

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE CFC/ICAC/33
PROJECT**

CHAPTER 10.1

**ANNEX A: QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE COTTON
ORGANIZATIONS ACCORDING TO THE IMPACT OF
THE CFC/ICAC/33 PROJECT**

Project CFC/ICAC/33

**Commercial Standardization of
Instrument Testing of Cotton
with particular consideration of Africa**



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Questionnaire for the Cotton Organizations according to the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project

Questionnaire aux Organisations Cotonnières sur l'impact du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC'

English:

Foreword: The answers to this questionnaire will assist in measuring the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project. The answers will not be analyzed one by one, but as a whole. Even though some questions require optional answers, we advise you to give the maximum of details in order to better understand the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project as well as to improve the construction and the management of eventual future projects.

Maybe you received this questionnaire although you think that other persons know better about its subject; if this is the case then, please carry this questionnaire to these interested persons so that answers to this questionnaire allows us to get a real perception of the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project.

Reminder: The goal of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project was to bring knowledge, information and skills to the African Regions to favor instrument testing as a tool for competitiveness of the African cotton. The goal of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project was NOT to bring equipment to the laboratories, as the knowledge has to come first. When the knowledge is installed, then it is possible to articulate other investment projects in each laboratory/country/region on the basis of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project.

Questionnaire: Major fields of activity of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project will be covered by this questionnaire; we thank you by advance to fill it with your answers as only a few minutes of your time are required.

Français :

Avant-propos : Les réponses à ce questionnaire vont permettre de mesurer l'impact du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project. Les réponses se seront pas analysées une par une, mais comme un tout. Même si certaines questions requièrent des réponses optionnelles, nous vous conseillons de nous transmettre le maximum de détails de façon à nous permettre de comprendre au mieux les impacts du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' et également à permettre de mieux construire et gérer les projets futurs éventuels.

Peut-être avez-vous reçu ce questionnaire alors que vous pensez que d'autres personnes connaissent mieux son sujet; si cela est le cas, merci de transmettre ce questionnaire à ces personnes intéressées de manière à ce que les réponses à ce questionnaire nous renvoie une perception réelle de l'impact du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC'.

Rappel : l'objectif du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' était d'apporter des connaissances, des informations et des compétences dans les régions Africaines pour favoriser l'utilisation d'instrument de mesure comme un outil de développement de la compétitivité du coton Africain. L'objectif du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project N'ETAIT PAS d'apporter des équipements dans les laboratoires, car la connaissance doit venir en premier. Quand la connaissance est installée, alors il est possible d'articuler des projets d'investissement dans chaque laboratoire/pays/région sur la base du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC'.

Questionnaire: Les champs majeurs d'activités du Projet CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' sont couverts par ce questionnaire; nous vous remercions par avance de le compléter avec vos réponses, d'autant qu'il ne faut que quelques minutes pour le compléter.

Your Organization

* optional

Company name*:

Country:

Name of the person filling this questionnaire*:

Are the activities of your Organization linked to (put a X in front or in the square of your valid answer):

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Seed-cotton production | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Seed-cotton quality assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Seed-cotton transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Ginning | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Cotton fiber quality assessment / classification | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Cotton bales organization thanks to quality assessment results | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Cotton bales transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Trading | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

How many functioning Standardized Instruments for Testing Cotton did/do you have?

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| - In 2008: | - In 2011: |
| - In 2009: | - In 2012: |
| - In 2010: | |

Training sessions of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project

How many persons from your Organization attended the training sessions in the Regional Technical Center (RTC)?

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| - In 2008: | - In 2011: |
| - In 2009: | - In 2012: |
| - In 2010: | - I do not know: |

What is the overall quality rating (0 bad to 20 very good) would you give to these training sessions(RTC)?

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| - In 2008: | - In 2011: |
| - In 2009: | - In 2012: |
| - In 2010: | - I do not know: |

On which topics did you get additional knowledge?

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Power supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Air management | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Organization of the laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Use of the instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Calibration procedures and reference materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Maintenance of equipments | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Training of your personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Use of testing data | | | |
| o For internal control | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| o For bale sorting | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| o For bale sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| o For ginning improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| o For research | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Did you have the chance to apply the content of these training sessions? Yes Partly No

Which knowledge have you applied to your Organization?

