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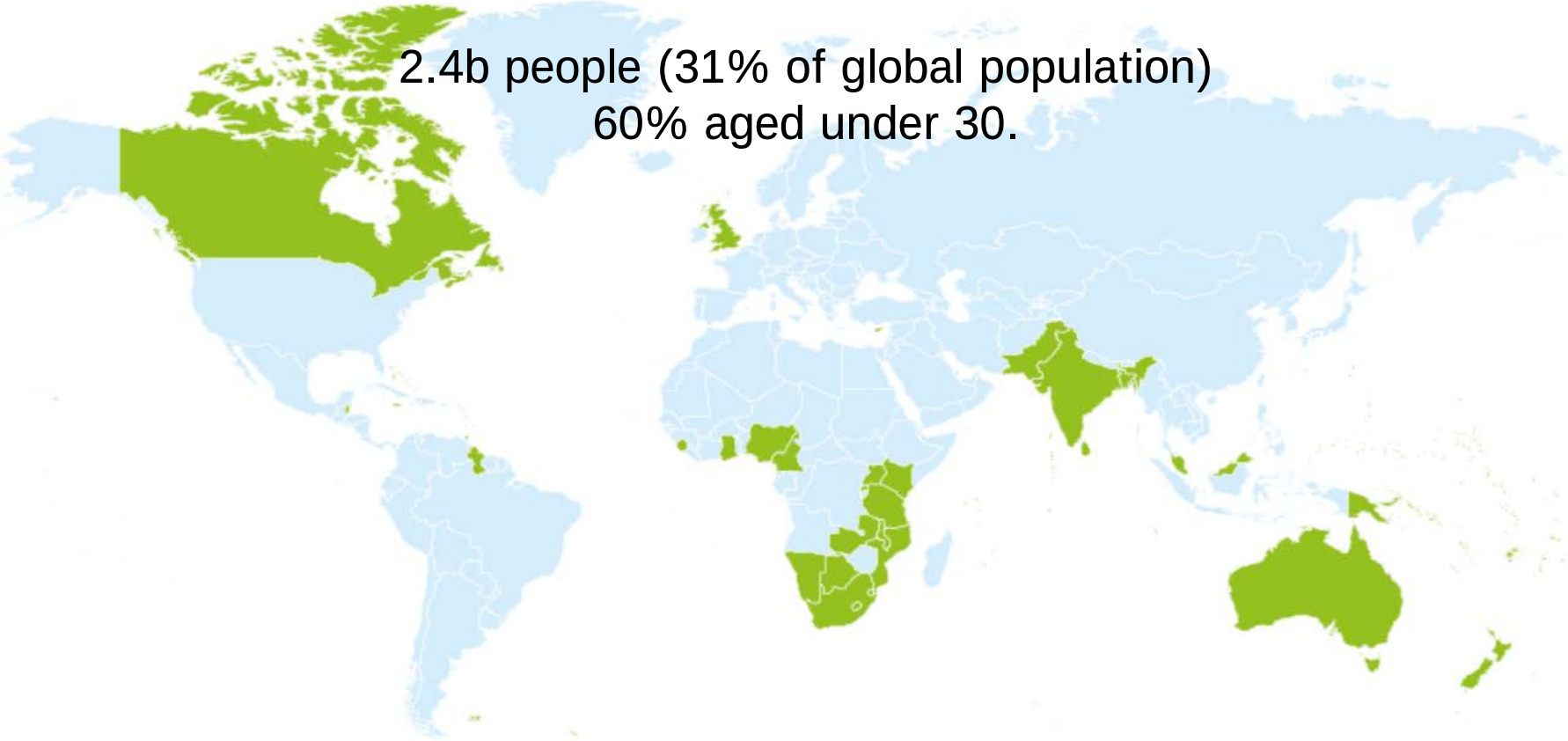
The Commonwealth

A voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign states.

2.4b people (31% of global population)
60% aged under 30.



Commonwealth Organisations:

- Commonwealth **intergovernmental** organisations include:
  - Commonwealth Secretariat (central intergovernmental institution of the commonwealth of nations, organise CHOGM);
  - Commonwealth Foundation (agency for civil society);
  - Commonwealth of Learning (distance and open learning).

