

SADCAS CEO Participates in a Joint AFRAC/SADCA Peer Evaluation

The SADCAS Chief Executive Officer Mrs Maureen P Mutasa participated in another peer evaluation, this time of the Mauritian Accreditation System (MAURITAS). The was undertaken on behalf of the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) and the Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA) covering calibration and testing laboratories and Certification (QMS) accreditation schemes. This is the 4th peer evaluation that Mrs Mutasa has undertaken on behalf of AFRAC having undertaken her 1st one in August 2014 and the previous one in 2017. For SADCA this was the first peer evaluation that Mrs Mutasa has undertaken. The SADCAS CEO has also undertaken 2 peer evaluations for the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC).

The evaluation was conducted in accordance with, and against the requirements specified in AFRAC M001, SADCA M001 and IAF/ILAC A2 by a team of 3 members namely: Mr Adel Reitz as the team leader and team member responsible for calibration, Mrs Maureen P Mutasa as deputy team leader and team member responsible for certification and Mr Marcel Gbaguidi (SOAC) as team member responsible for testing. Two trainee evaluators Mr Shadrack Phophi and Eng. Hany El Desouki were being mentored during the evaluation with the former on testing and the latter for certification.



Peer evaluation team with MAURITAS Management at the closing meeting



Closing Meeting in session

The evaluation was undertaken from 21 to 25 May 2018 starting with the peer evaluation team meeting in the evening of 20 May 2018 then office evaluation at MAURITAS on Monday 21 May 2018. Witnessing of assessments was done on 22 to 23 May 2018 in and around Port Louis, Mauritius after which evaluation of MAURITAS continued on the 24 to 25 May 2018.

The closing meeting of the evaluation was held on 25 May 2018 with the team leader presenting the findings raised during the evaluation and outlining the way forward following the onsite evaluation of MAURITAS. Speaking during the dinner hosted by the Director of MAURITAS Mr Robin Gopee on the 25 May 2018, Mrs Mutasa said that she was privileged to be part of the team selected to peer evaluate MAURITAS having participated as a team member for the pre peer evaluation undertaken in 2016.