- Power supply Yes Partly No
- Air management Yes Partly No
- Organization of the laboratory Yes Partly No
- Use of the instruments Yes Partly No
- Calibration procedures and reference materials Yes Partly No
- Maintenance of equipments Yes Partly No
- Training of your personnel Yes Partly No
- Use of testing data
 - o For internal control Yes Partly No
 - o For bale sorting Yes Partly No
 - o For bale sales Yes Partly No
 - o For ginning improvement Yes Partly No
 - o For research Yes Partly No

Altogether, what is the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project training sessions?

- Very positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Please explain your position:
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- Negative
- Very negative

Expertise visits of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project

How many expertise visits were done in your Organization from the Regional Technical Center (RTC)?

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When did these expertise visits take place (year)?

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What is the overall quality rating (0 bad to 20 very good) would you give to these expertise visits and their according expertise / recommendations?

- In 2008:
- In 2009:
- In 2010:
- In 2011:
- In 2012:
- I do not know: .

Did you have the chance to improve your laboratory and practices thanks to these expertise visits? Yes Partly No

Which improvement have you applied to your Organization?

- Power supply Yes Partly No
- Air management Yes Partly No
- Organization of the laboratory Yes Partly No
- Use of the instruments Yes Partly No
- Calibration procedures and reference materials Yes Partly No
- Maintenance of equipments Yes Partly No
- Training of your personnel Yes Partly No
- Use of testing data
 - o For internal control Yes Partly No
 - o For bale sorting Yes Partly No
 - o For bale sales Yes Partly No
 - o For ginning improvement Yes Partly No
 - o For research Yes Partly No

Altogether, what is the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project expertise visits?

- Very positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	- Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	- Very negative	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>		

- Please explain your position:

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Your laboratory and its equipment

Is your laboratory better equipped in 2012 compared to 2008 according to the following items (No, Yes) with reference to CSITC Task Force recommendations?

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Power supply and protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Air management | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Organization of the laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Use of the instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Calibration procedures and reference materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Maintenance of equipments | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Training of your personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Was the CFC/ICAC/33 Project an opportunity or a frame for you to get access (from CFC/ICAC/33 Project funds, from other project funds or from internal funds) to improvements into the following items?

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Power supply and protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Air management | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Organization of the laboratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| - Maintenance of equipments | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - Training of your personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partly | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Do you consider you laboratory as fully functional (0 -> 100%)?

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| - Instruments: | |
| - Ambient air management system: | |
| - Pressurized air: | |
| - Power supply: | |
| - Trained personnel: | |
| - Global for your laboratory: | |

What other impact did this CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project have to you? (e.g. info from any seminars/events, helpful discussions, ...):

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Altogether, what is the impact of the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project onto your laboratory practices?

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| - Very positive | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Negative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> | - Very negative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
- Please explain your position:
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Your Organization's surrounding in the cotton supply chain

Did the 'cotton persons' around you get more awareness about the instrumental classification and its needs thanks to the results of the CFC/ICAC/33 Project?

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| - no, fully informed before | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| - no, still not informed | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
- if yes, then number of persons being more aware now:

Which category of persons do you think were forgotten by the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project according to the instrumental classification and its needs?

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Are the 'cotton persons' around you more aware about

- the benefits of using instrumental testing data for trading/country's cotton production: Yes No
- the necessities for instrument testing Yes No
- how to use test results for trading Yes No

Which category of persons do you think were forgotten by the CFC/ICAC/33 'CSITC' Project according to the CSITC Task Force recommendations?

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Is your Organization using instrumental data for cotton trading (% of your production)?

Yes No%

What is your benefit of using instrumental data for cotton trading?.....

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What are the factors which negatively affect your adoption of instrumental data for cotton trading

- Traders Yes Partly No
- Habitude Yes Partly No
- Unknown practices Yes Partly No
- Decision of individual persons Yes Partly No
- Necessities of the Organization Yes Partly No
- Necessity to revise / build new contracts Yes Partly No
- Role of associations Yes Partly No
- Role of RTCs Yes Partly No
- Role of international bodies Yes Partly No
- Cost/benefit information about instrument testing Yes Partly No
- Others:

What are the factors which positively affect your adoption of instrumental data for cotton trading

- Traders Yes Partly No
- Habitude Yes Partly No
- Unknown practices Yes Partly No
- Decision of individual persons Yes Partly No
- Necessities of the Organization Yes Partly No
- Necessity to revise / build new contracts Yes Partly No
- Role of associations Yes Partly No
- Role of RTCs Yes Partly No
- Role of international bodies Yes Partly No
- Cost/benefit information about instrument testing Yes Partly No
- Others:

Any reactions / comments (political, market, associations, cotton companies...) of cotton stakeholders according to the Project progress or results

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Thank you for your help.