- >80 Commonwealth **non-governmental** organisations include:
  - The Association of Commonwealth Universities;
  - Commonwealth Games Federation;
  - Commonwealth Medical Association.

The Commonwealth Charter:

- Promote international understanding and influence international society to the benefit of all through the pursuit of common principles and values;
- Reaffirm shared core values such as democracy, rule of law, sustainable development, good governance;
- Seek consensus through consultation and sharing of experience;
- Co-operate in common interests.

The Commonwealth Advantage:

- Intra-Commonwealth trade and productive investment are on track to exceed US$1 trillion by 2020;
- Intra-Commonwealth investments generate 3.3 times more jobs than investments from non-Commonwealth countries;
- Commonwealth countries, on average, tend to trade around 20% more and generate 10% more investment with each other than with non-member countries;
- Bilateral costs for trading partners in Commonwealth countries are on average 19% less than between those in non-member countries.

…….Policies which build upon this advantage can trigger even greater gains.

CSN inception:

"The network will provide a significant opportunity for national standards experts to collaborate and share best practice and it will empower developing countries to have a stronger voice in the international standards community – something that has benefits on a global scale."

(UK Prime Minister Theresa May at the Commonwealth Head of Governments Meeting, April 2018).

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Expected CSN outcomes:

- Increased coordination and collaboration between national technical experts on standards across the Commonwealth;
- Developing countries in the Commonwealth taking a more pro-active role in International Standardization;
- Increased use of international standards to foster innovation and improve export potential;
- Increased volume of Commonwealth products and services which meet international standards.

.....leading to:

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Expected CSN outcomes:

- Improved business environment and sector competitiveness in Commonwealth developing countries;
- Growth of global value chains in Commonwealth developing economies;
- Enhanced connections between Commonwealth countries (particularly NSBs and Ministries of Trade), allowing them to identify new trade opportunities;
- <u>Increased intra-Commonwealth trade and investment, leading to economic growth and positive developmental outcomes.</u>

CSN participation:

- The CSN is a Collaborative network open to all Commonwealth states, NSBs, regional associations and other interested stakeholders;
- There are no fees or formal commitments;
- Varied and active participation and collaboration from across the Commonwealth is a CSN priority.

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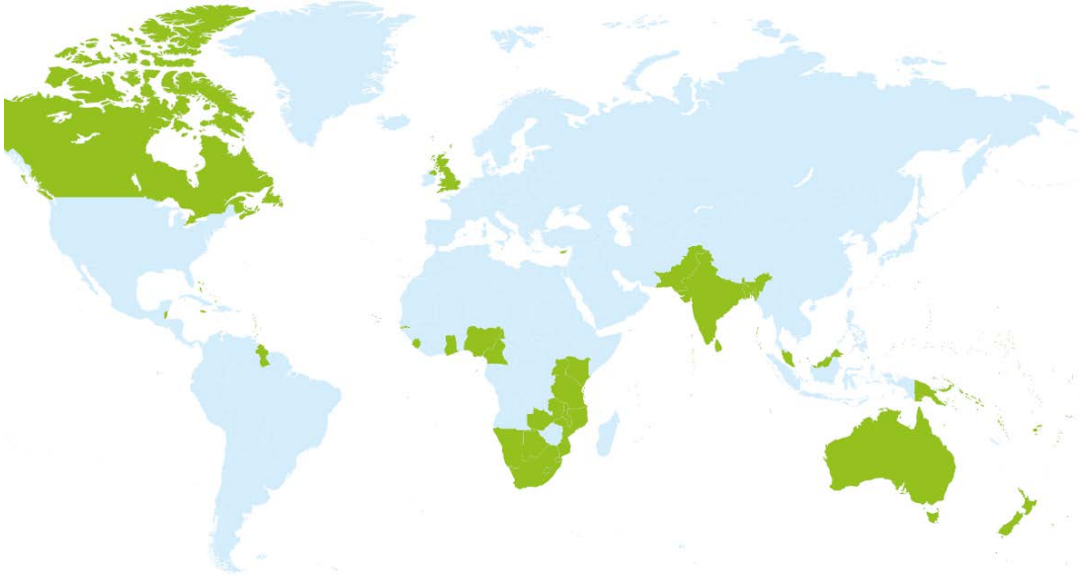
Commonwealth & CSN membership: Africa (x19)

