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11.3c) Report by the IAF



IAF Liaison Report to CIML September 2020

1. IAF Membership

The number of IAF members now totals 115, with 86 Accreditation Body Members, 23 Association Members, and 6 Regional Accreditation Group Members: AFRAC (African Accreditation Cooperation), APAC (Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated), ARAC (Arab Accreditation Cooperation), EA (European Cooperation for Accreditation), IAAC (Inter American Accreditation Cooperation), and SADCA (Southern African Development Community in Accreditation). Several other applications are in progress.

2. IAF MLA

The IAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) now has 74 Accreditation Body Signatories representing 68 economies and 5 Recognized Regional Accreditation Group MLAs. The IAF MLA has five Main Scopes with eleven Sub-scopes. A summary can be found [here](#). The Main Scope of the IAF MLA, which demonstrates that accredited conformity assessment results are equally reliable, now covers Management System Certification ISO/IEC 17021-1, Product Certification ISO/IEC 17065, Certification of Persons ISO/IEC 17024, Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification ISO 14065, and Validation and Verification ISO/IEC 17029.

At the Sub-scope level, which demonstrates that accredited conformity assessment results are equivalent, the IAF MLA now covers Quality Management System Certification ISO 9001 (QMS), Environmental Management System Certification ISO 14001 (EMS), Food Safety Management System Certification ISO 22000 (FSMS), Information Security Management System Certification ISO/IEC 27001 (ISMS), Medical Devices – Quality management systems ISO 13485 (MDMS), Energy Management Systems Certification ISO 50001 (EnMS), Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems ISO 45001 (OH&SMS), GLOBALG.A.P. IFA Control Points and Compliance Criteria, FAMI-QS, IPC Management System Auditors, and ICAO CORSIA.

IAF Accreditation Body Members had accredited 9,929 Certification Bodies worldwide as of 2019, an increase of 19% over the previous year. The latest version of the IAF MLA Annual Report can be found [here](#).

3. IAF Directors

The current IAF Directors are Mr Xiao Jianhua (CNAS), the IAF Chairman; Mr Emanuele Riva (ACCREDIA), IAF Vice-Chair; Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC), the Director representing

Accreditation Body Members located in High Income Economies; Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in Low and Medium Income Economies; Mr Marcus Long (IIOC), the Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members; and Ms Sheronda Jeffries (TIA), the Director representing Industry and User Association Members.

The initial terms for the Director Representing High Income Economy ABs and the Director Representing CAB Association Members will be ending following the 2020 IAF General Assembly. Following calls for nominations, Mr Kronvall was the successful nominee for a second term as Director Representing High Income Economy ABs, and Mr Long was the successful nominee for a second term as Director Representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members.

4. IAF Committee Chairs

The current Chairs of the decision making committees are: Mr Norman Brunner (AA), Chair of the MLA Committee (MLAC); Mr Steve Keeling (JAS-ANZ), Chair of the Technical Committee (TC); Mr Brahim Houla (GAC), Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC); and Ms Andrea Barroso Melo Monteiro de Queiroz (CGCRE), Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC).

The current Chairs of the Advisory Committees are: Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC and Director representing Accreditation Bodies located in High Income Economies) and Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC and Director representing Accreditation Bodies located in Low and Medium Income Economies) - Co-Chairs of the Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG); Ms Sheronda Jeffries (TIA and Director representing Industry and User Association Members) - Chair of the User Advisory Committee (UAC); and Mr Marcus Long (IIOC and Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members) - Chair of the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC).

The Director Representing High Income Economies is automatically Co-Chair of the ABIEG. The Director Representing CAB Association Members is automatically Chair of the CABAC.

The second and final term for Mr Pedro Alves (IAF Quality Manager) was scheduled to end April 2020. The call for nominations for the position of IAF Quality Manager closed 03 February 2020 and resulted in two nominations being received. These have been referred to the IAF Board for a decision, in accordance for the Terms of Reference for this position, as outlined in IAF PL5: Structure of the International Accreditation Forum.

5. Joint IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings – Frankfurt, Germany

The 2019 Joint IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings were held in Frankfurt, Germany from 21 October – 30 October at the Intercontinental Frankfurt Hotel with key outcomes and subsequent activities as follows:

Endorsement of ISO/IEC 17029:2019 General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies as a Normative Document: *The General Assembly resolved to endorse ISO/IEC 17029:2019, when published, as an IAF normative document.*

ISO/IEC 17029 was subsequently published in November 2019.

The IAF General Assembly also confirmed the following Resolutions adopted by IAF and ILAC members at the 19th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly:

Recommendation to Establish a Single International Accreditation Organisation -

The Joint General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee to establish a single international organisation for accreditation on the basis of the results of the “Survey In Support of the IAF 2020 – 2025 and ILAC 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plans”.

