

SADCMET WATER PT

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SADCMET WATER PT

- Started in 2004 with about 25 lab personnel mainly from the NSBs of SADC and EAC countries.
- Objective of establishing a Proficiency Testing Scheme for water testing laboratories
- Started with Chemical analysis with 27 labs participating in 1st round PT in 2004
- PT Provider for Chemical analysis is NAMWATER
- To date more than 45 labs are participating in Chemical analysis



SADC WATERLAB ASSOCIATION



- An association of Water testing labs established through an MoU
- Initiated in Dar es Salaam, in Nov 2005
- Located at the SADCMET Secretariat, NMISA, South Africa





SADC WATERLAB

Objectives

- The association is a regional not for profit organization. Its major aims are:
- To facilitate technical cooperation and collaboration amongst regional labs involved in water testing
- To run a proficiency testing scheme for water analysis
- To provide an organized interface at the regional level between these labs and other SQAM structures involved in conformity assessment issues
- To promote development and harmonization of measurement, test and analytical methods
- Capacity building
- Promote Labs accreditation



SADC WATERLAB



The members shall be those labs, labs associations, individuals and any organisations who subscribe to the objectives and values of the association.

MEMBERSHIP – 2 categories

- Ordinary members: Labs & Lab Associations in SADC countries involved in water testing and analyses
- Associate members: Labs and Lab Association in non-SADC countries involved in water testing and analyses

Membership fees (GA may decide when as the need arises)





Associate Members

- Kenya
- Uganda
- Rwanda (for Microbiology)
- Ethiopia (for Microbiology)





SADC WATERLAB STRUCTURE



- General Assembly
- Project Management Committee (PMC) which consist of :
 - 1. Chair: Tanzania
 - 2. Vice Chair: Zimbabwe
 - 3. Secretariat (SADCMET)-Regional coordinator
 - 4. Four elected PMC Members
 - 1. Botswana
 - 2. Madagascar
 - 3. Zambia
 - 4. Mauritius

2 Ex-officio members:

NAMWATER: PT provider for Chemical analysis and

UNBS: PT provider for Microbiology analysis





Evaluation Workshops

- The SADCMET Water PT is sponsored by PTB since its inception
- Five chemical analysis evaluation workshops have been held:
 - Pilot workshop Namibia 2004
 - PT 1: South Africa 2004
 - PT 2: Tanzania 2005
 - PT 3: Botswana 2006
 - PT 4: Tanzania 2007
 - PT 5: Uganda 2008



Microbiology PT

- In 2005 decision taken to extend Water PT to include microbiology analysis
- Nominated UNBS to be the pilot lab
- PT provider trained in Germany
- 1st round microbiology PT in 2008
- PT1 Evaluation workshop in Kampala, Uganda





Local Coordinators

 Local Coordinators have been appointed in each country to coordinate and promote PT scheme at national level for both Chemical and Microbiology