- Botswana (BOBS) *(CSN training Nov 2019)*
- Cameroon (ANOR)
- eSwatini (SWASA)
- Gambia, The (TGSB)
- Ghana (GSA) *(CSN training Feb 2019)*
- Kenya (KEBS) *(CSN training Mar 2019)*
- Lesotho (LSQAS) *(CSN training July 2019)*
- Malawi (MBS) *(CSN training May 2019)*
- Mauritius (MSB)
- Mozambique (INNOQ)
- Namibia (NSI) *(CSN training Feb 2020 TBC)*
- Nigeria (SON) *(CSN training Dec 2020)*
- Rwanda (RSB) *(CSN training Sept 2019)*
- Seychelles (SBS)
- Sierra Leone (SLSB)
- South Africa (SABS) *(CSN Annual meeting and workshop Sept 2019)*
- Tanzania, United Republic of (TBS)
- Uganda (UNBS) *(CSN TA Programme)*
- Zambia (ZABS) *(CSN TA Programme)*



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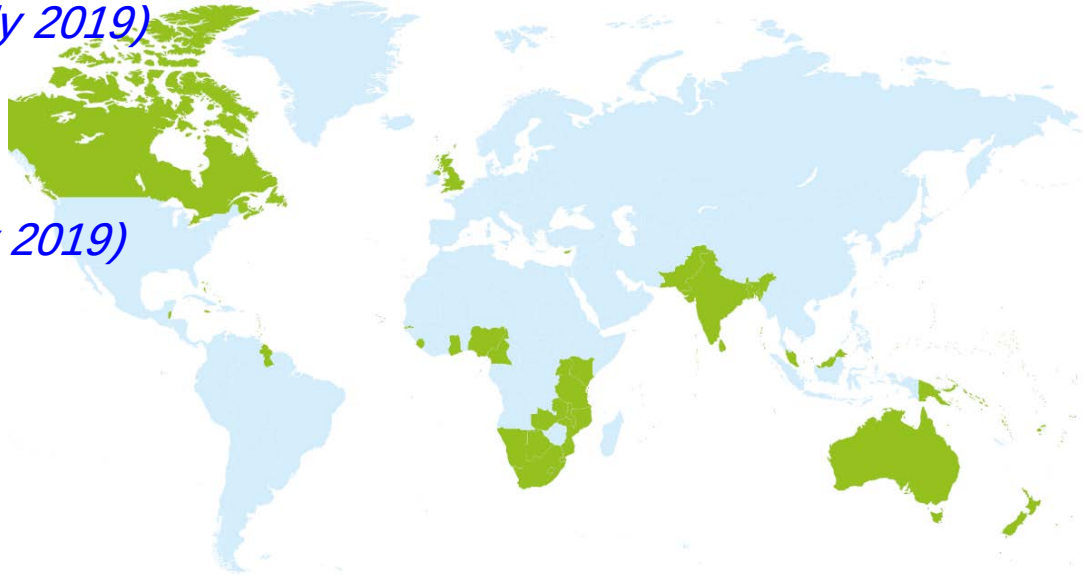
Commonwealth & CSN membership: Asia (x7)

- Bangladesh (BSTI) *(CSN training July 2019)*
- Brunei Darussalam (ABCI)
- India (BIS)
- Malaysia (DSM)
- Pakistan (PSQCA) *(CSN training Nov 2019)*
- Singapore (SG)
- Sri Lanka (SLSI)



