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UNIDO project on Arab Accreditation Cooperation ARAC Success story for a power regional cooperation and integration

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Accreditation/RCAG

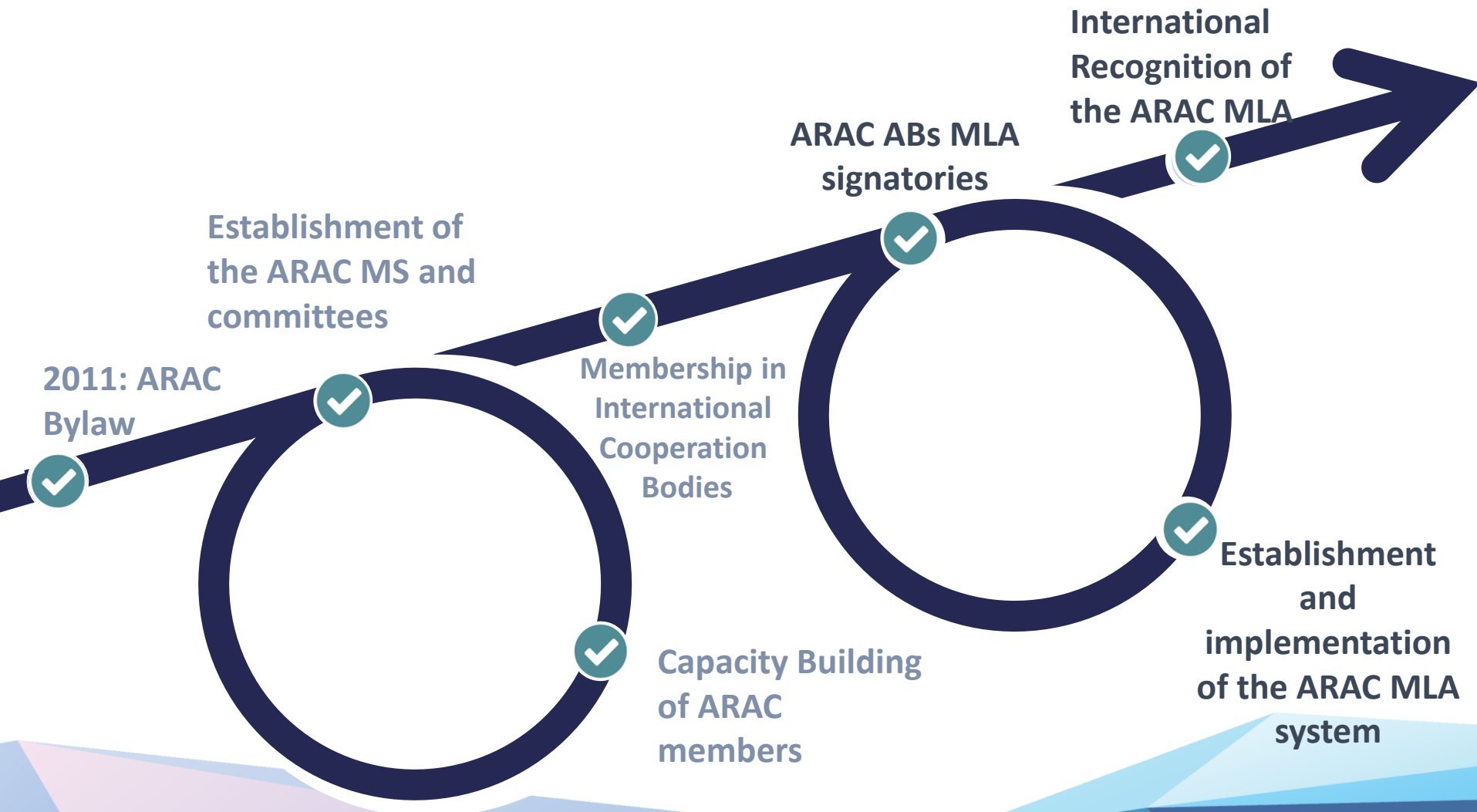
Accreditation: Third-party attestation related to a conformity assessment body conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks



ARAC: Regional Cooperation Accreditation Group: the purpose is to develop and maintain an Arrangement . Is a group of different accreditation bodies representing different economies.



