Arab Accreditation Cooperation

Adopoted reolutions of the 6th ARAC General Assembly

Amman, Jordan

13th September 2018

ARAC Resolution 2018/01

The General Assembly approved the Agenda - The General Assembly adopted the draft Agenda- Rev 02

ARAC Resolution 2018/02

The General Assembly welcomes the decision of the ARAC MLA Group regarding the acceptance of the GCC Accreditation Centre [GAC] as ARAC MLA signatory for the following scope:
- *Accreditation of calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)*
- *Accreditation of Inspection Bodies (ISO/IEC 17020)*

The next re evaluation of GAC to be conducted no later than 28th December 2021.

ARAC Resolution 2018/03

The General Assembly welcomes the decision of the ARAC MLA Group regarding the acceptance of the Emirates International Accreditation Centre [EIAC] as ARAC MLA signatory for the following scope:
- *Accreditation of Management System certification Bodies [ISO/IEC 17021-1]*
  - *Food Safety Management System [ISO 22000]*

The next re evaluation of EIAC to be conducted no later than September 2020.

ARAC Resolution 2018/04

The General Assembly endorses the ARAC ISO/IEC 17011:2017 transition plan.

ARAC Resolution 2018/05

ARAC members express their concern about the European Cooperation for Accreditation EA policies towards the ARAC and EA ABs Common members, which led to the withdrawal of the Tunisian Council for Accreditation (TUNAC) from the ARAC MLA. In this regards, ARAC invites EA to review this policy.

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ARAC Resolution 2018/06

ARAC members decides to coordinate and communicate with the European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) in order to find solutions for the challenges arising from the EA policies towards the ARAC and EA ABs Common members, which may adversely affect ARAC.

ARAC Resolution 2018/07

Based on the request of TUNAC the withdrawal of its recognition from ARAC MLA because of EA policy as described in EA1/13, the General Assembly notes the ARAC MLA Group decision to accept TUNAC request while maintaining its membership status as ARAC Full member. ARAC General Assembly notes the MLA Group encouragement of TUNAC to re-apply back for the ARAC MLA signatory status.

ARAC Resolution 2018/08

General Assembly approves the Executive Committee's decision to quickly apply a self-reliance mechanism for ARAC members, including the membership fees procedure with the aim to ensure the ARAC sustainability

ARAC Resolution 2018/09

The General Assembly notes the decision of the ARAC MLA Group regarding the results of the review of the Appeal Review Group report and recommendation: the ARAC MLA Group decided that the appeal is not upheld and still ARAC MLA Group encourages ALGERAC to submit an updated application taking into consideration the new requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2017

ARAC Resolution 2018/10

The General Assembly adopted the following IAF & ILAC Resolutions approved during the last ILAC&IAF GA held in October 2017
JGA Vancouver Resolution 2 - Implementation of transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017
The Joint General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, to ensure JGA Delhi Resolution 1 – Transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017 is fully implemented, that all peer evaluation activities carried out from 1 July 2018 will use ISO/IEC 17011:2017 as the requirements document. Details of this transition plan are described in the document entitled "ISO/IEC 17011:2017 Transition Plan" dated 29 October 2017.
ILAC Resolution GA 21.18
The General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC to withdraw ILAC P13:10/2010 Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Proficiency Testing Providers when ISO/IEC 17011:2017 has been fully implemented
IAF Resolution 2017-13 *–Transitional Arrangements for the ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that at the end of the transition period, 15 September 2018, all ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certifications shall expire or be withdrawn.*

As of 15 March 2018, CABs shall conduct all ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 initial, surveillance, and recertification audits to the new versions (ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015). The outcomes of such audits shall be considered by the CAB for further decision on accredited certifications to ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 as deemed appropriate.

IAF Resolution 2017-14 *– Transitional Arrangements for the revision of ISO 50001:2011 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement for the Revision of ISO 50001:2011 Energy Management Systems – Requirements with guidance for use, be three years from the date of publication of the revised standard. All ISO 50001:2011 certifications shall expire or be withdrawn at the end of the transition period.*

Within this transition timeline:
- *ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessments for ISO 50001:2018 within 6 months from the date of publication of the revised standard.*
- *CABs shall complete the transition with ABs for ISO 50001:2018 within 18 months from the date of publication of the revised standard.*
- *CABs shall cease conducting audits, including initial, surveillance and recertification to the ISO 50001:2011 18 months from the date of publication of the revised standard.*

The outcomes of such audits to the revision of ISO 50001:2011 shall be considered by the CAB for further decision on accredited certifications to ISO 50001:2011 as deemed appropriate.