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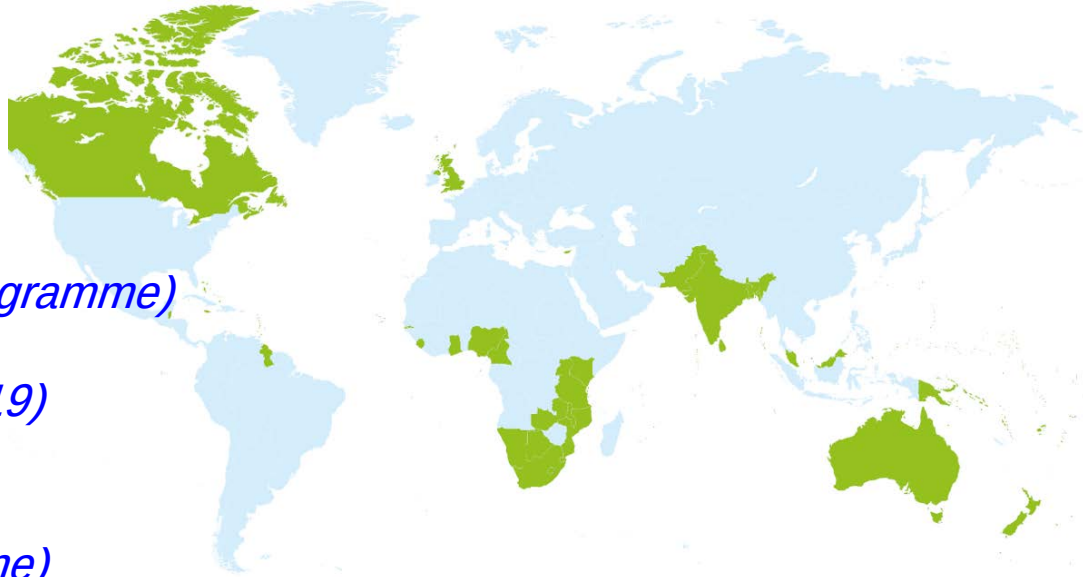
Commonwealth & CSN membership: Caribbean & Americas (x13)

- Antigua and Barbuda (ABBS)
- Bahamas, The (BBSQ)
- Barbados (BNSI)
- Belize (BZBS)
- Canada (SCC)
- Dominica (DBOS) *(Linked CSN TA Programme)*
- Grenada (GBS)
- Guyana (GNBS) *(CSN training Apr 2019)*
- Jamaica (BSJ)
- Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKNBS)
- Saint Lucia (SLBS) *(CSN TA Programme)*
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVGBS) *(Linked CSN TA Programme)*
- Trinidad and Tobago (TTBS)



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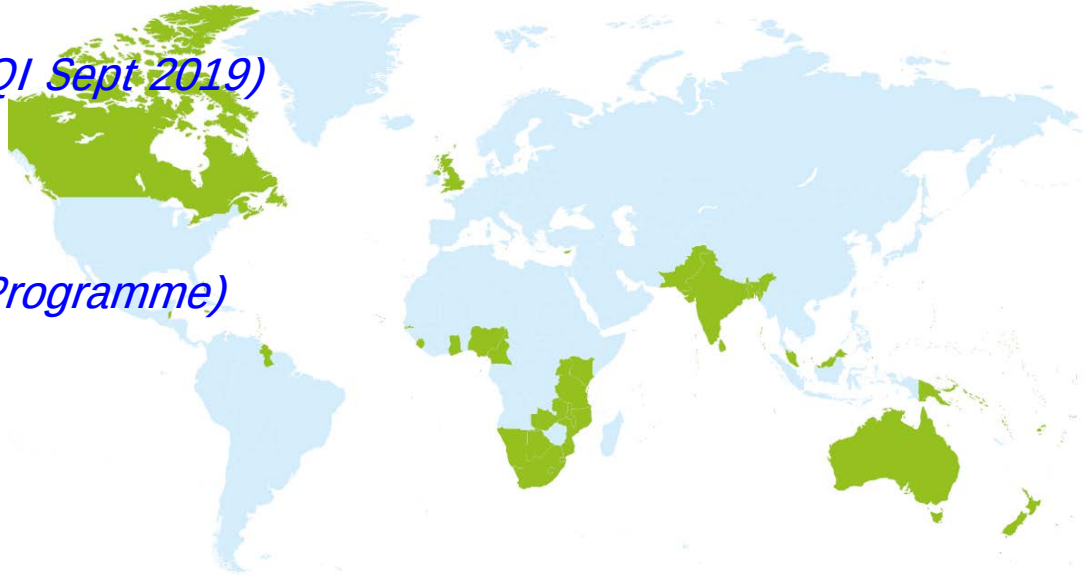
Commonwealth & CSN membership: Oceania/Pacific (x11)

