



Bureau Veritas is working to support industrialisation in Africa

How are you working with local partners to drive industry on the continent?

Bureau Veritas is the technical partner to African Export-Import Bank (Afrexim Bank) for African Quality Assurance Centre (AQAC) - a State-of-the-Art AgroFood Laboratory, that has the capacity to provide quality and reliable results that are traceable to international standards in terms of quality and safety.

The partnership will also build human resource capacity in analytical testing through technological transfer by way of training service that will be offered by AQAC Laboratory, and employ local indigenous citizens for key positions. Through the AQAC initiative, tests which were previously sent out of the continent can now be analyzed locally, and still meet the same international standards. This helps to eliminate losses due to foreign exchange.

Homogeneity, predictability, reliability... How does having strong standards help 'Made in Africa' take off?

Bureau Veritas will ensure that AQAC is accredited to ISO 17025 standards by SANAS - an internationally recognized accreditation body. This means that the quality of results issued by the Laboratory will be comparable with the quality of result issued by any internationally recognised Laboratory. With an accreditation by SANAS (a member of ILAC) in place, Africa will position herself as a continent ready to take the issue of quality seriously, raising the bar and creating more access to global business sales and partnership.

How is Bureau Veritas ready to respond to the needs of African manufacturers and agribusinesses?

Bureau Veritas is ready to use AQAC to improve the quality of Nigerian Agrofood products, providing



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a boost to businesses and ensuring the well-being of local consumers. Compliance with international standards will facilitate access to export markets and thus increase the economic activity and employment in Nigeria.

Bureau Veritas Nigeria AQAC Laboratory will engage in training of Quality Control personnel of manufacturing companies on the use of equipment and on the procedure to carry out tests. Bureau Veritas Nigeria Agri lab will be of immense support to the farmers as our certificate of analysis will guide farmers on the right proportion of fertilizers, the nutrient needs of the plants and the nutrient deficiency of the soils and the water to be used for irrigation.

With AQAC laboratory, exporters of Agrofood products will no longer suffer losses of invested funds and reputations that result from rejected exported products.