The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
The International Accreditation Forum (IAF)

Recent Developments in Accreditation

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IAF and ILAC – an Introduction

ILAC and IAF are global networks of accreditation bodies and organizations involved in conformity assessment

- Recognition of competent and equally reliable conformity assessment activities through Global Arrangements
- Development/harmonization of accreditation practices
- Promotion of accreditation as an effective mechanism for providing confidence in goods and services
IAF and ILAC Objectives

- Maintain multi-lateral mutual recognition Arrangements
  - Expand coverage into all economies of the world
  - Provide support to new accreditation systems

- Harmonize accreditation best practice
  - Cooperate with all relevant stakeholders
Global Vision

– Ensuring that accredited services are reliable

– Reliance on the Arrangements to further develop or enhance trade agreements

– ‘Tested, inspected or certified once, accepted everywhere’

– “Accredited once, accepted everywhere”
Regional Cooperation Bodies

The IAF and ILAC Arrangements are structured to build on existing and developing regional MLAs/MRAs established around the world

- The IAF MLA recognizes EA, PAC, IAAC
- The ILAC MRA recognizes EA, APLAC, IAAC
Status of the ILAC MRA

(Oct 2012)

- 77 ILAC MRA Signatories (ABs) representing 65 economies.
- ILAC MRA covers 17025 & 15189 laboratories & 17020 inspection bodies
- 39 ABs signed the inaugural MRA for inspection body accreditation on 25 October 2012 during the ILAC General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro
- Signatories represent over 90% of Global GDP
- More than 43,000 accredited laboratories
- About 6,600 accredited inspection bodies
Coverage of the ILAC MRA (Oct 2012)
Status of the IAF MLA (Oct 2012)

- There are 55 IAF MLA Signatories, representing 52 economies.
  - Management Systems: 50 Accreditation Bodies and EA, PAC & IAAC
  - ISO 9001 QMS: 50 Accreditation Bodies and EA, PAC & IAAC
  - ISO 14001 EMS: 44 Accreditation Bodies and EA, PAC & IAAC
  - ISO 22000 FSMS: in development
  - ISO 27001 ISMS: in development
  - Product: 45 Accreditation Bodies EA, PAC & IAAC
  - Persons: In development
Coverage of the IAF MLA (Oct 2012)
International Partnerships

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs):

- CIPM-ILAC MoU
- ISO-IAF-ILAC MoU
- UNIDO-IAF-ILAC MoU
- IEC-IAF-ILAC MoU
- OIML-IAF-LAC MoU
- WADA-ILAC MoU
- IFCC-ILAC MoU
- ITU-IAF-ILAC MoU
- ICSCA-ILAC MoU
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