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Update from IAF



IAF Liaison Report to CIML October 2023

1. IAF Membership

The number of IAF members now totals 130, with 97 Accreditation Body Members, 27 Association Members, and 6 Regional Accreditation Group Members. One other membership application is in progress.

A list of IAF members by membership category can be found on the [IAF website](#).

2. IAF MLA

The IAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) now has 84 Accreditation Body Signatories representing 93 economies and 6 Recognized Regional Accreditation Group MLAs. A complete list of AB signatories and their MLA scopes can be found [here](#). The current status and structure of the MLA can be found [here](#).

The IAF MLA Committee and IAF MLA Management Committee, through the Joint Management Committee (JMC) with ILAC, have established Task Forces for improving peer evaluation activities and are exploring ways in which the extension of the scopes of the IAF MLA can be streamlined.

3. IAF Directors

The current IAF Directors are: Mr Emanuele Riva (ACCREDIA), the IAF Chair; Ms Lori Gillespie (ANAB), IAF Vice-Chair; Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in High Income Economies; Mr Rajesh Maheshwari (NABCB), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in Low and Medium Income Economies; Mr Marcus Long (IIOC), the Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members; Mr Mrutunjay Jena (AMTZ), the Director representing Industry and User Association Members; and Mr. Pedro Alves (IQNET), the IAF Treasurer.

The second and final terms for the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in High Income Economies and the Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members will expire at the close of the next IAF GA in November 2023. Following a call for nominations and a subsequent election for the position of Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in High Income Economies, Mr. Wolfram Hartmann (DAkKS) was the successful nominee. Following a call for nominations for the position of Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members, Mr. Pedro Alves (IQNET) was the successful nominee.

4. IAF Committee Chairs

The current Chairs of the Decision-Making Committees are:

Ms Kylie Sheehan (JASANZ), Chair of the MLA Committee (MLAC); Mr Kevin Belson (UKAS), Chair of the Technical Committee (TC); Mr Brahim Houla (GAC [GCC]), Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC); and Mr Carlos Echeverria (SAE), Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC).

The current Chairs of the Advisory Committees are: Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC) and Mr Rajesh Maheshwari (NABCB) - Co-Chairs of the Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG); Mr Mrutunjay Jena (AMTZ) - Chair of the User Advisory Committee (UAC); and Mr Marcus Long (IIOC) - Chair of the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC).

Mr Rajesh Maheshwari (NABCB) is also the Chair of the IAF Database, LLC Database Management Committee (DMC). The IAF Database LLC is a separate legal entity that reports to the IAF Board of Directors.

Mr Pedro Alves (IQNET) is the IAF Treasurer. Mr. Hazma Khan (GAC [GCC]) is the IAF Quality Manager.

5. 2023 IAF/ILAC Mid-Term Meetings:

The 2023 IAF/ILAC Mid-Term meetings were held from 01-08 May 2023 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The IAF/ILAC Joint Working Group on Communications (JWGC) conducted a series of video interviews throughout the meetings, in which Committee Chairs and TF/WG Conveners reported on the outcomes of meetings and workshops. A playlist containing the interviews is available [here](#).

6. IAF CertSearch:

A mandatory document which aims to cover the upload and maintenance of data on IAF CertSearch is under development.

7. Sustainability Working Group

The IAF Sustainability Working Group was created by the IAF Executive to ensure IAF involvement as a key player in the area of sustainability. The WG has established sub-WGs covering three key areas: 1. Sustainability Assurance, 2. ESG Verification, Reporting and Rating and 3. Carbon Markets.

Sub-WG1 has developed a joint statement on Sustainability Assurance Schemes with key stakeholders, which is available [here](#).

Sub-WG2 has developed a position paper outlining the value of the international system of accreditation and accredited bodies in providing frameworks that ensure the credibility of the verification of sustainability related information, which is available [here](#).

Sub-WG3 is developing a communication strategy on the role of IAF in carbon markets and the value that accredited conformity assessment can bring.

The WG will hold its next meeting 10 October 2023, with plans to hold a further meeting on 13 November 2023 at the IAF-ILAC Joint Annual Meetings in Montreal, Canada.

8. One Organization Project

Work on the IAF-ILAC One Organization Project (OOP) continues.

