

SADCAS Holds a Training Workshop for Assessors on ISO/IEC 17025:2017

SADCAS successfully held a training workshop for its assessors on the revised version of ISO/IEC 17025 the key accreditation standard for testing and calibration laboratories which was published in November 2017. The training workshop which was held at the Aviator Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa on 12 December 2018 was attended by 26 SADCAS Assessors from Angola, Botswana, DRC, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa and Zimbabwe as well as 7 SADCAS staff.

The training workshop which was officially opened by Mrs Maureen Mutasa the SADCAS CEO, was facilitated by Mr Steven Bruce Sidney.

The objective of the workshop was to highlight the key changes made from the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and new requirements included in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and to discuss how to assess to the revised standard during which they walked through the revised assessment checklist. The Assessors were also appraised of the requirements of the SADCAS TR 14 SADCAS Policy – ISO/IEC 17025:2017 transition.



Assessors and SADCAS staff pose for a group photo after the training workshop

According to TR 14 and with effect from 1 December 2018 all assessments undertaken by SADCAS shall be in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017. Thus, only assessors that have been trained on the new Standard will be included in SADCAS assessment. Assessors who did not attend the training course will have to show proof that they have been trained on the new standard before being included in the SADCAS assessments.

The training course was partly sponsored by PTB Germany who met the venue costs and facilitator fee whilst SADCAS met the Assessor one-night bed and breakfast as well as dinner. The Assessors met the travel costs.