

DRAFT AGENDA

Planning meeting of the 3rd Phase of the SIM-PTB Project “NMI-Metrology User Relations”

Punta Cana, 18 November, 2015, 14:00-17:00h

Context

Since March 2009, the Professional Development Committee of the SIM (Inter-American Metrology System) and the International Technical Cooperation of the PTB (*Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt*) promotes and supports a project called “NMI-Metrology User Relations”. Its aim is to enhance competitiveness and innovation through the strengthening of the NMI’s relations with metrology users and a wider, better and more efficient use of the capabilities of the NMIs in Latin America and the Caribbean by industry, commerce, regulators and other users. The project has the following objectives:

- Raise awareness about the importance of the NMI among Metrology users (for example industry, regulators, trade and services).
- Strengthen the relationship between NMIs and the users of Metrology services and develop specific Metrology services.

From 2009 to 2014, the project was implemented in two phases. During the first phase (2009-2011) the following services were created and consolidated: *consulting, training and group calibration*. During the second phase (2012-2014), actions were taken to bring closer the *relationship between NMIs and regulating bodies, secondary laboratories and educational institutions*.

During the course of the project, Working Groups were created for each one of the aforementioned areas, consisting of representatives of the NMIs of the SIM. During the first phase, 11 NMIs participated with 12 completed projects, and during the second phase, 15 NMIs participated with 24 projects. They shared their experiences, promoting collaborative work at each one of the phases by using the methodology *CABUREK* (“Capacity Building in Technical and Scientific Organizations Using Regional Experience and Knowledge”) developed by PTB and its partners based on the project experiences.

The project was also supported by the Organization of American States (OAS), the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology of Brazil (INMETRO), the National Metrology Centre of Mexico (CENAM) and, as of the second phase, also by the National Institute of Industrial Technology of Argentina (INTI) and the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU).

As of 2016, the 3rd phase of the project will start.

For further information please refer to our website:

<https://www.ptb.de/lac/index.php?id=5390&L=0>

Objective of the Workshop

During the three-hour Workshop in the framework of the SIM Week in Punta Cana, the concept of NMI-Metrology User Relations and the methodology *CABUREK* will be presented and participation of interested NMIs will be discussed. Participants will discuss and decide on future objectives of the project.

Four topics were proposed for this new phase of the project:

1. Strategic planning for a NMI.
2. Development of a training offer in metrology. Search for regional coordination.
3. Positioning the NMI in a new field like Innovation for Green Economy
4. Developing a new service.

Tentative Program

14.00 – 15.00	Presentation of concept, background and past activities Discussion and exchange of experiences
<i>15.00 – 15.15</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.15 – 17.00	Presentation of new subjects for the 3rd Phase Discussion

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