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ILAC Executive Summary for the 57th CIML Meeting 18 - 20 October 2022

ILAC is the international organisation for accreditation bodies operating in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011 and involved in the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies including calibration laboratories (using ISO/IEC 17025), testing laboratories (using ISO/IEC 17025), medical testing laboratories (using ISO 15189), inspection bodies (using ISO/IEC 17020), proficiency testing providers (using ISO/IEC 17043) and reference material producers (using ISO 17034).

ILAC Membership

The ILAC membership as at 14 October 2022 is:

- 108 Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA) representing 116 economies.
- 18 Associates representing 19 economies.
- 22 Stakeholders.
- 6 Regional Cooperation Bodies (includes 5 Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies)

The ILAC membership consists of 154 organisations from 129 different economies worldwide. Over 85,000 laboratories, 13,000 inspection bodies, 600 PTP and 250 RMP are accredited by the ILAC Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA). The latest statistics and graphs on the number of accreditation bodies, accredited laboratories, inspection bodies, PTPs and RMPs are available from the [ILAC Facts & Figures page](#).

The ILAC MRA

The scope of recognition of the recognised regions to the ILAC MRA is available from <https://ilac.org/ilac-mra-and-signatories/recognised-regional-cooperation-bodies/>.

There are currently 108 signatories to the ILAC MRA representing 116 economies. The ILAC MRA covers recognition for accreditation in the areas of calibration (ISO/IEC 17025), testing (ISO/IEC 17025), medical testing (ISO 15189), inspection (ISO/IEC 17020), proficiency testing providers (ISO/IEC 17043) and reference material producers (ISO 17034). The list of signatories to the ILAC MRA is available from the [ILAC MRA Signatory Search](#).

The *ILAC MRA Annual Report 2021* and associated infographic was published in June 2022 and is available from <https://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-promotional-brochures/>.

Work to extend the ILAC MRA to include the accreditation of biobanks has now reached the stage where applications for recognition can be accepted. This follows the adoption of the following resolution during the 25th ILAC General Assembly in 2022: **ILAC Resolution GA 25.09** *The General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the ARC to extend the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) to include accreditation of biobanking as a Level 2 activity, to the criteria specified in the Level 3 normative document, ISO 20387. ILAC will therefore accept*

applications for recognition as soon as the documents within ILAC applicable to the MRA are updated to cover this new scope.

Case studies and research on the recognition of the ILAC MRA by governments and regulators are available from the [Public Sector Assurance website](#). The website is a collaborative initiative of the INetQI members and there are over 330 case studies, 90 research papers and 60 supporting materials available to view.

The [Business Benefits website](#) a reference website designed to demonstrate the monetary value of standards, conformity assessment and accreditation for businesses. The website represents another successful collaboration of the INetQI partners with over 95 case studies categorised into 6 areas of value. All of the case studies identify a clear financial benefit. The site also includes more than 75 research papers.

ILAC and OIML

ILAC and OIML have a long-standing partnership, the framework for which is detailed in the Joint ILAC-IAF-OIML Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). There is a strong history of liaison participation by both organisations in each other's technical work and the resulting publications can be seen on the ILAC website at <https://ilac.org/about-ilac/partnerships/international-partners/oiml/>.

The *Joint ILAC-OIML Assessment Procedure* published in 2018 and detailing the mandatory provisions for testing laboratories wishing to participate in the OIML-CS under Scheme A was developed through collaboration between OIML and the ILAC Accreditation Committee. More recently, the OIML liaison has been consulting with the ILAC Inspection Committee on the development of the new OIML Document *Guide for the application of ISO/IEC 17020 to the assessment of OIML Issuing Authorities under the OIML-CS*.

Work on the revision of the joint OIML/ILAC publication, *OIML D 10 / ILAC G 24 Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment used in testing laboratories* has now progressed to the stage where a final draft revision of the joint document has been balloted by ILAC members and submitted to the 57th CIML Meeting for approval.

ILAC and OIML also collaborate with other international organisations as members of the BIPM-ILAC-ISO-OIML Quadripartite group and the INetQI International Network on Quality Infrastructure.

ILAC signed the [Joint Statement of Intent](#) *On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure* on 31 May 2022, joining OIML and other international partners in the list of signatories to this statement. The joint statement provides a platform for the signatory organizations to come together to indicate their support, in a way appropriate to their particular organization, to the development, implementation, and promotion of the SI Digital Framework as part of a wider digital transformation of the international scientific and quality infrastructure.

Information on ILAC's partnerships, including copies of communiqués, joint procedures, press releases and MoUs, is available from the [ILAC Partnerships page](#).

World Accreditation Day (WAD)

World Accreditation Day 2022 was celebrated on 9 June with the theme being:

“Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”

Further information is available from the ILAC website: <https://ilac.org/news-and-events/world-accreditation-day-2022/>

Documents and Brochures

Publications finalised and released since October 2021 include:

ILAC-R1:12/2021 *Management of ILAC Documents*

ILAC-G18:12/2021 *Guideline for describing Scopes of Accreditation*

ILAC-P4:06/2022 *ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Policy and Management*

ILAC-P5:06/2022 *ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Scope and Obligations*

ILAC-R6:06/2022 *Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Agreement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement*

ILAC-G19:06/2022 *Modules in a Forensic Science Process*

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