SADCAS extended its international recognition in the AFRAC MRA to the Main Scope Management Systems Certification (ISO/IEC 17021-1), Sub-scope Quality Management Systems (ISO/IEC 17021-3), QMS (ISO 9001:2015). This Decision was reached by the AFRAC MRA Council on 25 September 2019 in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.

Following the AFRAC MRA Council decision, an application was submitted for recognition under the International Accreditation Forum Multi Lateral Arrangement (IAF MLA) with a supporting letter from AFRAC. After consideration of the application, SADCAS was advised on 13 November 2019 that the SADCAS application for IAF MLA recognition was approved by the IAF Chair on the 09th November 2019. The signed certificate was received on 13 November 2019 following which the IAF MLA status on the SADCAS page in the Members & Signatories area of the IAF website, as well as in the MLA MC_17 report, which is available under the about the ‘IAF MLA’ button on the toolbar at the top of the IAF home page. The formal IAF MLA certificate handover to be done during the 2020 General Assembly.

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