

**NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF STANDARDS, THE INTEGRAL ROLE OF SON IN
FOSTERING INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE AND CONSUMER CONFIDENCE
THROUGH DYNAMIC STANDARDIZATION AND CERTIFICATION**

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Brief on Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON)

- SON was established by Act No. 56 of 1971 which had undergone many statutory reviews to the current Act no. 14 of 2015, as the apex Standards development body in Nigeria
- Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) plays a crucial role in shaping the quality and standards landscape in Nigeria
- It is a Parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI)



Brief on SON cont'd

- Mandate to implement Government Policies on Standardisation and Quality Assurance for Products, Services and Processes in Nigeria as entrenched in the enabling Act.No.14,2015.
- Ensure compliance with relevant standards through the Mandatory Conformity Assessment Program (MANCAP) and the Offshore Conformity Assessment Program (SONCAP) and other compliance activities.
- SON is Nigeria's representative and National Secretariat for International Standardization Bodies such as ISO, IEC, ITU, Codex Alimentarius, ARSO, AFRAC, AFSEC, ECOSTAN/WAQP etc .



Brief on SON cont'd

- The Mandatory Conformity Assessment Programme (**MANCAP**) is a Mandatory product Certification scheme put in place by SON to ensure that all locally manufactured products in the Country conform to the relevant Nigerian Industrial Standards (NIS) before such products are presented for sale in the market or exported.
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- **SONCAP** Certificate is a pre-shipment or off-shore verification of conformity to the Nigerian Industrial Standards before importation to the Country.
- Import Permits are available for importation of raw materials and manufacturing equipment by genuine manufacturers.
- For more information, visit www.son.gov.ng/SONCAPservices



Importance of Standards

- Standards are the bedrock of a strong economy.
- Ensure product quality
- Ensure Safety
- Facilitate Trade
- Promote Innovation
- Promote Competitiveness



SON's Role in Fostering Innovation

SON actively encourages innovation by:

- Domestication of Standards of International, Continental and Regional origin as well as other National Standards to bring about transfer of Technology and improvement
- Yearly ARSO essay and quiz competitions where youths are exposed to Standardization activities and best practices to encourage innovation
- Provide avenue for local products competitiveness with imported ones for improvement and innovation
- SON engages stakeholders and researchers to develop Standards for local products to provide avenue for innovation



Excellence and Consumer Confidence

SON is responsible for developing and maintaining national standards and diligently monitor and enforce these standards to ensure excellence.

This is so as:

- Consistency in quality is key to excellence.
- Standards instill trust in products and prioritize consumer protection and safety to instill confidence
- Awareness campaigns to build consumer confidence in the market is necessary.

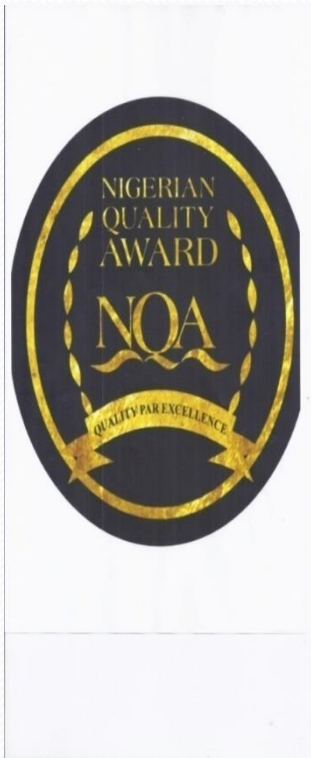


Dynamic Standardization and Certification

- Standards are dynamic: market driven as industries evolve and periodic reviews in line with market realities and new technologies.
- SON adapts to these changes by employing flexible standardization processes including adoptions (identical, modified and non-identical) .
- Certification adds value to products and services, instilling confidence in consumers.
- Certification is a result of standardization activities on Products, Services, Processes for quality assurance (MANCAP, SONCAP, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 17025, Educational Management System, Automobile Management System, Barbing, Hair Dressing and Laundry services etc)



