently held. ○ The AFRIMETS Chair, Dr W Louw informed the meeting that AFRIMETS will now be the RMO representing Africa, currently SADC is the RMO, and AFRIMETS will be taking over this function. He further discussed that Inter-Regional and Intra-Regional CMC Reviews will now take place with the use of expertise available in the region. ○ It was explained that AFRIMETS is not a new application, but a transformation and therefore does not need JCRB permission to send in applications to CIPM. 	Dr. W Louw

<p>9.6.1</p> <p>9.6.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The AFRIMETS GA has a strong SADC MET presence. All AFRIMETS structures will closely mirror those of SADC MET. ○ AFRIMETS has been invited to present a stand at the NCSL in order to create awareness internationally. ○ Zambia questioned how ready AFRIMETS was to take over from SADC MET. ○ The SADC Secretariat questioned if the TC structure is already in place, and any changes AFRIMETS may have on this. ○ The AFRIMETS Chair replied that AFRIMETS was not taking over SADC MET, but merely building on SADC MET. He also stated that AFRIMETS will be the umbrella function with regards to TC structures. <p>World Metrology Day 2008 poster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posters have been distributed, and the BIPM has issued a circular on copyrights of the poster. The poster was sent out to 77 countries worldwide, all traceable to SADC MET. 78 Versions were printed in 35 languages. <p>World Metrology Day 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SADC MET in consultation with BIPM and PTB will adopt the international theme for the World Metrology Day 2009. 	
<p>10</p>	<p>Resolutions</p> <p>Attached as Appendix 10 at the end of the minutes.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p>	<p>Admin Matters</p> <p>Application for Associate Membership for Seychelles. Zimbabwe recommended that SADC MET bring them back. Namibia recommended that SADC MET put the decision on hold until a formal application has been sent through. South Africa suggested that a provisional approval be passed until a formal application has been sent through. A final decision was taken by the RC that a provisional approval be passed until a formal application has been received by SADC.</p> <p>Establishment of a Project Management Committee (PMC)</p> <p>The RC proposed that a SADC MET PMC be established in line with the other SQAM structures. To do this the SADC MET</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ZIM NAM SA RC</p> <p>RC</p>

11.3	<p>Secretariat was requested to update the Codes of Procedure and present them at the next SADC MET meeting before such a PMC can be constituted. This was recommended by Botswana and seconded by Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Election of a Vice Chair for SADC MET It was made apparent that Botswana feels the Vice Chair should pay special attention to matters such as Code of Procedure, and should be on a rotation basis.</p> <p>Proposals for Vice Chair were called and three countries were nominated. Through the show of hands the following votes were recorded: Mozambique (5 votes); Swaziland (6 votes) and Lesotho (2 votes).</p> <p>Swaziland was elected the Vice Chair for SADC MET for a two-year term.</p> <p>Chair of TC 1 The Chair of TC 1 Mr. Keeper Morgan proposed that due to additional workload within his organization BOBS, Mr. Shadrack Kajane be appointed to take over from him as the Chair of TC 1. SADC MET members accepted the proposal and confirmed Mr. Shadrack Kajane as the new Chair for TC 1: Metre Convention and BIPM Issues.</p>	RC All All K Morgan
12.	<p>Any other Business None</p>	All
13.	<p>Closing There being no further issues to be discussed; the Chairman thanked the members for their active contributions and closed the meeting at 17H30</p>	Chair



**RESOLUTIONS OF THE 12TH MEETING OF THE SADC MET COMMITTEE
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Resolution 1/2008

SADC MET approves the formation of a SADC MET task team chaired by the TC-1 chair and with some TC-1 working group chairs as members, which will help with the implementation of new procedures in relation to the movement of samples. This Task Team is expected to continue to engage regional customs officials through the SQAM Expert to ensure smooth cross-border movement of not just PT samples but also calibration samples bearing no sample serial numbers.

Resolution 2/2008

SADC MET supports the proposal by Dr Hengstberger for the CIPM to make the BIPM MRA database available for capturing regional comparison data for countries, which have not yet signed the CIPM MRA. The proposal involves making these data only visible at first to selected users via user name and password and to make them visible publicly on the website once the country concerned signs the MRA. This would obviate the need to develop separate RMO databases to capture and preserve these comparison data of RMO members.

Resolution 3/2008

SADC MET notes the improvement in the submission of country reports and requests to improve this record further, using a standardized report format to be prepared by the SADC MET Secretariat.

Resolution 4/2008

SADC MET requests the SADC MET Secretariat to update the SADC MET Codes of Procedure and present them for approval at the next SADC MET meeting.

Resolution 5/2008

SADC MET supports a close cooperation with SADCA and between NMIs and NABs / RABs with regard to the question of CMCs / BMCs and with regard to the accreditation of NMIs. It specifically encourages regular coordination meetings between these metrology and accreditation bodies.

Resolution 6/2008

SADC MET agrees with the change of the TC-1 chairmanship from Mr Keeper Morgan to Mr Shadrack Kajane as proposed by Botswana.

Resolution 7/2008

SADC MET reiterates its support for the suspension of the SRCME MOU and the other proposals made in this regard by the RC, which can,

however, only be implemented if SADCA and SADC MEL also agree with them.

Resolution 8/2008

SADCMET proposes to SQAMEG that the SQAM workshop at the 2009 SQAM meetings should be organized jointly with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and address the closer cooperation of the IAEA and NMI laboratory networks in Africa in the area of ionizing radiation measurements.

Resolution 9/2008

SADCMET wishes to express its support for the agreed objectives and working programme of AFRIMETS and agrees to AFRIMETS taking over SADCMET's role in the JCRB whenever the required AFRIMETS structures have become fully operational.

Resolution 10/2008

SADCMET provisionally approves the application of Seychelles Bureau of Standards (SBS) to become an Associate Member, pending the receipt of an official application from SBS on an SBS letterhead and signed by the SBS Chief Executive.

Resolution 11/2008

SADCMET approves the establishment of a SADCMET Project Management Committee (PMC) as proposed by the Secretariat.

Resolution 12/2008

SADCMET congratulates Swaziland on its appointment as Vice-Chair of SADCMET.

Resolution 13/2008

SADCMET acknowledges with thanks the following:

- The ongoing strengthening of the SADC SQAM infrastructure through the SADC/EU SQAM project.
- The continued funding of some selected SQAM activities, particularly in metrology, by the PTB (Germany).
- The continued support by the dti (South Africa) for SQAM activities and in particular NMISA for the funding of the SADCMET Secretariat.
- The dti (South Africa) for the hosting of the 2008 SQAM meetings.
- Mr Michael Streak for standing in as Acting RC after the resignation of Dr Musarurwa.