Recommendation to Establish a Single International Accreditation Organisation -

The Joint General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee to create a Steering Committee, reporting to the Joint Executive Committee, to lead the process to establish a single international organisation for accreditation. In this regard, a contractor will be engaged and the costs for the project will be shared equally by IAF and ILAC.

The Steering Committee has been created, and proposals for the contractor position were subsequently invited and are currently under review.

The full list of Resolutions adopted during the IAF General Assembly can be found on the IAF website (<https://www.iaf.nu/articles/Meetings/23>).

Database of Accredited Certifications: During the Frankfurt General Assembly, IAF CertSearch (<https://www.iafcertsearch.org/>) went live in a non-promotional soft launch, and was later launched for public use in January 2020. IAF CertSearch has received global support from many organizations including: CONSIP, DTA, IATF, IAQG, IEA, GFSI, NRC, TIA, UNIDO, US Department of Energy and also via ISO/TC 176 resolution 5 (2017). For information see (<https://www.iaf.nu/articles/Update on the IAF Database of Accredited Certifications/618>)

Strategic Plan: During the April 2019 Mexico City meetings, the IAF Executive Committee held a planning session for the development of a new IAF Strategic Plan and developed draft Strategic Directions and Actions for the following 5 years. Progress on refinement of the draft Strategic Plan was reported during the IAF General Assembly in Frankfurt, and the draft new Strategic Plan was sent out to IAF Members for 60-day comment. Input received during the comment period was reviewed by the IAF Executive Committee in April 2020 and approved by IAF members by ballot in May 2020.

6. Joint IAF-ILAC Mid-Term Meetings – Beijing, China and COVID-19 Response

The 2020 Joint IAF-ILAC Mid-Term meetings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak and resulting global travel uncertainties.

IAF Committees, Working Groups, and Task Forces are therefore being encouraged to continue progressing their work plans electronically and to meet remotely where possible.

Other actions taken in response to the COVID-19 crisis include:

An [IAF Statement on COVID-19](#) was published on the IAF website with a general message regarding how IAF member ABs and their accredited CBs are to respond to this situation, i.e. the general mechanism established by IAF in IAF ID3 to respond to extraordinary circumstances affecting ABs, CABs, and Certified Organizations was activated and the use of IAF MD4:2018 is being promoted..

A [Joint IAF/ILAC Statement](#) on 'Possible delayed peer evaluations and impact on transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017' due to COVID-19 was developed under the leadership of the JMC Co-Chairs and was published on the IAF and ILAC websites.

IAF published a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) relating specifically to the COVID-19 situation and its impact on accreditation and certification. [IAF is open to receiving new questions](#), and the FAQs will be updated as the situation develops.

IAF has also engaged with a number of its international partners (UNIDO, OECD, ILAC, ISO/CASCO, GFSI) to share joint experiences and to strategize as to the best way forward during these difficult times.

In July 2020 IAF Members also approved a draft resolution on the transition arrangements for *ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020*:

Transitional Arrangement for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 - *The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement associated with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 - Information technology - Security techniques - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems – Amendment 1, will be two years from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.*

Within this transition timeline:

- *ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessments for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, within eight months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.*
- *CBs shall have completed the transition to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020, through office assessment, within 24 months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.*

Note 1: ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, was published on the 27 March 2020.

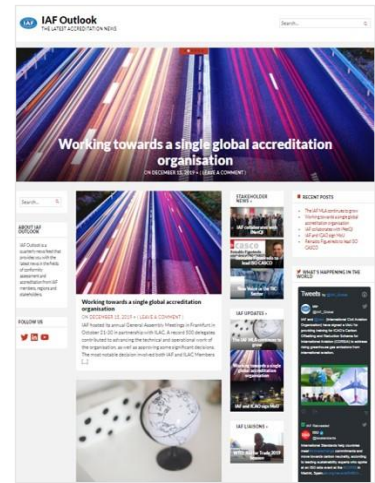
Note 2: The transition is not a routine transition from one version of a standard to another. The transition only relates to the specific changes detailed in Amendment 1:2020.

7. Communications

Over the last year, IAF has worked to innovate on and redesign our communications tools. A number of those efforts have implemented and are already showing good results:

IAF Outlook – The IAF Newsletter Redesigned

IAF Outlook is a new quarterly publication to share information and developments in the international accreditation, conformity assessment and standards arena. Three issues were published so far with over 20 thousand subscribers. The focus of the new editorial line is to provide members and interested parties with the most up to date information on accreditation activities and trends in the conformity assessment areas. The first edition was published in Dec. 2019, and the latest in June 2020. A link to the current and past issues can be found [here](#).

