Project to strengthen institutional infrastructure on standards and regulations to support business and industry in Middle East and North Africa (MENA STAR)  
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Summary of activities during the fourth quarter of 2015 (October – December)

1. Needs Assessment Mission for Institut Marocain de Normalisation (IMANOR) on 5-9 October 2015

The needs assessment mission for the Institut Marocain de Normalisation (IMANOR), the ISO member body for Morocco, was conducted on 5-9 October 2015. The ISO consultant, Dr. Anwar El-Tawil, has reviewed during this mission the national standards development processes and related activities of IMANOR as well as conducting a set of meetings and interviews with the key staff of the NSB and their related stakeholders to ensure that the ISO technical assistance measures that follow this mission are appropriate and justified, and will result in an improvement in the NSB performance.

After the approval of the mission report and the related action plan by the beneficiary NSB, three missions are foreseen to implement the ISO INS Action plan for IMANOR. The ISO interventions are clustered in categories that correspond to the result areas of the ISO MENA STAR project and have been derived from the mission recommendations.

The mission report and the related action plan could be obtained via the project national coordinator in the beneficiary country.
The **needs assessment mission for the Institut National de la Normalisation et de la Propriété Industrielle (INNORPI)**, the ISO member body for Tunisia, was conducted on **2-6 November 2015**. The ISO consultant, Dr. Anwar El-Tawil, has reviewed during this mission the national standards development processes and related activities of IMANOR as well as conducting a set of meetings and interviews with the key staff of the NSB and their related stakeholders to ensure that the ISO technical assistance measures that follow this mission are appropriate and justified, and will result in an improvement in the NSB performance.

After the approval of the mission report and the related action plan by the beneficiary NSB, three missions are foreseen to implement the ISO INS Action plan for EOS. The ISO interventions are clustered in categories that correspond to the result areas of the ISO MENA STAR project and have been derived from the mission recommendations.

The mission report and the related action plan could be obtained via the project national coordinator in the beneficiary country.
3. First ISO Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) on Energy management and Energy Efficiency on 16 - 20 November 2015 (French speaking countries)

The first Training of Trainers (TOT) for the French speaking countries organized under the Energy management and Energy Efficiency focus area of the MENA STAR project was held on 16 - 20 November 2015 at the Hotel Golden Tulip El Mechtel, Tunis, Tunisia. It was hosted by the Institut National de la Normalisation et de la Propriété Industrielle (INNORPI) with financial support of Swedish development cooperation. The event was attended by 16 participants from the following countries: Algeria (4), Lebanon (4), Morocco (4) and Tunisia (4).

The trainees actively participated increasing their knowledge on the ISO 50001-Energy Management Systems and ISO 50006-Measuring energy performance and related standards and were mentored by two international experts, Paule Nusa from AFNOR (France) and Laurent Arnold from AFNOR (France). Features of the event included sharing of best practice on implementation, group discussions and practice of presentation skills, preparation of presentations and discussions on the planning of national events that will follow up this TOT. Another high point during the event was the visit to Al-Samra Water Treatment Plant on the last day, were participants visited the facilities were introduced to the system implemented by the manager of the plant, the person in charge of managing the management systems and performing a sort of an internal audit of the energy management system, making suggestions for possible improvements.

During 2016, the trainees in cooperation with the international experts should complete the following tasks:

- The trainees will start preparing the follow-up national events, which consist in a 1-day awareness seminar and a 2-day seminar per country. They will prepare the programme, allocate the presentations among themselves and prepare the material.
- Some organizations (at least two per country) will be identified for the implementation exercise, where trainees will help implement an energy management system.
- The international experts will be mentoring the trainees for the preparation of the national events and also for the implementation exercise, including individual and group online discussions.