Multi-Stakeholder Committee
First year

1st Meeting
Friday, 16 December 2016, 1000 to 1330 Hrs.
The Royal Plaza, New Delhi

Provisional Agenda

Inaugural  1000 – 1045 Hrs.

1. Welcome Address | Dr. R. P. Singh, Secretary-General, Quality Council of India
2. Chair’s Address | Dr. Harsha V. Singh, Former Dy. Director-General, World Trade Organization
3. India in the global PSS landscape | Mr. Anil Jauhri, C.E.O., NABCB, Quality Council of India
4. Introduction to the Platform | Dr. Manish Pande, Joint Director, Quality Council of India & Mr. Rudraneel Chattopadhyay, Associate, Quality Council of India

Briefing  1045 – 1215 Hrs.

5. Opening of the Meeting
6. Adoption of the Agenda
7. Industry experience & Sectoral Dialogue: Challenges, Bottlenecks for outreach, Trade facilitation and contribution - Global and Domestic, linkages with the SDGs, Way Forward for PSS – role & facilitation
   A. Global Experiences
      (a) Cotton | Better Cotton Initiative: Development and interoperability of standards
      (b) Forest | Forest Stewardship Council: PSS impact on trade, & linkage with SDGs
      (c) Textile | GOTS: Working with the government on PSS implementation
      (d) Retail | BRC Global Standards: Challenges & opportunities presented by global standards
   B. Indian Experiences
      (a) Industry | FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM: Known challenges of the Indian producer
      (b) Tea | Trustea: Localization of standards in the Indian context
      (c) Small & Medium Enterprises | ZED: Inducing adoption of quality standards by SMEs
      (d) Agriculture | INDGAP: Indian response to PSS in agriculture
      (e) Social issues | Sutradhara: Addressing socio-cultural complexities in standards

Discussion  1215 – 1315 Hrs.

8. Expectations of a demand-driven PSS Platform
   (a) Objectives, Structure, and Rules of Procedure of the Platform
   (b) Challenges in the Indian PSS landscape: proliferation, interoperability, localization, cost of implementation, credibility, legitimacy, accountability, impacts
   (c) Role of government in PSS
   (d) Platform-driven mechanism for PSS- addressing/communicating industry concerns to PSS
   (e) Addressing SDGs through PSS

Closing  1315 – 1330 Hrs.

9. Any other business
10. Deliberation on next meeting
11. Closing Remarks by the Chair
12. Vote of Thanks | Dr. Manish Pande, Joint Director, Quality Council of India

(Followed By Lunch)