ARAC PROJECT KEY MILESTONE





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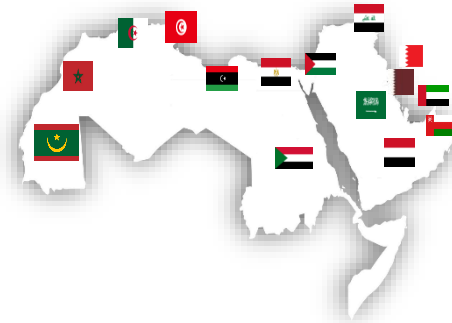


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ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAC

ARAC members

17 Accreditation
Bodies members
representing 17
Arab Countries



6 ARAC ABs ILAC & IAF MLA&MRA
Signatories





- Developing the MS of ARAC
- ARAC Structure according to International requirements
- Establishment and implementation of the ARAC strategy 2017-2021

Establishment of the ARAC
Multi Lateral Recognition

- Establish partnerships (IAAC, APLAC, EA ..)
- ILAC and IAF membership
- Participation of ARAC Peer evaluators at ILAC/IAF/APLAC/AFRA C Peer evaluation

ARAC Pool of
qualified Peer
Evaluators

Capacity Building of ARAC
accredited CAB: PT
programs

Involved at International
level

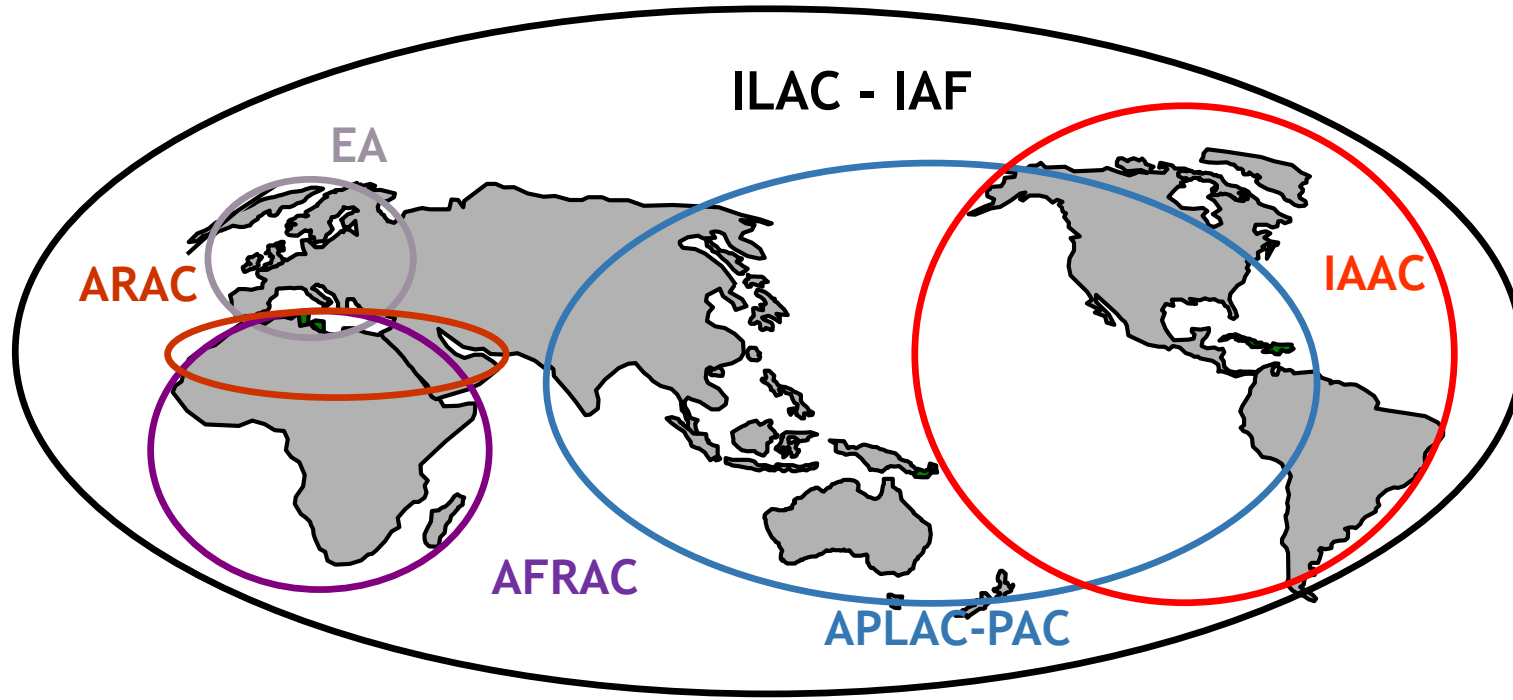


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ARAC IN THE REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONTEX



- IAF** International Accreditation Forum
- ILAC** International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
- IAAC** **Inter American Accreditation Cooperation**
- APLAC** Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
- PAC** Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation
- EA** European Cooperation for Accreditation
- ARAC** **Arab Accreditation Cooperation**
- AFRAC** African Accreditation Cooperation



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ARAC MLA



The ARAC Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) is a signed agreement between the ARAC Full Members whereby the signatories recognize and accept the equivalence of the accreditation systems operated by the signing members, and also the reliability of the conformity assessment results provided by conformity assessment bodies accredited by the signing members



Milestones of the ARAC MLA International recognition process by ILAC & IAF

Acceptance of ARAC application and appointment of ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation Team