IAF Resolution 2017-15 *–Transitional Arrangements for the revision of ISO 14064-1:2006 and 14064-2:2006 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement for the Revision of ISO 14064-1:2006 Greenhouse gases -- Part 1: Specification with guidance at the organization level for quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals, and ISO 14064-2:2006 Greenhouse gases -- Part 2: Specification with guidance at the project level for quantification, monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emission reductions or removal enhancements be three years from the date of publication of the revised standard.*

Within this transition timeline:
- *ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessment for ISO 14064-1:2018 and ISO 14064-2:2018 within 6 months from the date of publication of the revised standard. Note: If there is an exception to the above, the AB shall justify the exception based on valid reasons.*
- *CABs shall complete the transition with ABs for ISO 14064-1:2018 and ISO 14064-2:2018 within 3 years from the date of publication of the revised standard.*

IAF Resolution 2017-16 *–Transitional Arrangement for the revision of ISO 22000:2005 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the period for transitioning of accredited certifications to the next revision of ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management systems -- Requirements for any organization in the food chain be three years from the date of publication.*

IAF Resolution 2017-17 *– Transitional Arrangement for the Revision of ISO/IEC TS 17021-3:2013 to ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 3: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of quality management systems, be two years from the date of publication of the revised standard (i.e. 31 March 2019).*

IAF Resolution 2017-18 – (Agenda Item 9) Endorsement of ISO/IEC 20000-6: 2017 and ISO/IEC 20000-1: 2011 as Normative Documents and Transitional Arrangement - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017 Information technology – Service management – Part 6: Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of service management systems and ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011 Information technology – Service management -- Part 1: Service management system requirements as normative documents.

The General Assembly further resolved that the transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC 20000-6:2017 be two years from the date of publication, i.e. 06 June 2017. After the transition period, IAF MD18:2015 Application of ISO/IEC 17021:2011 in the Service Management Sector (ISO/IEC 20000-1) will be withdrawn.

IAF Resolution 2017-20 *–Certification to ISO 31000:2009, Risk management – Principles and guidelines - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that there will not be any accredited certification to ISO 31000:2009, Risk management – Principles and guidelines (publication date 13 November 2009).*

ISO 31000 explicitly states that it is not intended or appropriate for certification, and any certification would be a misuse of the standard. Therefore CABs are strongly urged not to promote or provide certification to ISO 31000 and ABs and CABs are requested to report any misuse or need for certification to the ISO Secretariat.

ARAC Resolution 2018/11

The General Assembly endorses the election of the following officers to the ARAC Executive Committee for two years:

ARAC Chair	**Ms Amina Ahmed Mohammed, EIAC**
ARAC Vice Chair	*Mr Moteb Mezzani, GAC*
ARAC MLA Committee Chair	*Ms Lana Marashdeh, JAS-AU*
ARAC TC Chair	*Mr Talal Harafsheh, JAS-AU*
ARAC CMC Chair	*Mr Brahim Houla, GAC*
Two Executive Committee members representing ARAC Full members	*Mr Ali Salama, SAC* *Mr Yassine Wali, TUNAC*
One Executive Committee members representing ARAC Associate members	*Mr Kamal Elhadi, SDAC*

ARAC Resolution 2018/12

The General Assembly wishes to express its appreciation to the Jordanian Accreditation System-Accreditation Unit [JAS-AU] for the outstanding arrangements and hospitality in hosting the 6th General Assembly meetings of ARAC and the efforts being made to success of the ARAC GA and annual meetings.

ARAC Resolution 2018/13

The General Assembly received with appreciation the reports provided by ILAC, IAF, APLAC, PAC, AFRAC, and SADCA.

ARAC Resolution 2018/14

The General Assembly wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to:
- *AIDMO for their support to ARAC and their hosting of ARAC Secretariat,*
- *UNIDO for their support to ARAC and their cooperation for the implementation of the ARAC Phase II project,*
- *The Kingdom of Sweden represented by Sida for their support to ARAC and financing the ARAC Phase II project,*

ARAC Resolution 2018/15

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to Mr Mahmoud Eltayeb as Chair of ARAC for his outstanding contributions to ARAC which contributed to the achievement of the international recognition of the ARAC MLA.

ARAC Resolution 2018/16

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to ARAC Vice Chair and committees Chairs for their outstanding contributions to ARAC which contributed to the achievement of the international recognition of the ARAC MLA:
- *Ms Amina Ahmed Mohammed, ARAC Vice Chair,*
- *Ms Sonia Mahdoui, ARAC MLA Committee Chair,*
- *Mr Hany El Desouki, ARAC TC Chair,*
- *Mr Moez Boughalmi, ARAC CMC Chair,*
- *Mr Hisham Burkan, ARAC EC member*

ARAC Resolution 2018/17

ARAC GA wishes to express its thanks to DNPQ for their initiatives to host the next ARAC Mid-Term meetings which will be held in February 2019.