

# ECOQUIB

ECOWAS QUALITY AND INDUSTRIAL DATABASE

**FIRST ECOWAS QUALITY AND INDUSTRY DATABASE RELEASED, AND NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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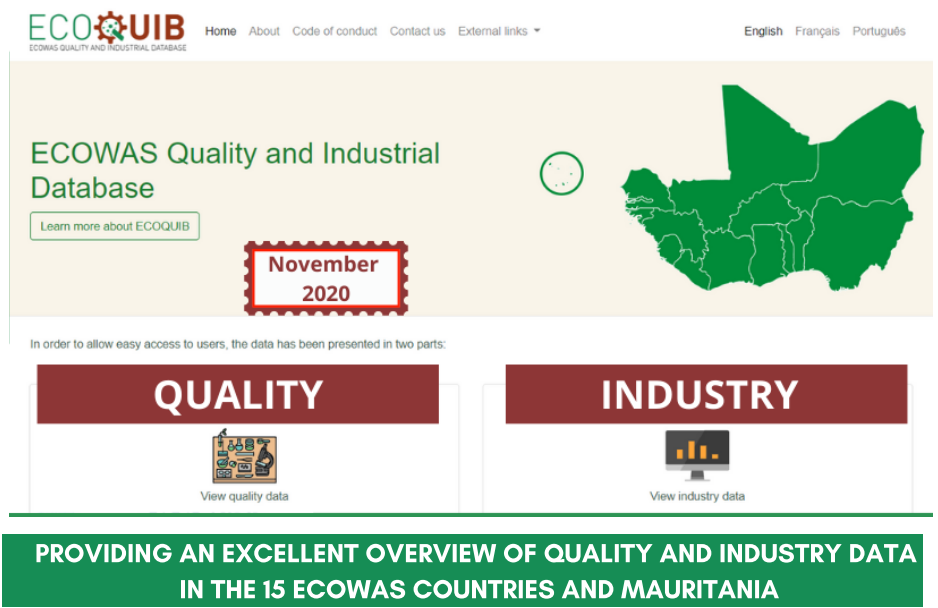
The first ECOWAS Quality and Industry Database, ECOQUIB, has been established and is now available online. Originally developed under the West Africa Quality System Programme (WAQSP), it has been recently updated by the West Africa Competitiveness and Quality Project (WACQP), implemented by UNIDO in the context of the WACOMP. ECOQUIB aims to facilitate access to beneficiaries, providing an excellent overview of Quality and Industry data in the 16 ECOWAS countries and Mauritania. In the long term, this flexible and user-friendly platform aims to serve as a one-stop-shop, designed to provide reliable information for the entire West African region.

The Quality component of the ECOQUIB database contains information collected related to quality, such as on calibration laboratories, quality infrastructure experts, laboratory equipment repair center, standards and inspection bodies, certification and standardization, etc.

The Industry component contains various statistics about production, exports and imports (in volume and value), price indices, taxes, exemptions and wage remuneration in the industrial sector. ECOQUIB has been recently updated after the finalization of the country diagnostics in the four selected value chains at regional level (cassava and derivatives, mango, textiles and garments and information and communication technology, ICT).

Focal points in each of the 16 West African countries have been trained and will be in charge of constantly updating the database with recent information for both the Quality and Industry section.

The West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP) is a partnership initiative between the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the European Union (EU). The overall objective of the Programme is to strengthen the competitiveness of West Africa and to enhance the countries' integration into the regional and international trading system. WACOMP is funded through a € 116 million contribution from the Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) for West Africa (2014 - 2020) under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF). It embraces the vision of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) and is also aligned to UNIDO's mandate of fostering Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID).



The screenshot shows the homepage of the ECOQUIB database. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Code of conduct, Contact us, and External links. A language selector shows English, Français, and Português. The main heading is "ECOWAS Quality and Industrial Database" with a "Learn more about ECOQUIB" button. A red stamp indicates "November 2020". Below this, a map of West Africa is shown. The page is divided into two main sections: "QUALITY" and "INDUSTRY". Under "QUALITY", there is a "View quality data" button. Under "INDUSTRY", there is a "View industry data" button. At the bottom, a green banner reads "PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT OVERVIEW OF QUALITY AND INDUSTRY DATA IN THE 15 ECOWAS COUNTRIES AND MAURITANIA".

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