During the ILAC/IAF Joint General Assembly held 11 November 2022, the memberships of both organizations were informed of the latest developments in the project. In December 2022, ballots were held in both IAF and ILAC regarding stakeholder voting rights in the new organization. Voting rights for stakeholder members were supported in both organizations.

A draft Constitution and General Rules for the new organization were circulated to all IAF and ILAC members for 60-day comment in May 2023. The OOP Steering Committee is currently reviewing comments received, and will provide an update to IAF and ILAC members during the November 2023 IAF/ILAC Joint Annual meetings in Montréal, Canada.

9. COVID-19 Response

Links to all IAF publications related to COVID-19 can be found on the [COVID-19 Hub](#) on the IAF website, including the COVID-19 FAQs.

10. Communications

The IAF CMC is continuing efforts to improve IAF communications tools and to work with our partners in ILAC to increase engagement with members stakeholders. IAF now has more than 21,900 followers on LinkedIn, and more than 9,200 followers on X.

Podcast

IAF and ILAC have launched the [Accreditation Matters](#) podcast series, which features discussions with international experts on matters important to the international quality infrastructure community and the way that accreditation supports regulators, global trade and consumers. The first four episodes are available now on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Google Podcasts](#). Video versions are available on [YouTube](#).

World Accreditation Day 2023

World Accreditation Day 2023 was held 09 June 2023. The theme was “Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade”.

IAF and ILAC held a virtual event on 09 June to celebrate. A recording of the event is available [here](#).

All past WAD materials are available [here](#).

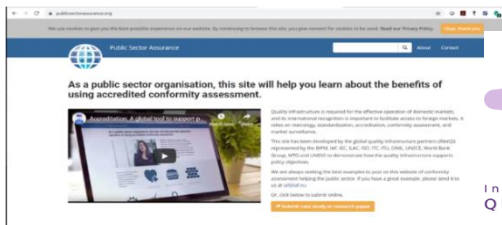
IAF Outlook

IAF currently has over 20,000 subscribers to *IAF Outlook*, its publication for sharing the latest information and developments in the international accreditation, conformity assessment and related standards arena. The latest issue was published in April 2023. Links to all issues can be found [here](#).

PSA and Business Benefits Websites

Efforts to increase the evidence base supporting the value of accreditation continue with the Public Sector Assurance website (<http://www.publicsectorassurance.org/>) now containing 357 case studies, 93 research papers, and 61 supporting materials. The Business Benefits website (<https://business-benefits.org/>) now contains 107 case studies, 83 research papers, and 10 supporting materials. Studies on both sites are categorized by UN Sustainable Development Goals. Submissions are invited using the form on both websites.

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Increased Industry Engagement

The IAF User Advisory Committee is continuing implementation of its strategy to better engage with industry. Industry and users (and in particular customers of certified organizations) remain supportive of IAF CertSearch (<https://www.iafcertsearch.org/>). IAF Certsearch is also strongly supported by ISO TC 176 and many others as a means to improve the transparency and credibility of accredited certification ISO 9001 and to discourage unaccredited and counterfeit certificates.

Stepped Up Engagement with Other International Organizations

IAF continues to hold the Secretary position for the IEC-ILAC-IAF Steering Committee. Cooperation continues with other international partners in conformity assessment related activities and joint communication efforts.

As noted in section 7 above, IAF, ISEAL, UNDP, IIOC, IQNET, and TIC Council published a joint statement on sustainability assurance, acknowledging that consensus-based standards and accredited conformity assessment provide a key foundation to transition to a sustainable future, and pledging to work cooperatively to implement key objectives in order to provide trust and deliver impact in sustainability.

Social Media

Information on publications, promotional materials, news, liaison activities, and events is available via the IAF website (www.iaf.nu), LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/company/international-accreditation-forum-inc/), and X ([@IAF_Global](https://twitter.com/IAF_Global)). You can also subscribe to the joint IAF-ILAC YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/IAFandILAC) for training materials and promotional videos in a variety of languages.

11. Development/Revision of Publicly Available IAF Documents

Annex 1 includes a list of publicly available documents published since the 18 November 2022 IAF General Assembly and documents under revision or development at the 60-day comment to all IAF Members and 30-day ballot to all IAF Members stages.

