

SADCAS Signatory Status to the AFRAC MRA Extended to Include Medical Testing and Inspection

SADCAS signatory status in the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) has been extended to include Medical Testing to ISO 15189 and Inspection to ISO/IEC 17020 following an extraordinary joint AFRAC/ILAC peer evaluation successfully held from 14 to 19 May 2017. The decision was made on 27 September 2017 by the AFRAC MRA Council, a record four (4) months after the evaluation. The signing ceremony was held on Friday, 29 September during the gala dinner held to mark the end of the 2017 AFRAC annual meetings including the General Assembly meeting. SADCAS was originally admitted as an AFRAC Arrangement member for Testing and Calibration to ISO/IEC 17025 on 8 October 2015.

AFRAC Arrangement members are accreditation bodies who have been peer evaluated under applicable AFRAC procedures and deemed to comply with the requirement for admission as a signatory to the AFRAC MRA by the MRA Council. The awarding of the AFRAC MRA is significant especially as AFRAC waits for the international recognition from ILAC and IAF. SADCAS is a multi-economy accreditation body established to meet the accreditation needs of SADC Member States namely: Angola; Botswana; Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); Lesotho; Madagascar; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Seychelles; Swaziland; Tanzania; Zambia; and Zimbabwe.



From left to right: Mrs Maureen Mutasa, SADCAS CEO; Mr Araya Fesseha, Chairman AFRAC and Mr Boughalmi Moez, Chairman AFRAC MRA Council



Proudly displaying the duly signed MRA Certificate from left to right: Mrs Mutasa and Mr Moez



Proudly displaying the duly signed MRA Certificate from left to right: Ms Jeanne Ranorovelo
SADCAS Technical Manager and Mrs Mutasa

SADCAS is gathering the necessary competence of the management systems and product certification bodies accreditation schemes for which it aims to undergo peer evaluation in 2019 when SADCAS undergoes re-evaluation.

