Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton with particular consideration of Africa; CFC/ICAC/33

Manual Classing

General objective

- Use of objective instrument test results for cotton trading
- Ensure the reliability of High Volume Instrument test results

Specific objective for Africa

- Support to African laboratories to fulfil the international requirements for reliable instrument testing

Instrument Testing

Global project focus

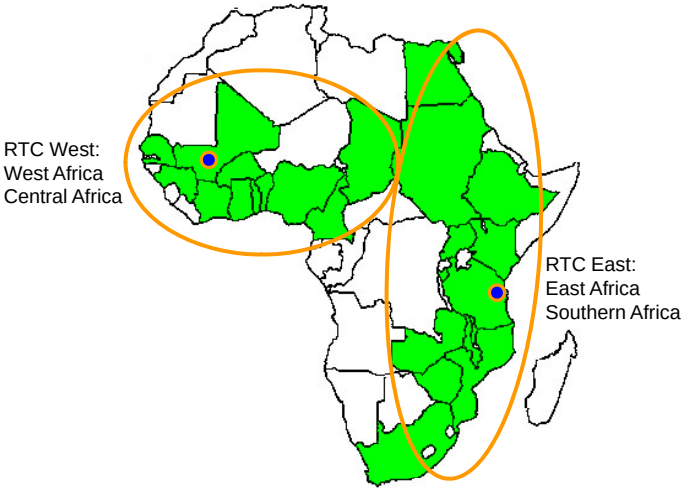
- Introduction of instrument testing of cotton as a basis for trading and processing
- Implementation of a CSITC specific round trial
- Global harmonization and validation of the reliability of cotton testing / of cotton testing laboratories

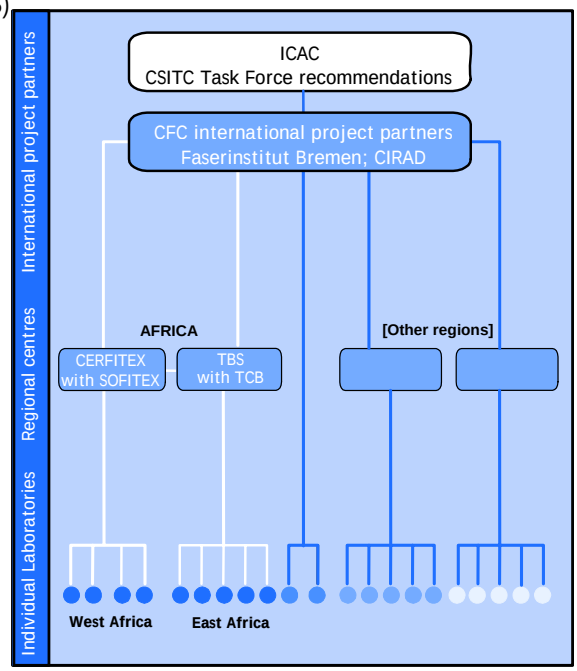
Africa specific project focus

- Establishment of two regional technical centres (RTCs) in Africa :
  - RTC West: Co-operation between CERFITEX in Mali and SOFITEX in Burkina Faso for the RTC in Ségou, Mali
  - RTC East: Co-operation between the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and the Tanzania Cotton Board (TCB) for the RTC in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- International training of the RTCs for the regional tasks
- Integration of RTCs and laboratories into the international testing system

Field of activity of the RTCs

- Reference activities:
  - Re-tests
  - Regional round trials
- Provision of the required information:
  - Training
  - Experience and expertise
  - Technical information
  - Regional co-operation
- Routine testing of the cotton from the region





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