

**NAM-CIMET TRAINING PROGRAMME ON METROLOGY IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND GLOBAL TRADE, NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY,
NEW DELHI (INDIA), FEBRUARY 8-26, 1999**

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE: 5

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE: 5

The Governing Council of the NAM S&T Centre has identified Metrology as an area of priority. The Centre is cooperating with the Commonwealth-India Metrology Centre (CIMET) and the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi, India in implementing activities in this area and a number of training programmes have already been organised for the member countries.

With the process of liberalization and globalization of trade underway, the relevance and importance of metrology has now assumed greater importance for developing countries. The CIMET and the NAM S&T Centre therefore organised a 19-days Training Programme on 'Metrology in Developing Countries and its relevance to Global Trade' during 8-26 February 1999. This event was in continuation to the training workshops organized earlier and reported under Items III.6 and III.10 above and the venue was NPL, New Delhi in India as in earlier years.

The member countries, which participated in the Training Programme, included Bangladesh (Mr. Md. Abdul Matin of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), Egypt (Prof. Ahmed A. El-Sayed of the National Laboratories Accreditation Bureau in Cairo), Nepal (Mr. Ramesh Sthapit of the Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology in Kathmandu), Zambia (Mr. Emmanuel Kalikeka of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry) and Zimbabwe (Mr. Victor Rodreck Mundembe of the National Metrology Institute in Harare). Pakistan nominated their participant, who however could not attend.

Apart from the topics related to Metrology viz. the Measurement Standards, Traceability of Measurements, Laboratory Accreditation, International Inter-comparisons, Proficiency Testing, Elements of National Measurement System and Technical Barriers to Trade, the programme also covered Quality System Documentation, Audit and Review, Mutual Recognition Agreements, Training for Laboratory Assessors, Regionalisation and Internationalisation of Metrology, Globalisation of Trade and International Cooperation etc.

The training programme was followed by the 2nd International Conference on Metrology, Quality and Global Trade, which was held during February 24-26 at the same venue, and was also attended by the participants of the training programme.