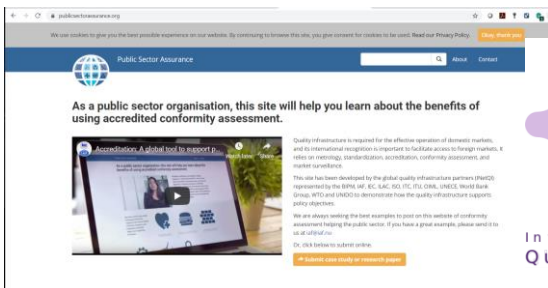


Website Redesign

The IAF project for the new website and digital transformation began July 2020 and is expected to be finished by February 2021. This project covers creation of a new website of IAF in addition to the functional modules for the IAF committees, GA, and Secretariat.

PSA and Business Benefits Websites

Efforts to increase the evidence base supporting the value of accreditation have also gone well, with the Public Sector Assurance website (<http://www.publicsectorassurance.org/>) now containing 331 case studies, 92 research papers, and 60 supporting materials. A similar website for business benefits (www.business-benefits.org) now contains 96 case studies and 79 research papers. Submissions for posting on both sites are invited.



Increased Industry Engagement

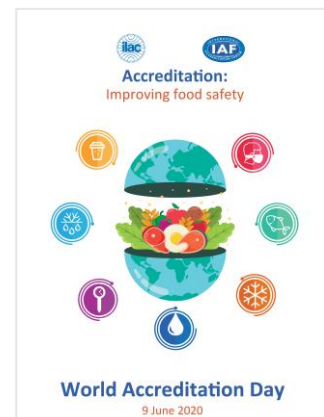
The IAF User Advisory Committee is implementing their strategy to better engage with industry, through participation as panellists and/or presenters at industry/sector conferences. This initiative has seen IAF participate in a number of events to date, including a TIA Business Performance Optimization Symposium, a PEFC Stakeholder Dialogue event, a panel at the Automotive Industry Action Group 2019 Quality Summit which engaged 340+ representatives from the automotive industry, and a presentation with ASQ Audit Division with 400 participants, and more recently the UAC Chair has delivered a number of seminars regarding remote auditing in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Stepped Up Engagement with Other International Organizations

In addition to the cooperation noted above, IAF continues to enhance engagement with international organizations in general including with ISO, IEC, OIML, UNIDO, OECD, ICAO, INetQI, UNECE, the World Bank, and the WTO. Recent initiatives include publication of Joint IAF-OIML Assessment Procedure in the Field of Legal Metrology, development of a case study with WTO TBT regarding the various benefits of conformity assessment including removal of technical barriers to trade, continued participation in conformity assessment related activities with partners, and continued joint communications efforts e.g. implementation of the Joint Communications Strategy with ILAC and ISO, and furtherance of efforts with the insurance and procurement industries. IAF has recently participated in a number of webinars with international partners, including UNIDO's *The role of quality infrastructure during COVID-19* and the OECD's *Responding to COVID-19: the IO Partnership in action, Adapting decision-making procedures on rule-making and emergency ruling to exceptional circumstances, and The role of normative IOs in supporting their constituencies in managing the global crisis*. A number of joint initiatives are also being considered with INetQI members.

World Accreditation Day 2020

June 9th marked World Accreditation Day, a global initiative jointly established by IAF and ILAC to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation-related activities. The theme for World Accreditation Day 2020 was "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety". Discussions on the theme for World Accreditation Day 2021 are currently underway.



Further Information

Information on publications, promotional materials, member news, liaison activities, and events is available via the IAF website (www.iaf.nu), LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/company/international-accreditation-forum-inc/), and Twitter (@IAF_Global). You can also subscribe to the joint IAF-ILAC YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/IAFandILAC) for training materials and promotional videos in a variety of languages.

8. Development/Revision of IAF Documents

Annex 1 details the status of publicly available IAF documents.

Twenty-one new or revised documents have been published since the 2019 Joint Annual meetings in Frankfurt, twelve were sent for 30-day ballot to all IAF Members, and eight were sent for 60-day comment to all Members. Five documents (MD3, ID8, ID9, ID10, ID11) were withdrawn.

Published documents may be found on the IAF website under Publications, and are available free of charge (www.iaf.nu/articles/Publications/6).

9. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding/Agreements

An MoU with the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO) was signed in December 2019.

Development of an MoU with UNFCCC continues.

Discussions have begun with ITU to renew the tripartite IAF-ILAC-ITU MoU.