SON Product Certification Logos/Marks

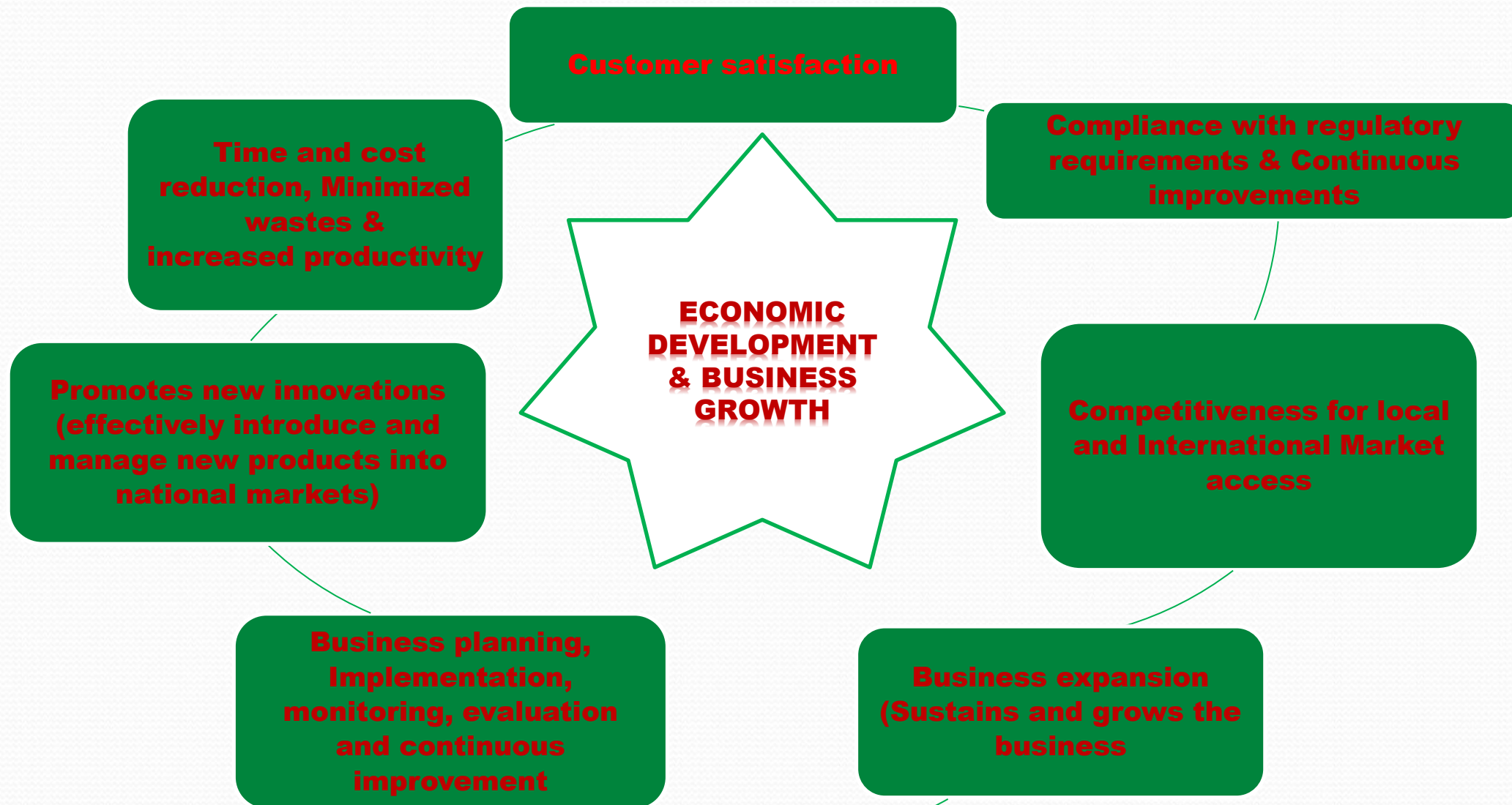


Types of Standards

- **Product Standards-** Product requirements to be met to satisfy quality
- **System /Services - Standards** - How a system should operate (Management systems-Food safety- ISO 22000; ISO 9001, Health and safety, tourism etc.
- **Codes of Practices-** Recommended practices, procedures, guides, designs
- **Safety Standards-** Equipment, health etc.
- **Test methods-** For laboratory test methods only
- **Terminology-** Terms and definitions, illustrations, notes



Benefits of Standardization in Fostering Innovation, Excellence and Consumer Confidence through dynamic Standardization and Certification



SON...improving life through Standards



SON's future Initiatives

Looking ahead, SON remains committed to:

- Collaborating with international, Continental and Regional standards bodies
- Digitalization of Standardisation and Certification processes for efficiency
- Expanding training and capacity building programs to promote a culture of excellence.



Conclusion

- SON's Standardization and Certification remains the only tool for competitiveness in fostering innovation, excellence, consumer confidence and global acceptance.
- Therefore, implementing standards in science and technology will provide room for improvement in products, systems, processes and services leading to innovative ideas for economic development to improve trade at the national and international levels.
- Imbibing Standards as a way of life will facilitate an easy access to Market both locally and Internationally.
- The imperatives of Standardisation and quality assurance are necessary impetus for acceptance of goods and services in the global market place and should be purposefully embraced
- Team up with SON to create a bump-free, innovative, per excellence, consumer confidence as resourceful path for trade facilitation at national, regional, continental and international levels.

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