- Australia (SA)
- Fiji (DNTMS) *(CSN training at Pacific QI Sept 2019)*
- Kiribati
- Nauru
- New Zealand (NZSO)
- Papua New Guinea (NISIT) *(CSN TA Programme)*
- Samoa
- Solomon islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu (VBS) *(CSN TA programme)*



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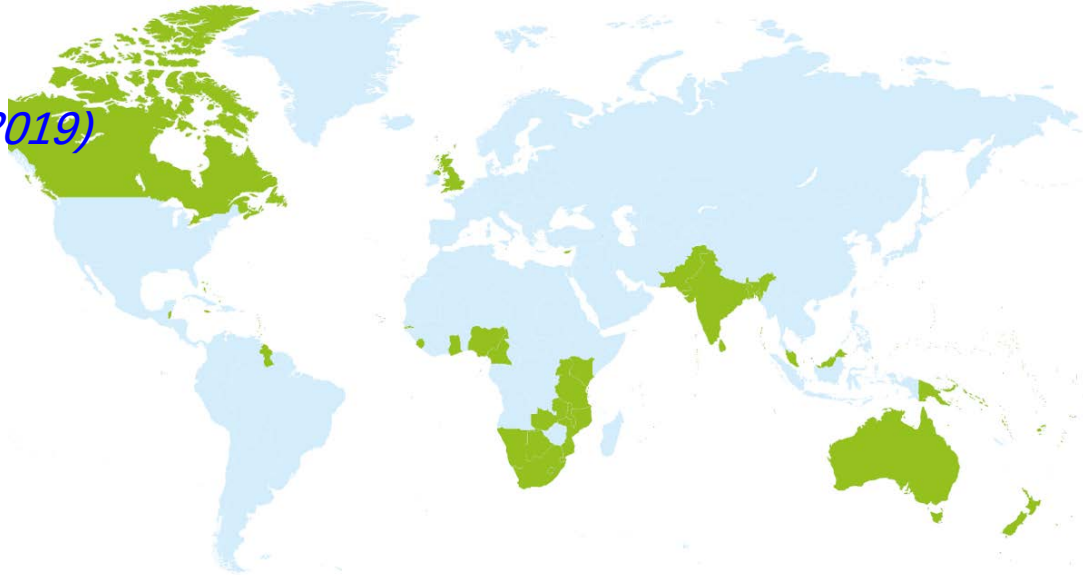
Commonwealth & CSN membership: Europe (x3)

- Cyprus (CYS)
- Malta (MCCAA)
- UK (BSI) *(CSN training at IFAN Sept 2019)*



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CSN participation:

- 48 of 53 (90%) Commonwealth states are CSN participants, this accounts for:
  - 99% of intra-commonwealth goods exported;
  - 10% of global goods exported.
- In just over a year the CSN has become the biggest network of NSBs in the ISO family;
- As a collaborative network, CSN relies on continued membership engagement to achieve its aims.

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Cyprus Organisation for Standardisation
Dominica DBOS Bureau of Standards
DNTMS
The Gambia Standards Bureau
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GNBS
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KEBS
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Standards Malaysia — Accredited Laboratory
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Sierra Leone Standards Bureau — The Nation First
SPRING singapore — Enabling Enterprise
SABS
SWASA
Tanzania Bureau of Standards — tbs
tbs
SLS
UNBS
Vanuatu Bureau of Standards — VBS — Linking Science and Trade to ensure Quality
ZABS — Zambia Bureau of Standards

CSN Work Programme:

- The CSN does not develop its own proprietary standards – the initiative is focussed on promoting international standards developed by ISO and IEC;
- The CSN is not looking to duplicate the good work that other organisations are delivering, it is aligned with ISO objectives of supporting ‘international standards used everywhere’;
- BSI is the custodian of the CSN in its early stages of development, but this is not a BSI led initiative;
- UK Aid has kindly funded the programme so far.

CSN Work Programme:

- **Network:**
  - Engagement;
  - Portal;
  - Standards Framework & Toolkit;
  - Training & Workshops;
  - Annual meetings.

