

## IUPAC Project Progress Report

**Project number:** 2004-017-1-500

**Project Title:** Standardization of Analytical Approaches and Analytical Capacity-Building in Africa

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### Report:

1. Current status of project: On going since August 2004
2. Progress relative to 'milestones': Mr. Abiola, World Bank and partner with IOCD and IUPAC, is visiting Uganda in October 2004 on Business and will also try to help resolve the missions of competing laboratories before our team goes in for the evaluation.
3. Difficulties encountered (or concerns): Mr. Abiola had other duties during the summer of 2004 at which time we had hoped he would contact the country officials on our behalf. This is now moving.
4. Projected completion date (documents ready for external review): on schedule.
5. Intended outputs and the dissemination plan for this project:  
We expect to send a report to the World Bank after our visit to Uganda and perhaps Kenya requesting funds from the World Bank for remedial action. A copy will go to IUPAC and IOCD. If specialists from IUPAC are needed, we will consult with IUPAC and begin the remedial action after identifying a specialist in IUPAC. We may use IUPAC or World Bank funds.
6. Work on this project has identified issues and/or opportunities for related projects:  
At present our team cannot easily identify the specialists in IUPAC because the IUPAC Handbook for 2004-2005 is not computerized by specialty. How would the managers of IUPAC suggest **we fairly** search for a specialist in IUPAC membership? We will proceed without this information using our experience.