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### KENAS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION BY ILAC AND IAF



*(LEFT) KENAS Ag. CEO, Susannah Munyiri-Ochieng (right) receives the certificates of recognition from the ILAC Chairperson, Merih Nilsson (left) during the ILAC-IAF General Assembly meeting in Vancouver, Canada.*

*(RIGHT) The IAF Chairperson, Xiao Jianhua and KENAS Ag. CEO Susannah Munyiri-Ochieng are all smiles during the awarding ceremony for IAF MLA recognition to KENAS.*

**Nairobi, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017: KENAS is admitted as ILAC MRA Signatory and IAF MLA Signatory.**

KENAS has achieved international recognition issued by two umbrella organisations that oversee accreditation activities at a global level – the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). This MRA and MLA recognition acts as an internationally recognized ‘stamp of approval’ to demonstrate compliance against agreed standards and requirements. The laudable recognition comes just two weeks after KENAS was admitted as a full signatory status as Arrangement Member of the AFRAC MRA by the AFRAC (African Accreditation Cooperation), thus also attaining continental recognition status.

KENAS has been admitted as an ILAC MRA (Mutual Recognition Arrangement) signatory for Testing (ISO/IEC 17025), Medical Testing (ISO 15189), Calibration (ISO/IEC 17025) & Inspection (ISO/IEC 17020). KENAS has also been admitted

as an IAF MLA (Multilateral Recognition Arrangement) signatory for Management System Certification – ISO/IEC 17021-1 with a Sub-scope level 4: ISO/TS 22003 and a Sub-scope level 5: ISO 22001, ISO 9001 & ISO14001.

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The recognition at an international level is equally a laudable achievement for KENAS. ILAC is the international cooperation of accreditation bodies that assess and accredit laboratories and inspection bodies against ISO/IEC international standards. IAF on the other hand is the world association of Conformity Assessment Accreditation Bodies dealing in the areas of management systems, products, services and personnel.

This MRA and MLA signatory status for KENAS now ensures that businesses that depend on test, inspection, calibration, certification data have greater confidence in the accuracy of the test, inspection, calibrations reports and certifications they purchase because they have been generated by facilities assessed as being competent to carry out these specific activities.

**Susan Munyiri-Ochieng'**  
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