



ILAC Report to ITU

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The history behind



- The International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) May 2012.
- 1st ILAC survey 2015 on Test laboratories doing tests according to ITU recommendations
- First contacts in May 2020 to develop an assessment scheme to fit into the ITU Conformity and Interoperability (C&I) programme
- 2nd ILAC survey 2020 on Test laboratories doing tests according to ITU recommendations

The history behind



- Regular meetings 2021 and 2022 to develop the assessment procedure for Test laboratories and liaise with ITU-CASC on the creation of the ITU Testing Laboratories Database
- ITU, IAF and ILACre-signed the MoU August 2022.
- **ILAC Assessment Procedure in the field of Telecommunications issued May 2023.**



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-  International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
-  International Bureau for Weights and Measures (BIPM)
-  International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
-  International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)
-  International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF)
-  International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
-  International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
-  International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
-  Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM)
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» ILAC – ITU PARTNERSHIP

Memorandum of Understanding

The [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\)](#), the [International Accreditation Forum \(IAF\)](#) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) have reviewed and re-signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) from May 2012. The re-signing of the [ITU-IAF-ILAC MoU](#) continues to support and strengthen the three organizations' commitment to cooperation and collaboration and the ongoing development of ITU-T's [Conformity and Interoperability \(C&I\) programme](#).

ITU Recognised Test laboratories.

The ITU maintains a register of test laboratories that are eligible to test ICT equipment against the ITU-T Recommendations in the ITU list of recognized test laboratories.

The [ILAC Assessment Procedure in the field of Telecommunications](#) has been produced to inform ILAC MRA signatory accreditation bodies about the requirements that must be met by testing laboratories seeking to be registered on the ITU list of recognized test laboratories.

Background Information

ITU international standards (Recommendations) seek above all to enable the interoperability of ICT products and services, allowing people access to the Information Society regardless of their location or chosen ICT device. Conformance with ITU's international standards increases the probability that an ICT vendor's products will interoperate with those of other vendors.

ITU's C&I program is taking measures to increase the conformance and interoperability of ICT goods. A key part of this initiative lies in the adoption of test suites applicable to ITU international standards, and in the implementation of accredited conformity assessment activities including the establishment of a global network of regional conformance testing centres – tasked with evaluating products' conformance with ITU international standards and thereby ensuring the successful implementation of international standards.



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Experiences so far



- Communication to the membership of the ILAC AIC (the accreditation committee dealing with the technical issues) at the meeting May 2023 in Belfast
- Information was well received and no questions was raised
- Nobody has turned to ILAC for additional information or complaints regarding the operation of this co-operation between ILAC and ITU

Final words



As the departing AIC Chair by end 2023:

- I want to thank for an efficient and smooth cooperation with all ITU representatives
- I will remain contact/liaison until a new liaison is selected
- I want to convey the information that ILAC and IAF is going to have a new joint secretariat starting operation 1 January 2024. Information will be provided in due time.