Existing MoUs/Agreements can be found on the IAF website under Publications, Documents for General Information (www.iaf.nu/articles/Documents_for_General_Information_/29), with the exception of the MoU with ICAO, which has been posted on the Members' side of the IAF website at their request.

10. Issuing of Communiqués

Copies of existing Communiqués are available on the IAF website under Publications, Communiqués (<http://www.iaf.nu/articles/Communiqués/26>).

11. Future IAF and ILAC Joint Meetings

The 2020 Joint IAF-ILAC Annual meetings and the 2021 Joint IAF-ILAC Mid-term meetings have also been cancelled due to travel concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next scheduled in-person Joint IAF-ILAC meetings will take place in Montreal, Canada, in Autumn 2021.

Information on future joint IAF-ILAC meetings can be found on the IAF website, under News & Events, Meetings (<https://www.iaf.nu/articles/Meetings/23>).

For further information about IAF please go to the IAF web site (<http://www.iaf.nu>), or contact the Secretary at secretary@iaf.nu.

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**Status – Revision of Existing/Development of New IAF Public Documents
(Time Period: 30 Oct. 2019 – Present)***

Document Reference	Responsible Committee	Status
Policy Documents (PL Series)		
IAF PL 1:2009 Code of Conduct for Members of the IAF	Executive Committee	
IAF PL 2:2015 Bylaws of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.	Executive Committee	It was agreed during the IAF EC Meeting 03 Apr. 2020 that the By-laws be revised to clarify the IAF MoU membership requirements with regard to the number of accreditations required to admit an applicant to MoU membership, and further on 22 June 2020 to consider revision to include the Treasurer as a member of the Board and IAF EC. Comments received on the second proposed revision were forwarded to the TF convener on 18 Aug. 2020.
IAF PL 3:2016 Policy and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the MLA	Executive Committee (MLAC & TC for technical content)	Document to IAF EC 05 Sept. 2019 for an abbreviated comment period closing 27 Sept. 2019. Comments to the responsible TF Conveners 30 Sept. 2019. Way forward discussed at 26 Oct. EC meeting. A new draft document incorporating further changes was sent to the IAF EC 20 Jan. for comment by 04 Feb, prior to sending it for comment. Comments received were sent to the responsible TFG for consideration 10 Feb.2020. Final agreement to send to comment to all IAF Members received from responsible Main Committee Chairs 04 March 2020. 60-day comment period closed 05 May 2020, results to conveners 07 May 2020.
IAF PL 4:2018 Rules for Annual IAF Membership Fees	Executive Committee	
IAF PL 5:2016 Structure of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.	Executive Committee	Approval to send for comment received 13 Feb. 2019. 60-day comment period closed 16 Apr. 2019; results to Convener 23 Apr. 2019. OK to send for another comment received 03 Apr. 2020, second 60-day comment period closed 09 June 2020, results to Convener 16 June 2020. OK to ballot received 25 June 2020. 30-day ballot closing 18 Sept. 2020.
IAF PL 6:2016 IAF Memorandum of Understanding	Executive Committee	

IAF PL 7:2015 Quality Manual	Executive Committee	
IAF PL 8:2016 Rules for the Use of the IAF Logo	Executive Committee (CMC for technical content)	
IAF PL 9:2019 General Principles on the Use of the IAF CERTSEARCH Mark	Executive Committee	Approval to send for comment received 14 Nov. 2018. 60-day comment period closed 16 Jan. 2019; results to DMC Chair 17 Jan. 2019. Approval to send for a second comment received 06 Feb. 2019. Second 60-day comment period closed 08 Apr. 2019; results to Acting DMC Chair 14 Apr. 2019. OK to ballot received 07 May 2019. Ballot closed 07 Jun. 2019; results to Acting DMC Chair and IAF Members 07 Jun. 2019. OK to publish received 03 Oct. 2019. Document published 14 Nov. 2019.
Multilateral Recognition Arrangement Documents (ML Series)		
IAF ML 1:2016 Procedure for Exchange of Documentation among IAF MLA Accreditation Bodies	MLA Committee	
IAF ML 2:2016 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark	MLA Committee	OK to send for comment period received 19 May 2020; 60-day comment period closed 20 July 2020. Results to TF Convener 21 July 2020.
IAF ML 3:2012 Guidance for responding to Inquiries on Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Signatory Equivalence and on the Acceptance of Certification Documents	MLA Committee	
IAF ML 4:2016 MLA Policies and Procedures for a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) on the Level of Single Accreditation Bodies and on the Level of Regional Groups	MLA Committee	
IAF Informative Documents (ID Series)		
IAF ID 1:2020 IAF Informative Document for QMS and EMS Scopes of Accreditation	Technical Committee	TC agreed to forgo TC comment period 18 June 2020. 30-day ballot closed 25 July 2020. Results to TC Chair 28 July 2020. OK to publish received 06 Aug. 2020. Published 06 August 2020.
IAF ID 3:2011 Informative Document for Management of Extraordinary Events or Circumstances Affecting AB's, CAB's and Certified Organizations	Technical Committee	
IAF ID 4:2020 Market Surveillance Visits to Certified Organizations	Technical Committee	TC agreed to forgo TC comment period 18 June 2020. 30-day ballot closed 25 July 2020. Results to TC Chair 30 July 2020. OK to publish received 06 August 2020. Published 06 August 2020.

