| **Country:** | Uganda |
| **Legal status:** | Public |
| **Legal basis:** | Act Cap 327 |
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The Uganda National Bureau of Standards, UNBS

The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives established by the UNBS Act Cap 327 and became operational in 1989. It is governed by the National Standards Council and headed by the Executive Director who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of UNBS.

The mandate of UNBS is to formulate, promote and enforce national standards to enhance the competitiveness of Ugandan products, promote fair trade and protect consumers. This mandate is two-fold;

a) Promotional: Promoting and facilitating the adoption and use of standardization services to enhance the quality and competitiveness of locally manufactured products.

b) Regulatory: Enforcing standards to protect consumers and ensure fairness in trade.

**Vision**

A leading institution of international repute in provision of sustainable standardization services.

**Mission**

To provide standards, measurements and conformity assessment services for improved quality of life.

**Values**

Professionalism, Customer focus, Integrity, Teamwork & Innovation.

In fulfilling its mandate UNBS collaborates with partners within and without and subscribes to regional and International standardization organizations. UNBS is a member of the International organization for Standardization (ISO); the African Regional Organization for Standardization (ARSO) and the East African Standards Committee (EASC). UNBS is also the National Contact point for the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission on international Food Standards and the National Enquiry Point for the WTO TBT agreement.

In fulfilling its functions as stated in the UNBS Act (Cap 327), UNBS is obliged to promote harmonization of standards with trading countries, assist government, industry, or other persons in adopting and practical application of standards, encourage and undertake educational work, seek membership to international standardization organizations and develop and seek recognition of the bureau by any other country.
SCOPE OF SERVICE OF THE ORGANIZATION (RESPONSIBILITIES)

Standardization activities (development and publication of standards)……………………………………
  i. Use of information technologies for standardization to raise social awareness……………………
  ii. Training services ………………………………………………………………………………………………
  iii. Consultancy services…………………………………………………………………………………………
  iv. Sales of standards and other guides……………………………………………………………………………..

Conformity assessment services………………………………………………………………………………
  i. Product certification……………………………………………………………………………………………
  ii. Management systems certification………………………………………………………………………………
  iii. Inspection services (import, export, market surveillance)…………………………………………………..

Accreditation services…………………………………………………………………………………………

Uganda is in early stages of setting up an Accreditation body, under the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. This has started by the setup of a National Accreditation Focal Point, tasked with preparing ground for a National Accreditation Authority.

Metrology activities ……………………………………………………………………………………………
  i. Member body is also a national metrology institute…………………………………………………………
  ii. Legal metrology activities……………………………………………………………………………………
  iii. Calibration services……………………………………………………………………………………………

Testing services……………………………………………………………………………………………………
Other (please explain briefly)
  Industrial Surveillance services

PERSONNEL INFORMATION
Number of the staff working full time and directly employed by the organization…………………………………….. 240

COMMITTEES
Number of national technical bodies for standardization activities (TCs+SCs)…………………………… 18

NATIONAL STANDARDS
Number of national standards published……………………………………………………………………………… 2434
Number of OIC/SMIIC standards adopted as national standards………………………………… 0