

Activity Title:	Training on ISO 17020 (General Criteria for the Operation of Bodies Performing Inspection)
Component:	Standards Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Conformity/ TBT Subcomponent
Activity Number:	2T.2.2.1.1
Dates:	25-26 November 2010 (for Government), 30 November-1 December 2010 (for Private Sector)
Partner Agency:	Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO)



Participants discuss and interpret criteria under ISO 17020 that includes requirements for organization, management and technical competence of inspection bodies. Two separate trainings were conducted separately for the government and private sector to maximize the pool of prospect assessors that can be tapped by PAO for inspection functions.



Participants from the government sector together with PAO Officer-in-charge Jaime Olmos (center, seated, in white) and ISO 17020 short term expert and trainer, Maria Gabriella Sandini (left of Olmos).

Outcomes:	<p>Enhanced knowledge and skills of participants on requirements of ISO 17020:1998, that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the requisites of bodies and organisations (both public and private) performing inspections according to the 17020 standard; the criteria for accreditation that assessors will use to evaluate compliance of inspection bodies in order to be accredited; the technical competence of PAO staff and freelance inspectors as prospective trainers; and the minimum requisites of the private sector, especially MSMEs (micro, small, medium enterprises) to comply with harmonized standards, regulations and procedures.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical support to PAO to help build its capacity and competence in exercising its accreditation function Enhance the ability of the private sector, especially MSMEs to comply with harmonized standards, regulations and procedures.
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture and discussion Group and individual exercises
Number of Participants and Profile:	22 from government, 23 from private (ISO 17020 external assessors, inspectors from inspection bodies, PAO officers (prospective accreditation assessors for inspection bodies), private inspection and certification bodies and MSMEs who intend to comply with the standard)
Short-term expert :	Maria Gabriella Sandini