IAF ID 8:2014 Informative Document for the Transition of Food Safety Management Systems Accreditation to ISO/TS 22003:2013 from ISO/TS 22003:2007.	Technical Committee	Sent to TC for objections to withdrawal by 06 June 2020. OK to ballot received 08 June 2020. 30-day ballot closed 09 July 2020. Results to TC Chair and Members 10 July and document withdrawn same day.
IAF ID 9:2015 Transition Planning Guidance for ISO 9001: 2015	Technical Committee	OK to ballot received 09 Feb. 2020. 30-Day Ballot for withdrawal (as the transition period has expired) closed 13 Mar. 2020. Results to TC Chair and Members 16 March and document withdrawn same day.
IAF ID 10:2015 Transition Planning Guidance for ISO 14001: 2015	Technical Committee	OK to ballot received 09 Feb. 2020. 30-Day Ballot for withdrawal (as the transition period has expired) closed 13 Mar. 2020. Results to TC Chair and Members 16 March and document withdrawn same day.
IAF ID 11:2015 Information on the Transition of Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 17021-1: 2015 from ISO/IEC 17021:2011	Technical Committee	OK to ballot received 09 Feb. 2020. 30-Day Ballot for withdrawal (as the transition period has expired) closed 13 Mar. 2020. Results to TC Chair and Members 16 March and document withdrawn same day.
IAF ID 12:2015 Principles on Remote Assessment	Technical Committee	
IAF ID 13:2017 IAF Medical Device Nomenclature (IAF MDN) Including Medical Device Risk Classifications	Technical Committee	
IAF Mandatory Documents (MD Series)		
IAF MD 1:2018 IAF Mandatory Document for the Audit and Certification of a Management System Operated by a Multi-Site Organization	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 2:2017 Transfer of Accredited Certification of Management Systems	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 3:2008 Advanced Surveillance and Recertification Procedures (ASRP)	Technical Committee	Withdrawn 30 Oct. 2019 in accordance with IAF Resolution 2019-16.
IAF MD 4:2018 IAF Mandatory Document for the Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Auditing/Assessment Purposes	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 5:2019 Determination of Audit Time of Quality, Environmental, and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems	Technical Committee	Issue 4, Version 2 published 11 Nov. 2019 in order to make an editorial correction to the note in Section 6.
IAF MD 6:2014 Application of ISO 14065:2013	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 7:2010 Harmonization of Sanctions	Technical Committee	Approval for comment received 20 April 2020; 60-day comment period closed 23 June 2020. Results to Co-Conveners 24 June 2020.
IAF MD 8:2020 Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management	Technical Committee	Approval for comment received 16 Aug. 2019, 60-day comment period closed 16 Oct. 2019, results to co-

Systems (ISO 13485)		conveners 17 Oct. 2019. Approval to send for ballot received 18 Nov. 2019. 30-day ballot closed 20 Dec. 2019. Results to IAF Members 02 January 2020. Results to Co-Conveners 23 Dec. 2019. OK to publish received 28 June 2020. Document published 29 June 2020.
IAF MD 9:2017 Application of ISO/IEC 17021 in Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 10:2013 IAF Mandatory Document for Assessment of Certification Body Management of Competence in Accordance with ISO/IEC 17021: 2011	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 11:2019 IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 12:2016 Accreditation Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies with Activities in Multiple Countries	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 13:2015 Knowledge Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Auditing and Certifying ISMS Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)	Technical Committee	Approval to circulate for comment received 28 July 2020. 60-day comment period closing 28 Sept. 2020.
IAF MD 14:2014 Application of ISO/IEC 17011 in GHG Validation and Verification (ISO 14065: 2013)	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 15:2014 IAF Mandatory Document for the Collection of Data to Provide Indicators of Management System Certification Bodies' Performance	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 16:2015 Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification Bodies	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 17:2019 Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 20:2016 Generic Competence for AB Assessors: Application to ISO/IEC 17011	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 21:2018 Requirements on the Migration to ISO 45001:2018 from OHSAS 18001:2007	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 22:2019 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for the Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OH&SMS)	Technical Committee	
IAF MD 23:2018 Control of Entities Operating on Behalf of Accredited Certification Bodies	Technical Committee	
IAF MDX:202X Criteria for the evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes	Technical Committee	Approval to circulate for comment received 05 Mar. 2018. 60-day comment period closed 07 May 2018; results to Co-Conveners 09 May 2018.

