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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB) Meeting **48**, remote, 2020-11-09&10

SUBJECT **Agenda item 8.3**
Report from the IEC Affiliate Country Programme Leader, Mr Rojas Manyame.

BACKGROUND

This B version updates and replaces the A version (CAB/2028A/R) which was circulated on the 8th of October 2020. This B version corrects the number of the Affiliate countries that have adopted IEC standards under the term of the ACP from 51 to 64.

ACTION

This report is provided for the information of the CAB

AFFILIATE LEADER'S REPORT
to
IEC Conformity Assessment Board
October 2019 – September 2020

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Message from IEC Affiliate Leader

This is my third and last year as Affiliate Leader and I am pleased to give CAB Members an update of the Affiliate Country Programme's activities related to Conformity Assessment since the last General Meeting 2019 in Shanghai, China.

First, I would like to thank CAB and the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems for their continued and active support. Through this support, it has been possible to continue providing capacity building, reaching out to Affiliate countries and Members on aspects of IEC Conformity Assessment.

I am extremely pleased to note that the initiatives of the Affiliate Country Programme have well progressed during 2020 despite the current public health crisis. The events and workshops taking place during the IEC General Meeting will be held online encouraging participation from more Affiliates, interacting and networking in a virtual environment. Remote participation was one of my key objectives when I joined as Affiliate Leader in 2018.

I would also like to inform you that Ms Battsengel Gurragchaa, Head of Standardization and Conformity Assessment Policy Department at the Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology (MASM) is appointed as Affiliate Leader for a period of three years with effect from 1 January 2021. I take the opportunity to wish her best of luck in this role supporting the Affiliate Countries.

IEC Affiliate Country Programme

- Free programme to help developing countries comply with WTO TBT Agreement
- 84 countries committed (see Annex A)
- 59 countries with National Electrotechnical Committees (NECs), 3 since Shanghai (Eswatini, Myanmar, and Uzbekistan)
- 64 countries (11 of which became IEC Members) have adopted IEC International Standards since the launch of the Programme in 2001, 4 since Shanghai (Cabo Verde, Congo, Mali, and Uzbekistan)
- 32 countries have upgraded to Affiliate Plus, 2 since Shanghai (Myanmar and Uzbekistan)
- 3 active mentoring partnerships
- 2 countries applied for the Affiliate Conformity Assessment Status (ACAS)
- 1 country started to use the Programme since Shanghai (Cabo Verde).
- Technical participation: 1 country has used its commenting rights (Ecuador)

What is ACAS

- A special status for Affiliate countries within the IEC CA Systems
- The objective is to train Affiliates to benefit from IEC CA environment
- Affiliate commitment
 - The Pledge (see Annex B)
 - The Declaration (see Annex C)

- Affiliate benefits
 - E-learning
 - Awareness events
 - Observer status
 - Webinars upon request

ACAS countries

- 35 Affiliate countries (See Annex D) in total have signed the ACAS Pledge
 - 2 new ACAS Pledge signatures since Shanghai: Niger, Tanzania
- 26 Affiliate countries in total have signed the ACAS Declaration
 - 2 new ACAS Declaration signatures since Shanghai: Burkina Faso, Senegal

Survey on the ACAS e-Learning modules platform

In June 2020, the IEC Affiliate Secretariat launched a survey to have a better understanding of the current situation of the use of the ACAS e-Learning modules and platform, to target the needs of the ACAS participants, and to make improvements in order to meet their expectations.

According to the results, 56.9% of the answers are from Africa, 23.5% from Latin America, and 19.6% from Asia Pacific. It was noticed that their main interest is the IECEE, with more or less the same interest for IECEX, IECQ and IECRE. Amongst the three formats for the ACAS e-Learning (video, PowerPoint, PDF) that are available from the IEC website, they seemed to have a slight preference for using the downloadable PDF versions. It was also interesting to have received requests for other languages versions such as Arabic, French, Mongolian, Russian, and Spanish.

Taking into consideration a valuable contribution from the IEC community, the Academy Capacity Building team, in close collaboration with the Affiliate Country Programme Secretariat, is working on a new forms of the ACAS e-Learning modules.