ILAC&IAF Joint Management Committee [JMC] reviewed the ARAC submitted application & documents.
The ILAC&IAF JMC accepted the application and nominated the ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluators Team members

13 Apr 2015

Witnessing of three ARAC Peer Evaluations

The ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation team witnessed:

- ARAC Peer Evaluation of the Accreditation Body JAS-AU
- ARAC Peer Evaluation of the Accreditation Body ALGERAC
- ARAC Peer Evaluation of the Accreditation Body EGAC

Discussion and Finalization of the ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation Report

The ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation Team Leader discussed with ARAC the final findings, ARAC responses and finalized the Peer Evaluation Report

Review of the ILAC&IAF Peer evaluation and TFG reports by the IAF MLA Management Committee, ILAC Arrangement Management Committee and Arrangement Council

The IAF MLA management Committee and ILAC Arrangement management Committee reviewed the reports and gave their recommendations to the ILAC MLA Committee and ILAC Arrangement Council

16 Mar 2015

22-24 Feb
20-22 Sep
2016

19-22 Feb 2017
22-24 July 2017

07 Aug-25
Sep 2017

25 & 28 Oct
2017

08-13 Oct 2016
07-12 Jan 2017
18-23 Mar 2017

27 Jul 2017

25 Sep – 24 Oct 2017

Submission of ARAC application to join the ILAC MRA and IAF MLA and all the needed documents to ILAC & IAF MRA/MLA Management Secretariats

Regional Peer Evaluation of ARAC Secretariat

Feb. 2016: The Mock Peer Evaluation of ARAC Secretariat by the ILAC&IAF Regional Peer evaluator.
Sep. 2016: The ILAC&IAF Regional Peer evaluation Team conducted the Evaluation of ARAC Secretariat

Witnessing of the ARAC MLA decision making Committee

The ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation Team conducted the witnessing of the ARAC MLA decision-making committee meeting

Review of the ILAC&IAF Regional Peer Evaluation report by the TFG

The appointed ILAC&IAF Task Force Group [TFG] reviewed the Peer Evaluation report and sent their report and recommendation to the ILAC&IAF MRA & MLA Management Secretariat.

