

**Workshop for EAC countries to promote the  
development and implementation of  
Conformity Assessment programmes**

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**C&I Assessment Study conducted for Maghreb Countries:  
Outcomes, Recommendations, Way forwards, ToRs of  
Committee of C&I Experts for Maghreb**

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**Assessment study on C&I for Maghreb**



ITU organized the *Workshop for Maghreb Region to promote the Development and Implementation of Conformance and Interoperability Programmes*, from 9 to 11 December 2014, on Tunis (Tunisia), in collaboration with the Union de Maghreb Arab (UMA) and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications Lab (CERT).

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The workshop, based on the results and the recommendations from the assessment study on Conformity and Interoperability conducted for Maghreb countries, aimed to identify all the necessary elements and promote the Collaboration among Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for establishing a common Conformity and Interoperability Programmes and Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA).

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The workshop was attended by representatives of communication administrations, telecommunication regulators and telecommunication service providers, from Tunisia, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Gabon, KSA, Cameroon, UMA and the ITU. Total number of participants made 30.

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## Ways Forward



The workshop recommends that UMA forms a C&I Committee to be chaired by the UMA Secretariat to undertake the following tasks:

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1. Develop a Plan for the establishment of Maghreb In-Country C&I Testing Laboratories. This plan shall include the criteria to determine the locations and the testing scopes of these in-country C&I testing laboratories

**ITU Reference:** [Feasibility Study for a Conformance Testing Center.](#)

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Develop a Plan for the establishment of Regional C&I Testing Laboratories. This plan shall include the criteria to determine the numbers, locations and testing scopes of these Regional C&I Testing Laboratories.

ITU Reference: [Guidelines for Developing Countries on establishing conformity assessment test labs in different regions](#)

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3. Develop a Plan for the Establishment of a Maghreb MRA Framework similar to the MRA already signed between countries in other regions (ex: Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (APEC TEL MRA)) covering 21 economies in the Asia Pacific region. This plan shall preferably include the creation of a small Maghreb MRA Task Force which can adapt the MRA models already used, to meet specific requirements of the Maghreb Region. In implementing the Maghreb MRA, Members States shall become signatories to this multilateral arrangement in the Maghreb Region Participation in the Maghreb MRA is voluntary..

ITU References: Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs).

Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes: Basic Guidelines.

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## The First meeting of Maghreb C&I Expert Committee



All three plans are submitted to the attention of UMA secretariat for the coordination with its specialized bodies.

The First meeting of Maghreb C&I Expert Committee will be held in Rabat (Morocco), 23-25 November 2015.

The meeting will be devoted mainly to reviewing the results of the evaluation study of the current regimes governing the Conformance and interoperability testing in the Maghreb countries and to the review/approval of the draft Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between the Arab Maghreb countries as suggested by the International Telecommunications Union.

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## **Thank You**

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