		Approval to circulate for comment received 19 Nov. 2019. Second 60-day comment period closed 20 Jan. 2020. Results to Co-Conveners 25 Jan. 2020.
IAF Procedures Documents (PR Series)		
IAF PR 1:2015 Procedure for the Investigation and Resolution of Complaints	Executive Committee	
IAF PR 2:2018 General Procedures for the Development of IAF Documents	Executive Committee	
IAF PR 3:2005 Procedures for IAF General Assembly Meetings	Executive Committee	
IAF PR 4:2015 Structure of the IAF MLA and List of Endorsed Normative Documents	Executive (MLAC for technical content)	Changes to the list of endorsed normative documents are required as a result of IAF Resolutions 2016-13 and 2016-16. The IAF EC agreed in Oct. 2019 to take the MLA structural issues out of PR4 and add them into PL3 (see above for PL3 revision status), It was also agreed to publish Annex 1 (Structure of the IAF MLA/Scope Levels) as a stand-alone document. Annex 1 sent to EC Members for review and comment on 23 June 2020. Results provided to MLA Chair on 02 July 2020. Published 10 July 2020.
IAF MLA Status (23 June 2020)	MLA Committee	Published 10 July 2020. Ref. PR4 above.
IAF PR 5:2018 Procedure for Handling Applications for MoU Membership in IAF	Executive Committee	
IAF PR 6:2011 Assignment of IAF Liaisons	Executive Committee	
IAF PR X:202X Process for an Accreditation Requirement Document or a Certification Scheme Document - Requirements for Producing IAF MD on Transitions	Executive Committee	Approval to circulate for comment received 21 Nov.2019. 60-day comment period closed 21 Jan. 2020. Results to Conveners 29 Jan. 2020.
IAF-ILAC Joint Publications (A Series)		
IAF/ILAC A1: 03/2020 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Regional Group	MLA Committee (JWGA)	Under revision for updated definition of findings. 60-day comment period closed 06 May 2019. Comments to Co-Conveners 10 May 2019. Comments reviewed during the October 2019 JWG A-Series meeting, and draft updated based on input received. 30-Day ballot closed 19 Feb. 2020. Results to Co-Conveners and IAF Members 23 Feb. 2020. Responses to comments received on ballot sent 05 March 2020. Published 20 March 2020.
IAF/ILAC A2: 01/2018 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual	MLA Committee	

Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body	(JWGA)	
IAF/ILAC A3:03/2020 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Template report for the peer evaluation of an Accreditation Body based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017	MLA Committee (JWGA)	Under revision for updated definition of findings. 60-day comment period closed 06 May 2019. Comments to Co-Conveners 10 May 2019. Comments reviewed during the October 2019 JWG A-Series meeting, and draft updated based on input received. 30-Day ballot closed 19 Feb. 2020. Results to Co-Conveners and IAF Members 23 Feb. 2020. Responses to comments received on ballot sent 05 March 2020. Published 20 March 2020.
IAF/ILAC A5: 11/2013 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2004	Technical Committee (JWGA)	
IAF/ILAC A6: 01/2018 Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents	Joint Executive Committee	
Documents for General Information		
IAF Public Document Responsibility: Apr. 2020	IAF Secretary	Published 17. Apr. 2020
IAF Representatives, Contacts and Liaisons: Apr. 2020	IAF Secretary	Published 17. Apr. 2020
IAF Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025	Executive Committee	60-day comment period closed 03 Jan. 2020. Input reviewed by the IAF EC during their April 2020 meeting. 30-day ballot to all IAF Members closed 16 May 2020. Results to IAF Chair and Vice-Chair 19 May 2020. Plan published 16 June 2020.
Joint Publications with other Organizations		
Expected Outcomes for Accredited Certification to ISO Management system standards such as ISO 9001 and 14001	JSG ISO-IAF-ILAC	
IECEE-ILAC-IAF Guidance for the Conduct of Unified Assessments in the Electrotechnical Sector		
Joint IAF-OIML Assessment Procedure in the Field of Legal Metrology	Technical Committee	Approval to send for comment received 02 Jul. 2019. 60-day comment period closed 02 Sept. 2019; results to Co-Conveners 06 Sept. 2019. Approval to circulate for ballot received 21 Nov. 2019, 30-day ballot closed 23 Dec. 2019. Results to Co-Conveners and IAF Members 02 January 2020. OK to publish received 06 Feb. 2020. Published 08 Feb. 2020.
IAF-ILAC Statement re Delayed Evaluations (12 Mar. 2020)		Published 12 Mar. 2020 as a result of the increasing restrictions on travel and mandatory quarantine periods

