

Abstract

Liberalization of telecommunication markets has made it possible for various importers and vendors to bring into the United Republic of Tanzania a variety of electronic communications equipment, cellular phones inclusive, without well documented proof of conformity to Standards. This high proliferation of such equipment in the market has posed a health risk to users and also exposes customers to substandard electronic communications equipment which may have a very short life span. On the other hand, as such equipments are brought in Tanzania for use; the country may be turned into a dumping place of substandard communications equipment.

The presentation titled ‘Building Testing Centres in the Region: Case Study of TANZANIA’ starts by prescribing the country profile of Tanzania aiming at establishing the strategic geographical positioning as a risk or an opportunity in terms of communications equipment in-flows. It further reviews various types of standards as well as categories of equipment. It then highlights on the country’s approach and initiatives in making it free from substandard equipment, through constructing a state-of-the-art Type Approval Laboratory - TAL.

In conclusion, the paper calls for action to support the country’s effort by the region start thinking around sharing the facilities rather than duplicating.