



**ARSO-DR CONGO 2023
ARSO WEEK 2023
29TH ARSO GA EVENTS
3RD - 7TH JULY 2023**



**“ACCELERATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA
IMPLEMENTATION**

ONE STANDARD-ONE TEST-ONE CERTIFICATE-ACCEPTED EVERYWHERE

29th ARSO General Assembly

Provisional Programme and Work Schedule

5TH – 7TH JULY 2023

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OF CONGO.**



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AND WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE 29TH ARSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE AFRICAN DAY OF STANDARDISATION – (ALL ARSO MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS):

- i) Wednesday, 5th July 2023 – African Day of Standardisation and the official opening of the 29th ARSO General Assembly
- ii) Thursday, 6th July 2023 – 29th ARSO General Assembly Meeting
- iii) Friday, 7th July 2023 – 29th ARSO General Assembly (Half – day)/Industrial Visits and City Tour in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, 5th July 2023 – African Day of Standardisation and the official opening of the 29th ARSO General Assembly

08:00-08:30 HRS

Registration

08:30-10:00 HRS

Opening

Theme: “AU Agenda 2063 and AfCFTA -The role of standardisation and conformity assessment during a journey of 41 years”

1. Welcoming Remarks – M. Dr. Etienne TSHIMANGA MUTOMBO, Directeur Général OCC
2. Welcoming Remarks – Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana, ARSO Secretary General.
3. Key Note Address - by Prof. Alex Dodoo – President, ARSO.
4. Key note address by – Honourable Guest of Honours (African Union, AfCFTA Secretariat, AUDA-NEPAD, ITC, UNECA, WTO)
5. Key Note Address – DR Congo Minister for Trade and Industry
6. Official Opening Address – Higher Government Official, DR Congo.

➤ ARSO-ISO MoU signing Ceremony. Vote of Thanks - Master of Ceremony – OCC.

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10:00-10:30HRS

MEDIA AND PHOTO SESSIONS/TEA/COFFEE BREAK

African Day of Standardisation

International Panelsists – ISO, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD, UNIDO

10:30 -11:30HRS – One Hour

Session 1 – Standards harmonisation activities - Textile and Leather, Pharmaceuticals, Automotive, Packaging in the food industry.

Presentations - (30 Min.)

Discussions and Key Recommendations (25Min.)

Discussants

Wrap-up on the session and Key recommendations (5Min.)



11:30 -13:00HRS – One and a Half Hours	<p>Session 2 - Conformity Assessment – Role of VSS (EMA), MRA and Dual Marking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator • Presentation (30 Min.). • Discussions and Key Recommendations (50Min.) • Wrap-up on the session and Key recommendations (10Min.)
13:00 - 14:00 HRS	Lunch Break
14:00 -15:30 HRS – One and a Half Hours	<p>Session 3 – Made in Africa qualification criteria - Role of MiA in Accelerating the implementation of AfCFTA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator • Presentation – (30min). • Discussions and Key Recommendations (50Min.) • Wrap-up on the session and Key recommendations (10Min.)
15:30-16:00HRS	Tea and Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00HRS – One Hour	<p>Session 4 – Aligning National Quality Policy to African Quality Policy- Role of institutional framework- Regulators vs standard bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator • Presentation - (25 Min). • Discussions and Key Recommendations (30Min.) • Wrap-up on the session and Key recommendations and Closure (5Min.)
18:00 – 20:00HRS	Cocktail (All invited Delegates)
Thursday, 6th July 2023 – 29th ARSO General Assembly Meeting	
8.00 – 8.30 HRS	Registration
8.30 – 9.00 HRS	<p>Remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks - Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana – Secretary General, ARSO. 2. Opening Remarks - Prof. Alex Dodoo – President, ARSO.
9.00- 10.30HRS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roll Call 2. Election of Rapporteurs 3. Adoption of Agenda 4. Adoption of the report of the Hybrid Meeting of the 28th ARSO General Assembly held on 30th June 2022 at the Hilton Hotel, Yaoundé, Cameroon. 5. Matters Arising from the Hybrid Meeting of the 28th



	ARSO General Assembly held on 30 th June 2022 at the Hilton Hotel, Yaoundé, Cameroon. ➤ Recognition Visits to The Made in Africa Exhibitions
10:30 – 11 HRS	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 13:00 HRS	6. ARSO Secretary General's report to the Assembly on ARSO Activities for the period July 2022 – June 2023 on the implementation of ARSO strategic plan 2022-2027. 7. ARSO Audited Financial Reports for the Year ending 31st December 2022. 8. ARSO Council Reports to the General Assembly based on the Council Resolutions of 67th and 68th ARSO Council Meetings.
13:00 – 14:00 HRS	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 17:00 HRS (Consideration of a healthbreak)	9. ARSO's relations with Regional and International Organisations and Partners, including UNIDO, UNTAD, ISO, BSI, CEN-CENELEC, ITU, GSO, UNFFS, WTO). 10. Date and Venue of the 30th ARSO General Assembly Events.
Friday, 7th July 2023 - 29th GA Session/OpenDay.	
0900– 0830HRS	Registration
09:00-12 :00HRS	11. Adoption of the resolutions of the 29th ARSO General Assembly. 12. Vote of thanks and Closing of the 29th ARSO General Assembly Events. (i) Vote of thanks- ARSO member/Stakeholder (ii) Remarks -ARSO Secretary General – Dr. Hermogene Nsengimana (iii) Closing remarks -ARSO President - Prof. Alex Dodoo
1200 – 1300HRS	LUNCH BREAK



<p>1300 - 1700HRS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial/Laboratory visits • City Tour to Historical/Tourists sites
<p>19:00 – 20:00 HRS</p>	<p>Gala Dinner and Awards to the Made in Africa SMEs Winners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition and Awards Ceremony for the 10th ARSO Essay Competition Winners and the Best Made in Africa Expo Entrepreneurs/SMEs. • Closing Remarks by the Designated DR Congo Government Official.
<p>8th July 2023 – Delegates’ Departure – Travel Logistics</p>	

