

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



Manual Classing



Instrument Testing

General objective

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

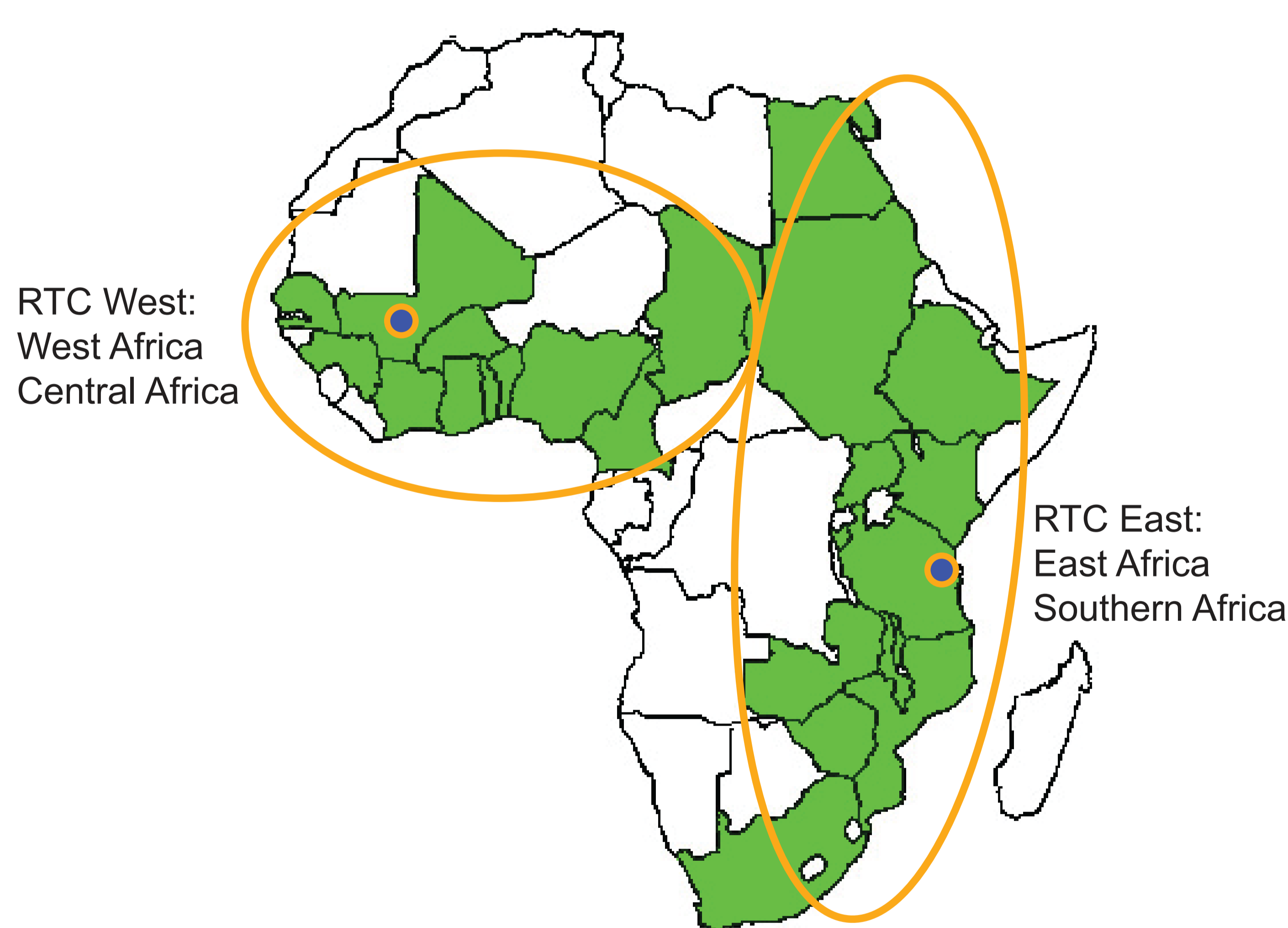
Specific objective for Africa

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

Africa specific project focus

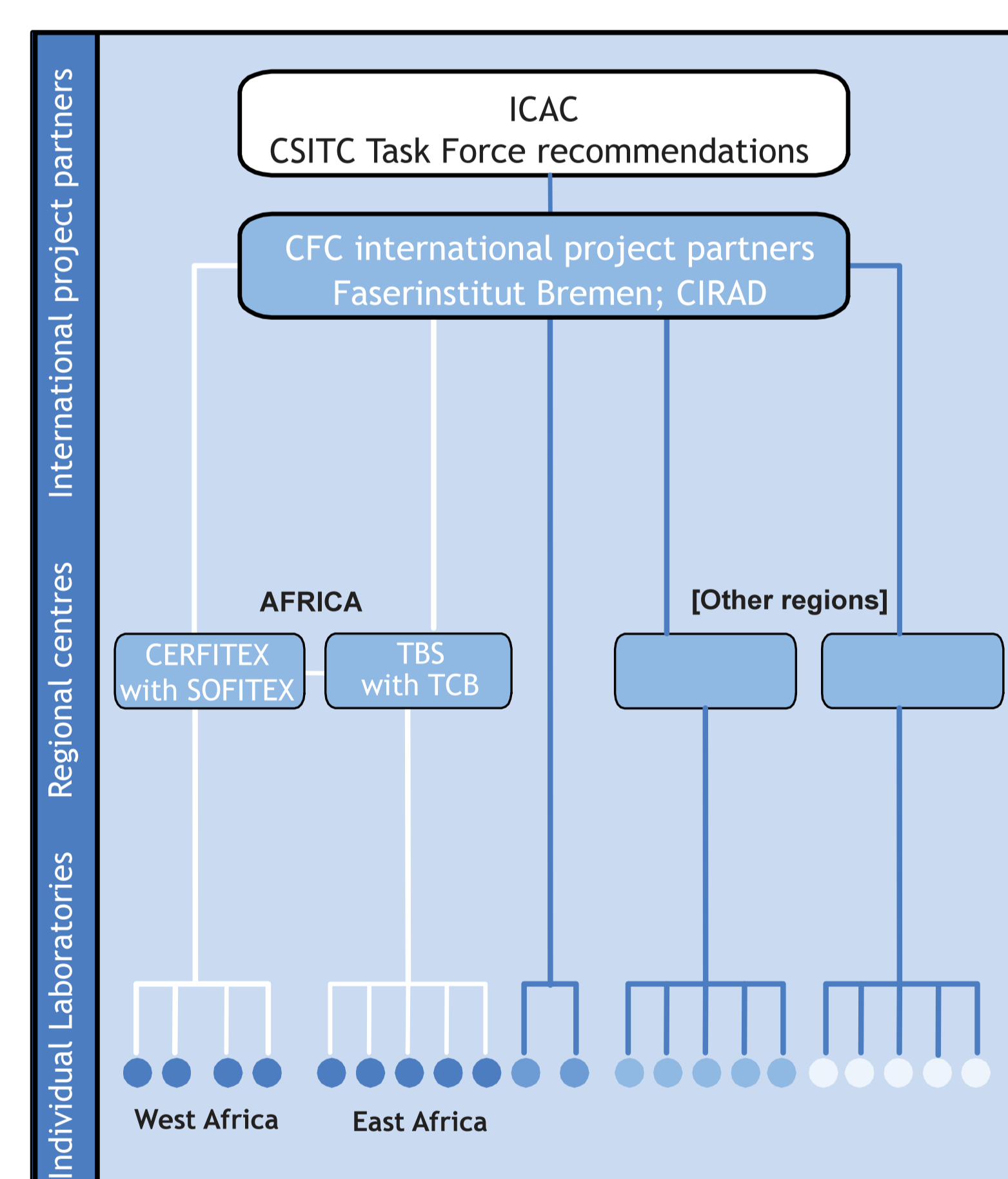
Establishment of two regional technical centres (RTCs) in Africa :

- 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



- Project executing agency (PEA): Faserinstitut Bremen e.V. (FIBRE), Germany
- Supervisory body: International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), Washington
- Sponsors: Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), European Union (EU)
- Financial volume: 8 million USD (CFC: 2 million USD; EC: 3 million USD; Counterparts: 3 million USD)
- Duration: 4 years (2007 to 2011).
- Project partners: FIBRE (Germany), CIRAD (France), CERFITEX (Mali), SOFITEX (Burkina Faso), TBS (Tanzania), TCB (Tanzania)
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