		following travel due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
Memoranda of Understanding Signed by IAF		
IAF-ILAC Agreement on Closer Cooperation (25 Oct. 2012)	Executive Committee	
IAF-ILAC-IEC Memorandum of Understanding (28 Nov. 2018)	Executive Committee	IEC advised June 2020 that the IEC CAB Board wished to review the IEC - ILAC-IAF MoU.
IAF-ILAC-ITU Memorandum of Understanding (14 May 2012)	Executive Committee	A need to update the MoU was identified in a 28 Feb. 2020 meeting between ILAC and ITU to re-establish relations. A meeting to discuss draft text provided by ITU was held 12 June 2020. It was agreed that ILAC would further review the text based on the progress of new collaborations between ILAC and ITU for testing laboratories, and that ILAC and ITU will meet further on 24 July 2020, after which ILAC will propose any further changes to the text. The next meeting of IAF, ILAC and ITU will be in Sept. 2020. ITU is developing a certification scheme but it is not yet ready for IAF input; IAF will re-engage further when that scheme is further developed.
IAF-ILAC-OIML Memorandum of Understanding (10 Oct. 2018)	Executive Committee	
IAF-GLOBALG.A.P Memorandum of Understanding (29 May 2009)	Executive Committee	
IAF-ILAC-ISO Memorandum of Understanding (10 Apr. 2014)	Executive Committee	
IAF-ILAC-UNIDO Memorandum of Understanding (24 Nov. 2017)	Executive Committee	
IAF-ILAC-World Bank Memorandum of Understanding (30 Oct. 2018)	Executive Committee	
IAF-ILAC-IHAF Memorandum of Understanding (30 Oct. 2018)	Executive Committee	
IAF-FoodPLUS Agreement - Endorsement of the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Certification Scheme (25 Oct. 2013)	Executive Committee	
IAF-FAMI-QS Agreement - Endorsement of the FAMI-QS Certification Scheme (29 Oct. 2017)	Executive Committee	
IAF-IPC Agreement - Endorsement of the IPC Management System Auditors Certification Scheme (28 Oct. 2017)	Executive Committee	
IAF-GFSI Agreement - Endorsement of GFSI Benchmarked Schemes (05 Apr. 2018)	Executive Committee	

IAF-ICAO Training MoU	Executive Committee	<p>Comment period for IAF Members closed 03 Dec. 2018. Proposed revisions provided to ICAO on 13 Dec. 2018. Response received on 14 Dec. 2018. Revised document circulated to EC Members for approval on 18 Dec. 2018. Document sent to ICAO for signature 03 Jan. 2019. Further changes proposed by ICAO 09 May 2019. Draft responses to ICAO comments were provided to the IAF EC 20 Jun. for concurrence by 26 Jun. 2019. Draft final MoU provided to EC Members 09 Jul. for their information. Draft final document provided to ICAO for their consideration 31 Jul. 2019. ICAO agreement with draft final document received 23 Aug. 2019. MoU Signed Dec. 2019.</p>
Communiqués Signed by IAF		
<p>Joint IAF-ILAC-ISO Communiqué on the Management system requirements of ISO 15189:2012 - Medical laboratories - Particular requirements for quality and competence (and related press release) (Jan. 2015)</p>	<p>Members of the JSG ISO-IAF-ILAC</p>	
<p>Joint IAF-ILAC-ISO Communiqué on Management Systems Requirements of ISO/IEC 17020:2012, Conformity assessment - Requirements for the operation of bodies performing inspection (Sept. 2013)</p>	<p>Members of the JSG ISO-IAF-ILAC</p>	
<p>Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué on the Management Systems Requirements of ISO/IEC 17025, General Requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (Apr. 2017)</p>	<p>Members of the JSG ISO-IAF-ILAC</p>	
<p>Joint IAF-ISO Communiqué on the publication and transition of ISO 9001:2015 (Oct. 2015)</p>	<p>Members of the JSG ISO-IAF-ILAC</p>	
<p>Joint IAF-ISO Communiqué - One year to ISO 9001 and 14001 transition deadline (Sept. 2017)</p>	<p>Executive Committee</p>	
<p>Joint IAF-IEC Communiqué on IAF Resolution 2018-13</p>	<p>Executive Committee</p>	<p>A proposed Communiqué was received from IEC on 06 Feb. 2019 and circulated to EC members on 08 Feb. 2019 for consideration, with an initial comment period closing 18 Feb. 2019, and a second closing 04 Mar. 2019. An updated draft of the Communiqué was circulated to all IAF Members for 30 day comment due 15 May 2019. Responses were provided to the IAF Chair 16 May. The resulting draft was forwarded to IEC 14 June for their concurrence. A response with proposed changes was received from 20 June and replies to subsequent correspondence were provided by the IAF Chair 29 June and 09 July. Further discussions at the IEC-ILAC-IAF Steering Committee meeting 02 Dec.</p>