Sixty-three (63) new or revised documents have been published since the 2022 IAF General Assembly, nine (9) documents have been sent for 30-day ballot to all IAF Members, and ten (10) have been sent for 60-day comment to all Members.

the list of revised documents includes an editorial update to IAF PL 3 that was published to include the definition of 'endorsed normative document' formerly found in IAF PR 4, which has been withdrawn. Also included in the list of revised documents are editorial updates to IAF/ILAC A1, A2, and A3 and, IAF ID 1, ID 4, ID 12, ID 13, ID 14, MD 1, MD 2, MD 4, MD 5, MD 6, MD 7, MD 8, MD 9, MD 11, MD 12, MD 13, MD 14, MD 15, MD 16, MD 17, MD 20, MD 22, MD 23, MD 24, MD 25, ML 1, ML 3, ML 4, PL 4, PL 5, PL 6, PL 7, PL 8, PL 9, PR 1, PR 2, and PR 7 to remove outdated references to IAF PR 4.

Published documents can be found on the IAF website under [Publications](#), and are available to all free of charge.

12. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding/Agreements

Since the November 2022 IAF General Assembly, IAF has signed MoUs and agreements with four scheme owners to endorse their schemes as sub-scopes of the IAF MLA. The tripartite MoU with ILAC and OIML is currently under review.

In April 2023, IAF and IFS signed an agreement for the endorsement the IFS Food scheme.

In May 2023, IAF and BRCGS signed an updated MoU for the endorsement of the BRCGS Global Standards for Food Safety, Agents and Brokers, Packaging Materials, Storage and Distribution, Consumer Products: Personal Care and Household, Consumer Products: General Merchandise, and Gluten Free Certification Program.

In June 2023, IAF and IAQG signed an MoU for the endorsement of the IAQG Industry Controlled Other Party (ICOP) scheme.

Also in June 2023, IAF and IPC signed an MoU for the endorsement of the IPC Management System Auditors Certification Scheme.

Existing MoUs/Agreements can be found on the IAF website under [Publications, General Information](#), with the exception of the MoU with ICAO, which has been posted on the Members' side of the IAF website at their request.

13. Future IAF and ILAC Joint Meetings

The 2023 IAF/ILAC Joint Annual meetings will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 06 – 15 November 2023. Registration is now open on the [meeting website](#).

The 2024 IAF/ILAC Mid-Term meetings will be held virtually, and the 2024 Joint Annual meetings will be held in-person. Further information regarding these meetings will be distributed when available.

Information on upcoming IAF and joint IAF-ILAC meetings can be found on the IAF website, under [Media Center, Events](#).

For further information about IAF please go to the [IAF website](#), or contact the Secretary at secretary@iaf.nu.

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Annex 1

Publicly Available Documents Published Since 18 November 2022 and Documents Currently Under Revision/Development*

Documents Published:

New Issues:

- IAF ID 15:2023 Dealing with Fraudulent Behaviour
- IAF MD 7:2023 Harmonization of Sanctions
- IAF MD 11:2023 IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems
- IAF MD 26:2023 Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 27001:2022
- IAF ML 2:2023 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark
- IAF PR 5:2023 Procedure for Handling Applications for MoU Membership in IAF
- Fact Sheet – Specifying Accreditation in Regulation
- IAF Public Document Responsibility
- IAF Representatives, Liaisons, and Contacts
- Accredited Certification for Persons and Benefits: Explained
- IAF-ILAC Handbook
- Corporate Sustainability Information
- IAF B6 Brochure on Accredited Certification for Persons
- IAF/ILAC B2 How do I Gain Confidence in an Inspection Body? Do They Need ISO 9001 Certification or ISO/IEC 17020 Accreditation?
- IAF/ILAC B3 Accreditation: Supporting Safe Food and Clean Drinking Water
- IAF/ILAC B5 Accreditation: Facilitating World Trade
- IAF/ILAC B6 Accreditation: Delivering Confidence in the Provision of Energy
- IAF/ILAC B8 Accreditation: Delivering Confidence in Construction and the Built Environment
- IAF/ILAC B9 Accreditation: A Global Tool to Support Public Policy