- **Technical Assistance:**
  - Africa: Zambia and Uganda;
  - Caribbean: St Lucia;
  - Oceania: Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

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Technical Assistance

- Uganda
- Zambia
- Saint Lucia
- Vanuatu
- Papua New Guinea

Network

- Platform
- Framework
- Toolkit
- Training & Workshops
- Annual Meetings

Increased use of international standards

Increased participation in international standards development

- Increased intra-Commonwealth Trade
- Economic prosperity
- Positive developmental outcomes

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Technical Assistance Work Streams:

- 3x bespoke Technical Assistance projects addressing key Quality Infrastructure challenges in country with a focus on standardization;
  - **Africa:** Zambia (ZABS) and Uganda (UNBS)
  - **Caribbean:** St. Lucia (SLBS) and wider Caribbean (CW countries)
  - **Oceania:** Papua New Guinea (NSIT) and Vanuatu (VBS)
- To enhance the institutional capacity of developing NSBs in these countries;
- Interventions include: Trainings, workshops, gap analysis studies, study visits to BSI and QI stakeholders, pilot programmes for private industry in priority selected sectors.

Country	ISO membership status	Participation in ISO Technical Committees	ODA	ISO/ IEC adoption
Uganda	Full member	45	1	170
Vanuatu	Non-member	n/a	1	n/a
Zambia	Correspondent	26	1	107
Saint Lucia	Full member	6	4	16
Papua New Guinea	Correspondent	4	3	n/a

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Africa Technical Assistance:

Uganda (UNBS)

1. Enhancing **institutional effectiveness** in standards development, testing and certification
2. **Simplifying standards** for agricultural value chain producers
3. **Improved branding** of services and business model

- Strengthened technical capacity to maintain economic relevance and perform against mandate
- Increased QI principles commitment
- Awareness of best practices among primary producers of selected products

Zambia (ZABS)

1. **In-depth training** on adoption of international standards
2. Development of the **NSS**
3. Assistance for the **Test Laboratories**
4. **Simplifying standards** for agricultural value chain producers
5. **Raising awareness** of ZABS brand and services

- Standards and certification support materials for SMEs developed
- Strategies to help achieve market access developed leading to increased service demand
- ZABS' financial sustainability and operations improved

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Africa Technical Assistance:

Sector focus

UGANDA
Fisheries
Agriculture (fruit and veg)
Coffee
Food and beverages

ZAMBIA
Agriculture (fruit and veg)

Key stakeholders

UGANDA
UNBS
MoTCI, MAAIF, MoH
USSIA
UCDA
National Drug Authority

ZAMBIA
ZABS
MCTI, MoA, MoH
FDCL
MAIS
ZEGA, ZCCI

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Caribbean Technical Assistance:

1. Support to the **Saint Lucian government**
2. Support and mentoring for **SLBS**
3. Coordination with **CROSQ**

- Development of a National Quality policy
- Review of Legislation and the delivery of a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA).

- Standardisation processes improved
- Certification function widened and strengthened
- Metrology function developed
- Marketing and standards awareness activities increased

- Trainings and interventions available for all the National Standards Bodies in the Caribbean (members of CROSQ)

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Caribbean Technical Assistance:

Sector focus

- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing

Key stakeholders

- Trade Export Promotion Agency
- Saint Lucia Department of Commerce
- CROSQ (Barbados)
- Department of Tourism
- Gender Relations Department (MOE)
- Saint Lucia Coalition of Service Industries
- Standards Council
- National Consumer Association
- Attorney General Crown Counsel

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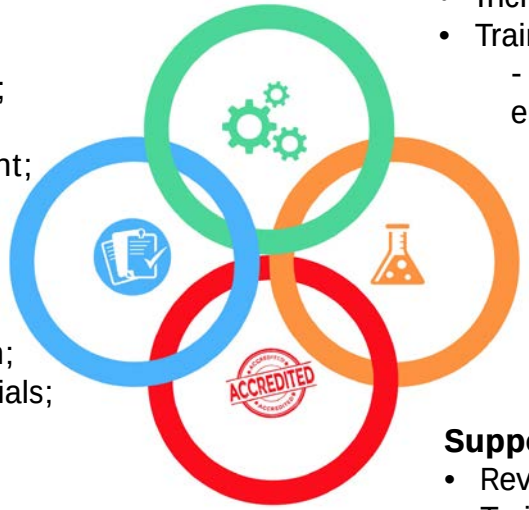
Oceania Technical Assistance:

Development of a National Quality Policy

- Stakeholder engagement and consultations;
- Setting up the national quality policy;
- Conducting a survey needs for Standards and Conformity Assessment;
- Enhancing the Quality Infrastructure.

