

**MAURITIUS ACCREDITATION SERVICE (MAURITAS) ACHIEVES SIGNATORY  
STATUS TO THE AFRAC MRA**

MAURITAS achieved signatory status in the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the 25-Sep-2018:to the following scopes:

- Testing to ISO/IEC 17025:2005
- Calibration to ISO 17025:2005
- Certification to ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 to the following sub-scope:
  - QMS: ISO 9001:2015 / ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017

Mauritius becomes the fifth country to sign up to the AFRAC MRA. The recognition at a continental level is a laudable achievement for MAURITAS. AFRAC is a cooperation of accreditation bodies from African countries; sub-regional accreditation co-operations and stakeholders whose objective is to facilitate trade and contribute to the protection of health, safety and the environment, in Africa and thereby improving Africa's competitiveness. Arrangement Members include accreditation bodies that have signed the AFRAC MRA.

AFRAC Arrangement Members are all independent accreditation bodies appointed or recognized by the government of the Member State or sub-regional block and legally established and operating in the African region. These accreditation bodies declare in their membership application that they are operating in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2004, the relevant international documents of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the requirements of AFRAC.

Furthermore, Arrangement Members are accreditation bodies who have been peer evaluated under applicable AFRAC procedures and found to comply by the MRA Council with the requirement for admission as a signatory to the AFRAC MRA. The awarding of the AFRAC MRA is significant considering that the AFRAC MRA is internationally recognised.



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