New Versions (Editorial Updates):

- IAF PL 3 Policies and Procedures on the IAF MLA Structure and for Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA
- IAF ID 1 IAF Informative Document for QMS and EMS Scopes of Accreditation
- IAF ID 4 Market Surveillance Visits to Certified Organizations

- IAF ID 12 Principles on Remote Assessment , ID 13 IAF Medical Device Nomenclature (IAF MDN) Including Medical Device Risk Classifications
- IAF ID 13 IAF Medical Device Nomenclature (IAF MDN) Including Medical Device Risk Classifications
- IAF ID 14 Guidance on the Determination of Audit Time for Integrated Audit of Multi-Site Management Systems
- IAF MD 1 IAF Mandatory Document for the Audit and Certification of a Management System Operated by a Multi-Site Organization
- IAF MD 2 IAF Mandatory Document for the Transfer of Accredited Certification of Management Systems
- IAF MD 4 IAF Mandatory Document for the Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Auditing/Assessment Purposes
- IAF MD 5 Determination of Audit Time of Quality, Environmental, and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems, MD 8 Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF MD 6 Application of ISO 14065:2013
- IAF MD 7 Harmonization of Sanctions
- IAF MD 8 Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF MD 9 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF MD 11 IAF Mandatory Document for Application of ISO/IEC 17021 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems (IMS)
- IAF MD 12 Accreditation Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies with Activities in Multiple Countries
- IAF MD 13 Knowledge Requirements for Accreditation Body Personnel for Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)
- IAF MD 14 Application of ISO/IEC 17011 in Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification (ISO 14065:2013)
- IAF MD 15 IAF Mandatory Document for the Collection of Data to Provide Indicators of Management System Certification Bodies' Performance
- IAF MD 16 Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification Bodies
- IAF MD 17 Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies
- IAF MD 20 Generic Competence for AB Assessors: Application to ISO/IEC 17011
- IAF MD 22 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for the Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OH&SMS)

- IAF MD 23 Control of Entities Operating on Behalf of Accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies
- IAF MD 24 Transition Requirements for ISO 50003:2021
- IAF MD 25 Criteria for Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes
- IAF ML 1 Guidance for the Exchange of Documentation among MLA Signatories for the Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies
- IAF ML 3 Guidance for responding to Inquiries on Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Signatory Equivalence and on the acceptance of certification documents
- IAF ML 4 Policies and Procedures for a MLA on the Level of Single Accreditation Bodies and on the Level of Regional Accreditation Group
- IAF PL 4 Rules for IAF Membership Fees
- IAF PL 5 Structure of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.
- IAF PL 6 IAF Memorandum of Understanding
- IAF PL 7 IAF Quality Manual
- IAF PL 8 Rules for the Use of the IAF Logo
- IAF PL 9 General Principles for the Use of the IAF CERTSEARCH Mark
- IAF PR 1 Procedure for the Investigation and Resolution of Complaints
- IAF PR 2 General Procedures for the Development of IAF Documents
- IAF PR 7 Requirements for Producing IAF Mandatory Documents on Transitions
- IAF/ILAC A1 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Regional Group
- IAF/ILAC A2 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body
- IAF/ILAC A3 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Template report for the peer evaluation of an Accreditation Body based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017

Documents Under Revision:

- IAF MD 1:2018 IAF Mandatory Document for the Audit and Certification of a Management System Operated by a Multi-Site Organization
- IAF MD 6:2014 Application of ISO 14065:2013
- IAF MD 8:2020 Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF MD 9:2022 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF MD 23:2018 Control of Entities Operating on Behalf of Accredited Certification Bodies

- IAF PR 2:2018 General Procedures for the Development of IAF Documents
- IAF B3 1/2012 Why Use an Accredited Certification Body?

Documents Under Development:

- Draft Constitution for the IAF-ILAC One Organization Project
- Draft General Rules for the IAF-ILAC One Organization Project
- IAF Process for Persistent, Unreasonable and Hostile Enquiries

* Reflects documents at the 60-day comment to all IAF Members and 30-day ballot to all IAF Members stages, and promotional documents.