Communication and awareness raising

- A communications strategy and action plan;
- Design and development of visibility materials;
- Implement specific outreach actions.



Support to laboratory accreditation

- Develop a laboratory framework;
- Develop laboratories' competence.

Enhance standardization function

- Increase access to standards;
- Training on standards development
  - WTO Code of Practice & WTO TBT enquiry point.

Develop certification functions

- Training on QMS and HACCP;
- Gap assessments and assistance for certification;
- In house training of Lead Assessors.

Support to metrology function

- Review of legal texts, legal gap analysis;
- Training on type approvals and use of OIML tools;
- Documentation update;
- Training on measurement of uncertainty and quality control.

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Oceania Technical Assistance:

Sector focus

PAPUA NEW GUINEA & VANUATU

Fisheries
Agriculture (fruit and veg)
Tourism
Built environment & manufacturing

Key stakeholders

PNG

NISIT
Det. Of Commerce and Industry
Independent Consumer and Constitutional Commission
Dept. Agriculture and Livestock
PNG Business Council
PNG Manufacturers' Council

VANUATU

VBS
Ministry of Trade
Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI)
Consumer Groups

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CSN Portal

Toolkit
Standards Framework
Collaboration
Library

Training
Workshops
Annual meeting

- Increased use of international standards;
- Increased international participation;
- Improve technical and institutional capacity of NSB
- Increased intra-Commonwealth trade;
- Reduce poverty.

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Network component NSB Training sessions:

- Standards background;
- Technical Regulations;
- Trade, regulation and standards;
- National perspective;
- Regional perspective;
- Standards: Policy tool or trade barrier?
- Standards and the WTO;
- Standards: benefits, development use and identification;
- Standards: Practical implementation to support regulation;
- Stakeholder outreach;
- National Quality Infrastructure;
- Key challenges/next steps.

Training sessions, Ghana - February 2019:

GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY

Training sessions, Kenya - March 2019:

Kenya Bureau of Standards

Standards for Quality life

Training sessions, Guyana - April 2019:

Guyana National Bureau of Standards

Creating a culture of quality through standards

Training sessions, Malawi - May 2019:

Stakeholder sessions, COPANT and COPOLCO - May 2019:

COPANT

ISO copolco

Training sessions, ARSO - June 2019:

NSB Training sessions, Lesotho - July 2019:

NSB Training sessions, Bangladesh - July 2019:

NSB Training sessions, Fiji - September 2019:

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20 Stakeholder workshops:

- Trade, regulation and standards;
- National and Regional perspectives;
- Standards: benefits, development use and identification.

- Sessions tied-in with most of NSB session countries and additional stakeholder workshops at ARSO, COPANT, COPOLCO, CROSQ, IFAN.

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The Commonwealth Standards Network

The Commonwealth Standards Network (CSN) aims to tackle non-tariff barriers and promote strong trade amongst all Commonwealth states through the participation, adoption and implementation of international standards.

The CSN aims to increase its members technical and institutional capacity to use and participate in the development of international standards via existing international standards organisations such as ISO and IEC. International standards play an important role in promoting productivity and efficiency, reducing costs, removing barriers to trade, and driving economic growth. As such, the CSN is especially relevant to National Standards Bodies (NSBs) from Commonwealth nations that are looking to boost their international trade capabilities.

There are no fees to join the CSN which is a collaborative network open to standardization stakeholders from Commonwealth states and regional associations. To find out more about the network and/or membership, please contact the CSN Programme Manager Ben Hedley: ben.hedley@bsigroup.com.