Recognition of Achievement certificate

In 2016, after having signed the ACAS Pledge and having implemented the Conformity Assessment as part of their national standards body's strategy for improving national production, the former Ecuador NEC President and former CEO of INEN (Servicio Ecuatoriano de Normalización) successfully achieved the three levels of the ACAS IECEE e-Learning modules. He was the very first to be awarded with the ACAS Recognition of Achievement certificate. This first award certificate has been followed-up with over 40 Ecuadorian participants having successfully achieved the three levels of the same IEC CA System e-Learning modules.

Following the first wave of achievements of ACAS participants from Ecuadorian national standards body (INEN), participants from six countries have accomplished the three levels of one or more IEC CA System's e-Learning modules. Amongst those countries, the IEC is pleased to report that Burkina Faso has two participants having achieved all three levels of

all four IEC CA Systems' e-Learning modules. A participant from Mauritius has also achieved all three levels of the IECEE modules.

The IEC encourages the Affiliate countries to participate actively in the ACAS e-Learning modules and reinforce their knowledge in the IEC CA Systems.

Affiliate Forum Shanghai 2019

- 67 delegates from 23 countries
- IEC Affiliate Leader presented the annual report on the new developments of the Programme and its main achievements over the past twelve months.
- Presentation on ordering standards under the terms of the Affiliate Country Programme from the IEC-AFRC
- Presentations on the Affiliates rights on sales and possibility for Affiliates to comment on CD and CDV stages from the IEC CO
- Case studies from Ethiopia and Brunei Darussalam on the ordering and adoption of Standards by the respective NEC Presidents
- Presentation on the IEC Academy and capacity Building from the IEC CO
- Breakout sessions on Africa, Latin America and Asia Pacific

World Trade Organization

- IEC presented comprehensive reports on its activities in developing countries in November 2019, February, May and October 2020 (See IEC website – [WTO section](#)).

Objectives 2021

- Increase the number of ACAS Pledges and Declarations signed by Affiliate countries
- Promote the e-Learning modules to the ACAS participants and introduce the modules in the new IEC e-Learning platform in 2021.
- Continue collaborations with partners for the organization of regional ACAS events

Annex A

84 IEC Affiliates (as per 2020-09-30)

Afghanistan	AF	January 2007
Angola	AO	July 2002
Antigua and Barbuda	AG	May 2002
Armenia	AM	October 2001
Azerbaijan	AZ	June 2011
Bahamas	BS	July 2012
Barbados	BB	October 2001
Belize	BZ	April 2002
Benin	BJ	October 2001
Bhutan	BT	July 2006
Bolivia	BO	August 2001
Botswana	BW	October 2001
Brunei Darussalam	BN	October 2001
Burkina Faso	BF	October 2001
Burundi	BI	April 2002
Cabo Verde	CV	January 2017
Cambodia	KH	October 2001
Cameroon	CM	March 2005
Central African Republic	CF	April 2008
Chad	TD	May 2008
Comoros	KM	October 2001
Congo	CG	May 2008
Congo (Democratic Rep. of)	CD	October 2001
Costa Rica	CR	October 2000
Djibouti	DJ	March 2019
Dominica	DM	May 2002
Dominican Republic	DO	August 2005
Ecuador	EC	April 2003
El Salvador	SV	February 2008
Eritrea	ER	October 2001
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	SZ	October 2007
Fiji	FJ	November 2001
Gabon	GA	February 2007
Gambia	GM	March 2008
Grenada	GD	October 2001
Guatemala	GT	October 2001
Guinea	GN	January 2007
Guinea Bissau	GW	November 2006
Guyana	GY	October 2001
Haiti	HT	May 2002
Honduras	HN	August 2007
Jamaica	JM	October 2001
Kyrgyzstan	KG	December 2003

Lao PDR	LA	June 2002
Lebanon	LB	October 2001
Lesotho	LS	July 2005
Liberia	LR	November 2016
Madagascar	MG	April 2005
Malawi	MW	October 2001
Mali	ML	October 2001
Mauritania	MR	June 2002
Mauritius	MU	October 2001
Mongolia	MN	January 2002
Mozambique	MZ	March 2003
Myanmar	MM	November 2007
Namibia	NA	October 2001
Nepal	NP	October 2001
Nicaragua	NI	June 2019
Niger	NE	October 2006
Palestine	PS	April 2009
Panama	PA	April 2003
Papua New Guinea	PG	June 2004
Paraguay	PY	December 2001
Rwanda	RW	October 2001
Saint Kitts and Nevis	KN	September 2013
Saint Lucia	LC	April 2002
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	VC	February 2008
Sao Tome and Principe	ST	March 2018
Senegal	SN	April 2002
Seychelles	SC	November 2001
Sierra Leone	SL	March 2003
South Sudan	SS	April 2013
Sudan	SD	April 2004
Suriname	SR	November 2008
Syrian Arab Republic	SY	July 2016
Tanzania	TZ	October 2001
Togo	TG	April 2006
Trinidad and Tobago	TT	January 2007
Turkmenistan	TM	December 2001
Uruguay	UY	October 2001
Uzbekistan	UZ	October 2015
Yemen	YE	April 2002
Zambia	ZM	March 2002
Zimbabwe	ZW	October 2001

