

AFRAC Holds Training Workshop for its Peer Evaluators

The AFRAC peer evaluators course was held from 1 to 2 May 2017 and attended by 18 peer evaluators and trainee evaluators from EGAC (1), ENAO (3), KENAS (2), MAURITAS (2), TUNAC (1), SANAS (5) and SADCAS (4) was very ably facilitated Mr Mahmoud Eltayeb whom himself is a seasoned Lead Evaluator with AFRAC and ARAC respectively. The course which was held in conjunction with the 2017 AFRAC mid - term meetings was very intensive. The course was designed to update peer evaluators on the changes in revised ILAC A series documents IAF/ILAC A1 and IAF/ILAC A2 , undergoing revisions of IAF/ILAC A3 and ISO/IEC 17011. The workshop also went through IAF/ILAC A5 and A6, and the newly published AFRAC peer evaluators guide AFRAC GD 002. The workshop was also an opportunity for exchange of experience and to prepare for the upcoming witnessing of AFRAC evaluations for international recognition of the region. A number of recommendations were made from the training workshop which were considered by the MRA Committee at its meeting held on 4 May 2017.

Participants were presented with certificates at the end of the training course. One of the participants Ms Helen Morokane, on behalf of the participants, thanked the Facilitator for his time in preparing for the training workshop and conducting it in such a way which stimulated active participation from all the evaluators.





Participants receiving Certificates of Attendance from the Trainer

African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) is a cooperation of accreditation bodies sub regional accreditation co-operations and stakeholders whose objective is to facilitate trade and contribute to the protection of health, safety and the environment within Africa. AFRAC has established a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) and the Secretariat was evaluated from 6 to 8 February 2017 as the 1st step in the region's evaluation. The AFRAC Secretariat is in the process of addressing the findings raised in this 1st step some of which have already been cleared. Three witnessing opportunities have been identified and witnessing of the evaluations will be undertaken between July and November 2017.



Participants pose for a photo after the workshop

Many thanks to PTB Germany who sponsored the training by generously providing air travel, accommodation (full board) for all the peer evaluators/trainee evaluators, as well as the conference package.

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