



Linkage of the NSS to the National Quality Policy

Stakeholder Forum for
National Standardization Strategy (NSS)

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Quality is everybody's business!



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CERTIFICATION



What is quality?

Many definitions;

1. Suitability for purpose
2. Absence of defects
3. Compliance with requirements
4. Safe for use



Background

- ▶ Approved by Cabinet in April 2018
 - TTBS mandate – Standards Act, No. 18 of 1997: (part iv 15(2m) – Develop a National Quality System
 - National Aid for Trade Strategy
 - MTI Strategic Plan 2016-2020
 - TTBS Strategic Plan 2016-2019



National Quality System - Components

Recognition of technical competence

ACCREDITATION

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

NQP

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
-INSPECTION
-TESTING
-CERTIFICATION

Activities that determine whether a process, product, or services complies with the requirements of a specification, technical standard, contract, or regulation.

Definition of properties, dimensions, characteristics, labelling etc

STANDARDS

METROLOGY

Assurance of reliable measurements



Role of the National Quality Policy (NQP)

The NQP articulates the government's intentions as regards the QI dispensation in the country.

NQP Cross-Cutting Domains

The NQP does not exist in a vacuum; it has to be promulgated within the context of industrial development, export promotion, trade promotion or similar government policies and strategies.





Strategic Policy Framework Policy Vision

- ▶ A strong national quality culture in support of a diversified and competitive economy which contributes to sustainable development and the well-being of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.



Strategic Policy Framework

Policy Objectives

1. Trinidad and Tobago's QI operating framework and network integrated in a strategic, pragmatic, participatory and coordinated manner;
2. Legal reform for the integration of QI in commerce, trade and all relevant social activities in Trinidad and Tobago. This reform also covers the changes in the QI institutional arrangements in place and provides for the legal basis to implement Good Regulatory Practices in the country;
3. Human capital and physical infrastructure developed, as well as agencies and stakeholders empowered; and
4. A system of continuous learning, adaptation and communication established.

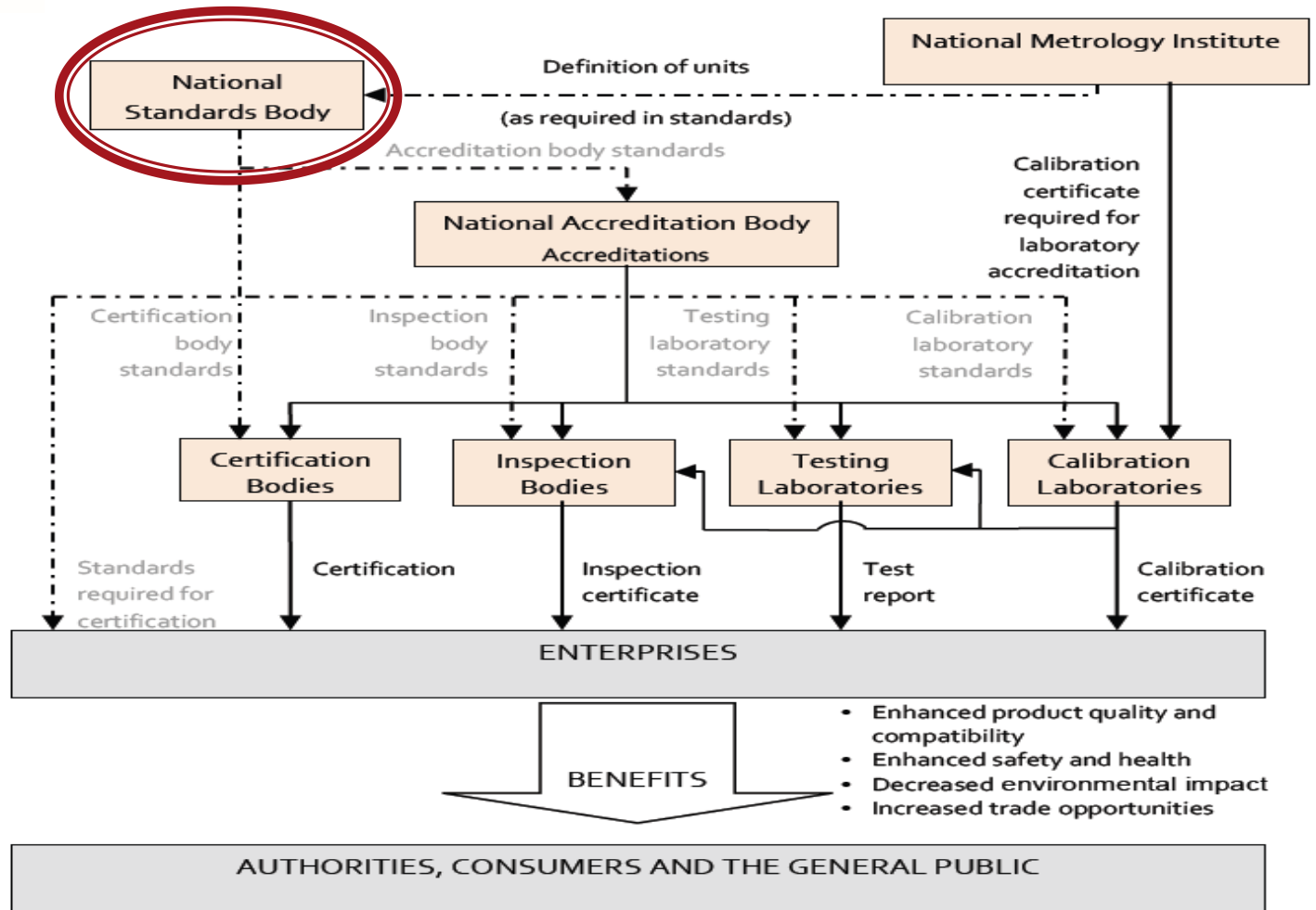


What is the NSS?

- ▶ A document that identifies priorities for standardization in a country based on an assessment of national needs
- ▶ A strategy which gives orientation for standardization work of the National Standards Body
- ▶ Typically a three-year plan
- ▶ A fundamental pillar of the National Quality System (NQS).



Where does the NSS fit in the NQS?



Source: World Bank 2007.



Recommendations related to standards development in the NQP

- ▶ Increase awareness and promotional activities to increase application of standards
- ▶ Increase the application of standards to develop technical regulations and support Good Regulatory Practices
- ▶ Increase participation of the National Standards Body in growing the trend of sustainability standards
- ▶ Develop appropriate financing mechanisms for standards development and participation in regional and international standardization



NSS Development and Implementation

- ▶ A fundamental component of the NQS and NQP

- ▶ The NSS will provide the framework for:
 - Development of national standards that meet stakeholder needs for socio-economic development
 - Participation in regional and international standardization in key areas of economic and social importance to T&T
 - Rollout of comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategies
 - Marketing and communication campaigns
 - Increased stakeholder involvement and buy-in



Next steps

- ▶ National Quality Forum – September 2018
- ▶ Rollout of the NSS – October 2018



Thank
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