



IAF Governance Document

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*International Accreditation Forum, Inc.***IAF Charter****2001**

The International Accreditation Forum, Inc. (IAF) is an international association of organisations that have agreed to work together on a worldwide basis to achieve common trade facilitation objectives. IAF is a major world forum for developing the principles and practices for the conduct of conformity assessment that will deliver the confidence needed for market acceptance. IAF acts through the accreditation of those bodies that carry out inspections and/or certify or register management systems, products, personnel, and/or other similar conformity assessment programs. (IAF MoU 1.2.)

- We promote the worldwide acceptance, of certificates of conformity issued by inspection bodies and certification and/or registration bodies accredited by an accreditation body member of IAF, and seek to add value for all stakeholders through what we do, and through our programs (IAF MoU 1.2., 1.4. and 2.1(g)).
- We bring together, on a worldwide basis, accreditation bodies and representatives of stakeholders that seek to facilitate global trade through the acceptance of accredited certificates of conformity. (IAF Bylaws S.2.01 & 3.01)
- We develop and/or recognize appropriate processes and practices for the conduct of conformity assessment worldwide, and ensure their universal application by IAF member accreditation bodies and their accredited conformity assessment bodies (IAF MoU 1.2. & 2.1.)
- We consult widely with stakeholders in developing our programs, and we work to deliver the best possible standard of conformity assessment in order to provide our stakeholders with a value added outcome. (IAF MoU 2.1.(h))
- We influence world trade through linking, and working, with other key international organizations and industry groups.