

SADCAS MAINTAINS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ITS ACCREDITATION SCHEMES

SADCAS signatory status in the African Cooperation in Accreditation (AFRAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) has been maintained in the already internationally recognized accreditation schemes namely:

- Calibration Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (CLAS) to ISO/IEC 17025:2017;
- Testing Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (TLAS) to ISO/IEC 17025:2017;
- Medical Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (MLAS) to ISO 15189:2012; and
- Inspection Bodies Accreditation Scheme (IBAS) to ISO/IEC 17020:2012.

The decision was reached at on 25 September 2019 during the AFRAC MRA Council meeting held in Abidjan, Cote. At the same time SADCAS extended its international recognition to the Main Scope Management Systems Certification (ISO/IEC 17021-1,) Sub-scope Quality Management Systems (ISO/IEC 17021-3), QMS (ISO 9001:2015). The MRA Council also noted that SADCAS had successfully transitioned to ISO/IEC 17011:2017. The next re-evaluation will be a full evaluation, 4 years from the last day of the last evaluation, i.e. 1 June 2023.

By virtue of this recognition by AFRAC, SADCAS has maintained its international recognition by the International Laboratories Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) following the achievement by AFRAC, of signatory status in the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on 22 May 2018.

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