



Ethiopian National Accreditation Office (ENAO) Achieves Signatory status to the ILAC MRA

The Ethiopian National Accreditation Office (ENAO) has been established by Council of Ministers with regulation number 195/2010 and re-established again by regulation number 279/2012 as the sole National Accreditation Body to offer accreditation service throughout the country. Ethiopian National Accreditation office has achieved remarkable success with short period of time since its establishment.

Important Days in the regional and International acceptance of Ethiopian National Accreditation Office:

1. **February 10, 2011**- ENAO has been established by Council of Ministers
2. **July 25, 2011** - ENAO become an affiliate member of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.
3. **April 23, 2013** - ENAO become an associate member of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.
4. **September 26, 2013** - ENAO granted full membership of African Accreditation Cooperation.
5. **September 25, 2014** - Ethiopian National Accreditation Office applied for full membership of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.
6. **April 07, 2015** - International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Arrangement Management Committee accept ENAO application for peer evaluation.
7. **September 7-11, 2015** ILAC and AFRAC jointly evaluate the quality management system of the Office.
8. **December 30, 2016** - the peer evaluation team accept the clearance and actions taken by ENAO.
9. **May 5, 2017** - African Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement Council decide ENAO to be an AFRAC MRA signatory.
10. **September 5, 2016** – ENAO become member of International Accreditation Forum.

The Ethiopian National Accreditation Office (ENAO) is now a Full Member of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation as of October 28, 2017. ENAO has deserved a signatory status, ILAC MRA for Testing (ISO/IEC 17025) and Medical Testing (ISO 15189).



ILAC MRA Signing, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, Canada

The route to the current status of ENAO was not an easy journey: it is achieved because of the government commitment and clear strategy, self less management and hard working staff, remarkable contribution of assessors and stakeholders.

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