Annex B

ACAS Pledge



IEC ACAS Pledge Learning Phase

The Organization of the country, located in City/Country, wishes to be granted the IEC Affiliate Conformity Assessment Status and, in doing so, pledges:

- To be located in an IEC Affiliate Country Programme;
- That Country has declared the national adoption of at least one IEC International Standard used within the scope of one or more of the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems;
- To nominate at least one individual to use the Level 0 and Level 1 ACAS e-learning Modules and
- To sign the ACAS Declaration within 5 years, failing which the Country ACAS becomes null and void.

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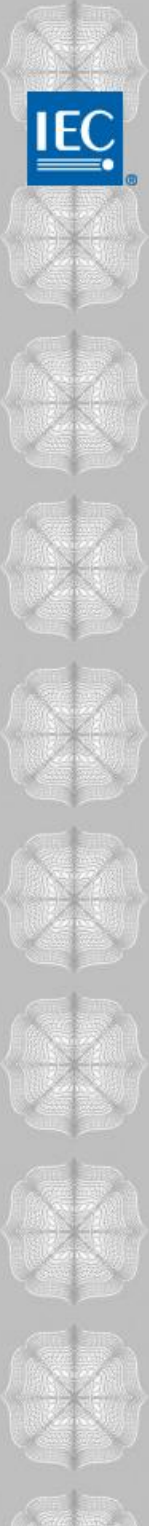
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Annex C

ACAS Declaration

	<p data-bbox="617 730 919 813">IEC ACAS Declaration Implementation Phase</p> <ul data-bbox="617 981 1273 1256" style="list-style-type: none">- The Organization of the country, located in City/Country, wishes to be granted access to Level 2 ACAS e-learning Modules and conditional observer status within one or more of the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems.- The Organization of the country, declares that, as it relates to the IEC International Standard(s) adopted by Country, it accepts associated Certificates and Reports issued within one or more of the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems at national level and will promote their use. <table border="0" data-bbox="603 1637 1235 1776"><tr><td data-bbox="603 1637 898 1711">..... First_name Last_name Director</td><td data-bbox="898 1637 1235 1711">..... Philippe Metzger IEC General Secretary & CEO</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="603 1742 898 1776">Date: / /</td><td data-bbox="898 1742 1235 1776">Date: / /</td></tr></table> First_name Last_name Director Philippe Metzger IEC General Secretary & CEO	Date: / /	Date: / /
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Annex D

ACAS countries

ACAS countries

	Afghanistan Pledge		Gambia Pledge + Declaration		Tanzania Pledge
	Azerbaijan Pledge + Declaration		Ghana* Pledge + Declaration		Togo Pledge + Declaration
	Barbados Pledge + Declaration		Guinea Pledge + Declaration		Uganda* Pledge + Declaration
	Bhutan Pledge		Malawi Pledge		Uruguay Pledge + Declaration
	Bolivia Pledge + Declaration		Mauritius Pledge + Declaration		Zambia Pledge
	Burkina Faso Pledge + Declaration		Mongolia Pledge + Declaration		
	Cambodia Pledge + Declaration		Namibia Pledge + Declaration		
	Cameroon Pledge		Niger Pledge		
	Costa Rica Pledge + Declaration		Peru* Pledge + Declaration		
	Côte d'Ivoire* Pledge + Declaration		Rwanda Pledge + Declaration		
	Dominican Rep. Pledge + Declaration		Saint Lucia Pledge + Declaration		
	DR Congo Pledge + Declaration		Senegal Pledge + Declaration		
	Ecuador Pledge + Declaration		Sierra Leone Pledge		
	Ethiopia* Pledge + Declaration		Sudan Pledge + Declaration		
	Gabon Pledge		Suriname Pledge + Declaration		



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