International Recognition of the ARAC MLA by ILAC&IAF IAF MLA Committee and ILAC Arrangement Council decided on the International recognition of the ILAC MLA





ARAC MLA International Recognition

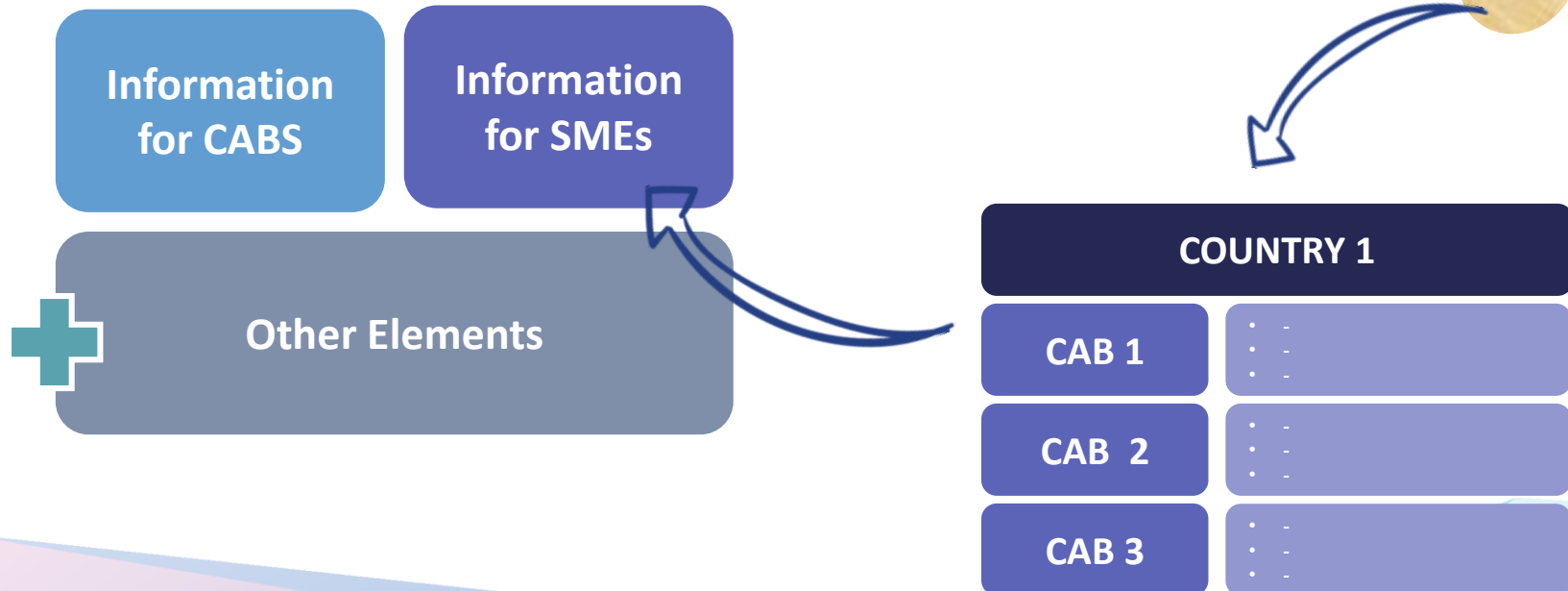
ARAC MLA forms a regional network of CAB accredited by Abs that have been peer-evaluated and recognized as being competent. This network facilitates the acceptance of certificates & reports in the region, thus contributing to the facilitation of trade and the free-trade goal of “Accredited once, accepted everywhere”

The reports or certificates accredited by an ARAC MLA signatory is also recognised by the signatories to the ILAC and IAF MRA & MLA agreements. As a result, the ARAC MLA acts as an international passport to trade



Competent CABs Network

1. CABs Mapping





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Output 1.1

ARAC, as a regional cooperation body, is legally incorporated, technically / financially sustainable and internationally recognized (ILAC MRA & IAF MLA Signatory).

1

Regional cooperation on accreditation is sustained, effective and internationally recognized as key driving force for regional trade integration

2

Output 1.2

Up to 4 ARAC members supported to become ARAC MLA signatories



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