



Multi-Stakeholder Committee

First year

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1st Meeting

Friday, 16 December 2016, 1000 to 1330 Hrs.
The Royal Plaza, New Delhi

Provisional Agenda

Inaugural 1000 – 1045 Hrs.

1. Welcome Address | *Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary-General, Quality Council of India*
2. Chair's Address | *Dr. Harsha V. Singh, Former Dy. Director-General, World Trade Organization*
3. India in the global PSS landscape | *Mr. Anil Jauhri, C.E.O., NABCB, Quality Council of India*
4. Introduction to the Platform | *Dr. Manish Pande, Joint Director, Quality Council of India & Mr. Rudraneel Chattopadhyay, Associate, Quality Council of India*

Briefing 1045 – 1215 Hrs.

5. Opening of the Meeting
6. Adoption of the Agenda
7. Industry experience & Sectoral Dialogue: Challenges, Bottlenecks for outreach, Trade facilitation and contribution - Global and Domestic, linkages with the SDGs, Way Forward for PSS – role & facilitation
 - A. Global Experiences
 - (a) Cotton | *Better Cotton Initiative*: Development and interoperability of standards
 - (b) Forest | *Forest Stewardship Council*: PSS impact on trade, & linkage with SDGs
 - (c) Textile | *GOTS*: Working with the government on PSS implementation
 - (d) Retail | *BRC Global Standards*: Challenges & opportunities presented by global standards
 - B. Indian Experiences
 - (a) Industry | *FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM*: Known challenges of the Indian producer
 - (b) Tea | *Trustea*: Localization of standards in the Indian context
 - (c) Small & Medium Enterprises | *ZED*: Inducing adoption of quality standards by SMEs
 - (d) Agriculture | *INDGAP*: Indian response to PSS in agriculture
 - (e) Social issues | *Sutradhara*: Addressing socio-cultural complexities in standards

Discussion 1215 – 1315 Hrs.

8. Expectations of a demand-driven PSS Platform
 - (a) Objectives, Structure, and Rules of Procedure of the Platform
 - (b) Challenges in the Indian PSS landscape: proliferation, interoperability, localization, cost of implementation, credibility, legitimacy, accountability, impacts
 - (c) Role of government in PSS
 - (d) Platform-driven mechanism for PSS- addressing/communicating industry concerns to PSS
 - (e) Addressing SDGs through PSS

Closing 1315 – 1330 Hrs.

9. Any other business
10. Deliberation on next meeting
11. Closing Remarks by the Chair
12. Vote of Thanks | *Dr. Manish Pande, Joint Director, Quality Council of India*

(Followed By Lunch)