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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST THE CO-SECRETARIAT OF RSB TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (RSB/TCs)

Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) is a public institution established by Rwanda Government Law No. 30 of 29/07/2013 determining the responsibilities, organization and function of the RSB to undertake all activities pertaining to the development of standards, conformity assessment and metrology services in the country. Considering the binding principles and international good practices applied in standards development which include openness, transparency, impartiality, consensus, development dimension and stakeholders' engagement, among others, this process is undertaken through technical committees in a given sector or subsector.

A technical committee (TC) gathers representatives from industry, importers, exporters, consumer organizations, professional and higher learning institutions, research organizations, laboratories, regulatory bodies, government institutions and other interested parties to develop standards that reflect national interests.

While the management of technical committees is composed by a chairperson, elected by other members of the committee and a secretary from RSB, to promote stakeholders' engagement towards enhanced cooperation and synergies in standards development and conformity assessment, as one of the policy orientations of the Rwanda Quality Policy 2018, RSB has adopted a co-secretariat approach, where Technical Committee Secretariat is to be co-hosted by RSB and interested stakeholder (s) in a given sector. Particularly, this approach will help the co-hosting institution to participate actively in the management of the technical committee and embed the culture of quality and standardization within the country, in general.

In this financial year 2024-2025, it was planned to engage at least six (6) Stakeholders to collaborate with RSB in handling the secretariat of technical Committees in the following sectors of priority: **milk, nutrition, cereals, fertilizers, cosmetics, mining, roads, clay, stone, concrete building materials and environmental protection including related to climate actions.**

Based on the above background, RSB hereby invites all interested organizations (public/private) to express their interest in co-hosting the RSB/TCs secretariat in the aforementioned sectors to submit their applications via online registration form accessible on: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yAK95-pvw7Fxx0wCN0nea1u9wX8IAMmmk-ILNTx9Uvw/edit> by 20th June 2025.

The concept note with more details on RSB/TCs Co-Secretariat Framework is accessible from RSB Website: www.rsb.gov.rw.

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