		2019 resulted in an invitation to IEC to forward a discussion paper to the IAF TC 2020 mid-term meeting. As this meeting was cancelled the paper was circulated to the TC for a 30 day comment period that closed 12 Mar. 2020. IEC were advised of the results 04 Apr. 2020. IEC agreed to circulate the results to its members June 2020. On 25 June 2020, the IAF Chair advised IEC that some of the information in its bulletin was not consistent with that provided by IAF.
IAF Communiqué - Important information for Certification Bodies regarding transition to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (Oct. 2017)	Executive Committee	
IAF Communiqué - 2015 ISO Transition Deadline Approaching (Apr. 2018)	Executive Committee	
Promotional Documents		
IAF B1 1/2012 IAF – An Overview	IAF Communications & Marketing Committee (CMC)	Changes were identified during the February 2019 Washington meetings, but the revision was put on hold pending the launch of IAF CertSearch (completed Jan. 2020). Draft document provided to the TF Brochures for a two-week comment period that closed on 24 Apr. 2020. Provided to CMC for two-week comment period that closed on 22 May 2020. Provided to EC for 10-day comment period that closed on 25 July 2020, and for 7-day comment period that closed on 31 Aug. 2020.
IAF B2 10/2019 The IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA)	IAF CMC	
IAF B3 1/2012 Why Use an Accredited Certification Body?	IAF CMC	Under Review. No changes were identified by CMC Members as of 30 April 2019.
IAF B4 10/2019 How Does Accredited Certification Benefit Regulators?	IAF CMC	
IAF B5 1/2012 The IAF Initiative for Accredited Certification to ISO 13485 – Medical Devices	IAF CMC	Under review. Completion pending completion of revision to MD9.
IAF Overview (Presentation)	IAF CMC	Updated version published 26 June 2020.
IAF-ILAC Handbook Sept. 2019	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Updated version published 21 Aug. 2020.
IAF MLA Annual Report	IAF CMC	Input sought from the Regions Jan. 2020. Draft report sent to MLAC Chair for review 15 Apr. 2020. Final draft signed off on 22 May 2020. Published 30 July 2020.

IAF MLA Annual Report Infographic	IAF CMC	Published 30 July 2020.
The Value of Accredited Certification Survey Report 2012	IAF CMC	Still valid.
Factsheet – Specifying Accreditation in Regulation	IAF CMC	Review due 2022.
IAF/ILAC B1 02/2019 The route to signing the IAF or ILAC Arrangements	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B2 09/2018 How do I Gain Confidence in an Inspection Body? Do They Need ISO 9001 Certification or ISO/IEC 17020 Accreditation?	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B3 01/2018 Accreditation: Supporting Safe Food and Clean Drinking Water	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B5 01/2018 Accreditation: Facilitating World Trade	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B6 9/2018 Accreditation: Delivering Confidence in the Provision of Energy	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B7 03/2020 Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Revised brochure (to remove WAD references) provided to CMC and MCC Chairs for sign-off 03 Mar. 2020. OK to publish received 03 Mar. 2020. B7 03/2020 published 05 Mar. 2020.
IAF/ILAC B8 01/2018 Accreditation: Delivering Confidence in Construction and the Built Environment	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B9 01/2018 Accreditation: A Global Tool to Support Public Policy	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Review due 2022 (jointly with ILAC).
IAF/ILAC B10 03/2020 Accreditation: Delivering a Safer World	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Revised brochure (to remove WAD references) provided to CMC and MCC Chairs for sign-off 03 Mar. 2020. OK to publish received 03 Mar. 2020. B10 03/2020 published 05 Mar. 2020.
IAF/ILAC B11 03/2020 Accreditation: Adding Value to Supply Chains	IAF CMC and ILAC MCC	Revised brochure (to remove WAD references) provided to CMC and MCC Chairs for sign-off 03 Mar. 2020. OK to publish received 03 Mar. 2020. B11 03/2020 published 05 Mar. 2020.

* Reflects documents at the 60-day comment to all IAF Members and 30-day ballot to all IAF Members stages, and activities since the 2019 Joint Annual Meetings.