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Update from the IAF



IAF Liaison Report to CIML

The global objective of IAF is to facilitate trade through promotion of acceptance of accredited conformity assessment results. The number of IAF members now totals 128, with 94 Accreditation Body Members, 28 Association Members, and 6 Regional Accreditation Group Members. A number of other membership applications are in progress. A list of IAF members by category can be found on the [IAF website](#).

The IAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) now has 81 Accreditation Body Signatories representing 93 economies and 5 Recognized Regional Accreditation Group MLAs. The [IAF MLA](#) currently has five main scopes with twelve sub-scopes. IAF Accreditation Body Members had accredited 11,621 Certification and Validation & Verification Bodies worldwide as of 2021. The latest version of the IAF MLA Annual Report can be found [here](#). A complete list of AB signatories and their MLA scopes can be found [here](#).

Areas of Common Interest

Digitalization: IAF and ILAC held a virtual session at the 2022 ISO Annual Meeting. It focused on the digital transformation of conformity assessment accelerated by COVID-19. A link to the recorded session is available [here](#).

INetQI: IAF and OIML are both members of the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI), which seeks to bring together all specialized organizations that operate at an international level and that are active in promoting and implementing Quality Infrastructure activities as a tool for sustainable economic development. Within INetQI, development is ongoing for an online knowledge-sharing platform where users with a vested interest in quality infrastructure can find information, case studies, guidance documents, and more.

IAF TC – Work on Remote Activities: The IAF Technical Committee is in the process of transforming the IAF TC Task Force on Remote into the IAF TC Digital Working Group, which will be focused on leading the way in the area of digitalization, ensuring that accredited conformity assessment retains its trust and value in a digitalized world.

Sustainability Working Group: IAF recognizes the importance of the accreditation community being proactive in ensuring that sustainability-related activities are underpinned by accredited standards and schemes. A Sustainability Working Group has been created in IAF with the aim to:

- ensure IAF retains a competent and up-to-date focal point for strategic consultation and dialogue on sustainability issues with key partners;
- share experiences and research the current and future sustainability market; and
- explore the solutions including discussing standards and schemes that exist and are emerging in this area.

The WG held its latest meeting 06 Sept. 2022, with plans to hold another in November 2022.