



BOTSWANA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

BOBS hosted a stakeholder seminar on IEC issues

In recognition of the important work that the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) is doing globally, Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) hosted a presentation the 22nd of June to address all stakeholders on issues relating to standardization, and conformity assessment work in the area of electrical, electronic and related technologies. The IEC is the leading global organisation that prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

The IEC representative, Dr Clif Johnston, who is the current Acting Executive; Corporate Services at the SABS, was the main Presenter and deliberated on the recognition of the important contribution that international standards and conformity assessment system can make in this regard by improving efficiency of production and facilitating the conduct of international trade. The IEC was founded in 1906 to promote international co-operation on all questions of standardization and related matters in the field of Electro-technology and members can use international standards as basis for their technical regulations. The IEC covers a wide spectrum including Construction, Consumer goods, Electricity generation, Transmission and distribution, Electronics, Environment, Health, Heavy Industry, Information technology, Manufacturing, Telecommunication, Testing and certification and Transportation.

The benefits that businesses get from IEC products and services are early warnings of developing markets, improved product safety and quality, Rationalization and cost reduction in design and manufacturing, Acceptance of products on world markets and access to the latest technology. To Governments it offers benefits such as International standards, which are the best source for legislation and issuing of tenders.

The IEC has an agreement with the International Standardization Organisation (ISO), which ensures recognition, by ISO member countries, of all standards published by the IEC. Botswana Bureau of Standards is a full member of ISO and affiliated to the IEC.