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20/03/2019: Kenya stakeholder workshop (pictured) 21-23/03/2019: Kenya NSB (KEBS) training.

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13-14/02/2019: Ghana NSB (GSA) training 15/02/2019: Ghana stakeholder workshop (pictured).

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Primary sector 'Extraction': Industries involved in the extraction and collection of natural resources (e.g. farming, forestry, mining, fishing).

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Framework of international standards:

- Collection of key international standards for use across the Commonwealth, to support economic growth, prosperity and poverty alleviation by increasing volumes of intra-Commonwealth trade. Available for download: www.commonwealthstandards.net/files

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1	IEC 31010:2009	Risk management -- Risk assessment techniques	Business management and innovation
2	ISO 10001:2018	Quality management -- Customer satisfaction -- Guidelines for codes of conduct for organizations	Business management and innovation
3	ISO 10002:2018	Quality management -- Customer satisfaction -- Guidelines for complaints handling in organizations	Business management and innovation
4	ISO 10003:2018	Quality management -- Customer satisfaction -- Guidelines for dispute resolution external to organizations	Business management and innovation
5	ISO 10008:2013	Quality management -- Customer satisfaction -- Guidelines for business-to-consumer electronic commerce transactions	Business management and innovation
6	ISO 10272-1:2017	Microbiology of the food chain -- Horizontal method for detection and enumeration of Campylobacter spp. -- Part 1: Detection method	Food and agriculture
7	ISO 11290-1:2017	Microbiology of the food chain -- Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Listeria monocytogenes and of Listeria spp. -- Part 1: Detection method	Food and agriculture
8	ISO 13485:2016	Medical devices -- Quality management systems -- Requirements for regulatory purposes	ISO 9000 family - Quality management
9	ISO 15216-1:2017	Microbiology of the food chain -- Horizontal method for determination of hepatitis A virus and norovirus using real-time RT-PCR -- Part 1: Method for quantification	Food and agriculture
10	ISO 16140-1:2016	Microbiology of the food chain -- Method validation -- Part 1: Vocabulary	Food and agriculture

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Toolkit:

- Support the development and implementation of the Framework of International Standards and outline the benefits of using international standards and how to develop and implement them.
- Available for download: www.commonwealthstandards.net/files

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CSN Network/Portal component:

- Network and collaboration
- Annual meetings
- NSB Training
- Workshops
- Online Portal
- Framework of standards
- Toolkit
- **Library**

- Improved capacity of NSB's
- Increased international participation
- Increased use of international standards
- Increased intra-Commonwealth trade
- Reduced poverty

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Portal:

- CSN membership input is requested to help enhance the portal:
  - Peer to peer learning;
  - Information sharing;
  - Training materials;
  - Case studies;
  - Discussion forum;
  - NSB standardization strategies;
  - Participation in international standards development (includes twinning and co-chairing);
  - Event calendar.

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Annual meetings:

- ISO GA in Cape Town, South Africa, 18th September 2019;
  - Included workshop for membership to shape the work programme;
  - Video available: https://www.commonwealthstandards.net/news/csn-annual-meeting-2019-video-r19/
- Next Annual meeting likely to be tied-to ISO GA in Abu Dhabi in September 2020.
  - Collaborative: agenda items to be decided by the membership;
  - Speakers/presentations will be delivered by a variety of CSN members.

CSN Feedback :

- Build capacity for the development and increased use of international standards;
- Healthcare, farming and fishing, and construction are priority sectors;
- Management system standards should be considered, as should the ability for international standards to assist countries achieve SDGs;
- Aim to achieve a reduction in international trade barriers and increased access to global markets;
- Annual CSN meetings are welcome but in-country NSB training and stakeholder workshops are also necessary.

CSN Feedback :

- The CSN has been built with users needs at the centre of the programme, when we were designing the programme, we engaged with CSN members to understand their needs and priorities.
- We then designed and delivered a range of interventions that met this need.
- <u>It is very important that we continue to engage with all members of the network to ensure that the programme meets everyone's needs.</u>

Discussion and Feedback:

- Portal;
- Framework;
- Toolkit;
- Training sessions;
- Annual meetings;
- Participation;
- CSN development.

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