

# SADCAS Achieves Signatory in ILAC MRA

**SADCAS** is proud to announce the achievement of signatory status to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) for **Testing (ISO/IEC 17025)** and **Calibration (ISO/IEC 17025)**.

The decision was made on by the ILAC Arrangement Council at its meeting held on 4 November 2015 in Milan Italy. The MOU was signed at a gala dinner held on Thursday, 5 November 2015 in Milan, Italy. With this achievement SADCAS has therefore been admitted as Full Member of ILAC. In paying tribute to all those who contributed towards this achievement Mrs Maureen Mutasa the SADCAS Chief Executive Officer quoted from an African saying, "When we stand tall it is because we stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before us, and those that surround us", she added.

SADCAS originally joined ILAC as an Affiliate Member in 2008. SADCAS membership was then upgraded to Associate Member in 2011 having accredited enough testing and calibration to meet the competence requirements for consideration as a Full member. In June 2014 SADCAS underwent a pre peer evaluation of its Testing and Calibration Laboratories Accreditation Programs to determine its readiness for peer evaluation which was subsequently undertaken in May 2015 and culminating in the achievement.

With this achievement the accreditation certificates issued by SADCAS for the testing and calibration accreditation programs are now internationally recognized thus enhance the acceptance of products across national borders and remove the need for retesting of products traded internationally. In line with its value proposition SADCAS is truly delivering confidence, assuring technical competence and guaranteeing quality.



From left to right Mr Pete Unger, Chairman ILAC; Mrs Maureen Mutasa, SADCAS CEO; Mr Steve Sidney SADCAS Board Chairman and Mr Filippo Trifiletti General Director of Accredia, Italy



Proudly displaying the duly signed ILAC MRA Certificate with SANAS Officials



Proudly displaying the duly signed ILAC MRA Certificate with AFRAC members

