

IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA)

ABOUT IAF

IAF is a global association of Accreditation Bodies (ABs), Associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies, and other bodies interested in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel, Validation & Verification and other similar programmes of conformity assessment.

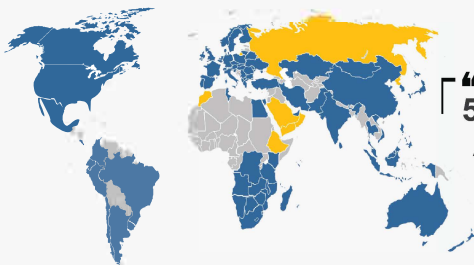
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IAF's primary function is to manage a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) among its Accreditation Body members, which recognizes the equivalence of accreditation programs among signatories. Hence, the acceptance of products and services across national borders.

A total of **9,929 CBs** are currently accredited by IAF Regional Accreditation Group Members, an increase of 19% since 2018.



In 2019, the MLA was extended to the Level 3 main scope of **ISO/IEC 17029**, Level 4 sub-scope of **ISO/IEC TS 17021-10** and Level 5 sub-scope of **ISO 45001**.



5 recognised Regions and 74 ABs, representing a total of 68 economies.



GATHERING THE EVIDENCE

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