



## **NOTIFICATION FOR 9<sup>th</sup> PROFICIENCY TEST FOR MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF POTABLE WATER IN AFRICA, FEBRUARY 2017**

Dear Participant

This serves as a notification of the 2017 proficiency test (PT) for the microbiological analysis of potable water in Africa, coordinated by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS).

This PT is highly recommended for members of the SADC Water Lab Association. However, non-members are also very much encouraged to participate. Membership to the association is free and the memorandum of understanding (MOU) which establishes the SADC Water Lab Association as well as registration forms can be obtained from the SADC MET website under the link [www.sadcmet.org](http://www.sadcmet.org).

### **PARTICIPANT'S DETAILS**

Attached is the Registration form for participation in the PT. Kindly fill and submit the completed form to the PT provider with the following information:

- Name of the laboratory and contact persons (preferably two)
- **Physical** address (street name and number, Area, Town/City etc.)
- Telephone and fax numbers (preferably two)
- E-mail addresses per contact persons.
- **USD 180.00 payment**
- Proof of payment

Kindly acknowledge receipt of all correspondences from the PT Coordinator pertaining to the following:

- PT notifications and protocols
- Laboratory identification codes
- PT reports
- General communication related to PT

NB: **E-mail is the preferred mode of communication**



**PROFICIENCY TEST PROVIDER**

- BOBS is the PT provider.

**Contact details:**

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### **CONFIDENTIALITY / UNIQUE LABORATORY CODES**

- To maintain confidentiality of the results, each laboratory will be assigned a unique laboratory identification known only to the Participant and the PT Provider.
- Lab Codes will be randomly assigned for the 2017 round of the PT.
- By registering for the PT laboratories authorise the PT provider to share their registration details only with other stakeholders in the scheme like the SADC MET secretariat

### **EXERCISE NOTIFICATION**

- Registered participants will be given details of the tests to be conducted and the relevant procedures via e-mail at least a month before the exercise.
- The sample preparation procedures will be availed prior to sample dispatch so that the laboratories can prepare for the testing exercise.
- Electronic result forms will only be issued upon sample dispatch.
- **Typed results** are to be submitted on/or before the closing date.

### **TEST SAMPLES**

Samples will be reconstituted to prepare a simulated drinking water sample. Testing is based on the following parameters:

1. Total coliform bacteria
2. *E. Coli*
3. Coliform bacteria at 44°C
4. Enterococci (Fecal Streptococci)
5. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
6. Sulphite-reducing Clostridia
7. Total Plate Count at 37°C/48 hours
8. Total Plate Count at 22°C/72 hours

From the list above, the participating laboratories are encouraged to conduct analysis for parameters that are within their scope of testing.

The samples will be distributed on the week 3<sup>rd</sup>-07<sup>th</sup> July 2017, exact date to be announced. The due date for submission of results will be in 18 August 2017.



The results are to be reported electronically in a form then emailed back to: [sadcmicropt@bobstandards.bw](mailto:sadcmicropt@bobstandards.bw) or [saudu@bobstandards.bw](mailto:saudu@bobstandards.bw)

Results received after the due date without prior communication will not be included in the evaluation report. Please inform the PT Coordinator before the results due dates should your laboratory not be able to participate in the exercise.

#### **EVALUATION REPORT:**

An electronic evaluation report or hard copies (if required) will be mailed to all participants by end of October 2017.

#### **PROGRAM SADC MET FOR MICROBIOLOGY POTABLE WATER PT:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Closing date for registration & payment of participation fee	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Local coordinators & Lab managers
Dispatching of samples	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 07 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	PT Coordinator
Deadline for the submission of results	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	Lab managers
Evaluating of results and drafting of reports.	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	PT provider / Micro PT Expert
Evaluation Workshop	November 2017	SADC MET

Kindly diarize these dates. Any changes to the program will be communicated in advance.

#### **FEES and PAYMENTS**

**Total fee payable: US\$180-00 (One hundred and Eighty US dollars)**

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Samples will only be dispatched to labs that have submitted the application form and the proof of payment.**



## **BANKING DETAILS**

**ACCOUNT NAME** : **BOTSWANA BUREAU OF STANDARDS**  
**BANK** : **STANDARD CHARTERED BANK**  
**BRANCH** : **MALL BRANCH, GABORONE, BOTSWANA**  
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