

World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2024 Celebrations by the Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS)

In view of celebrating WAD 2024, MAURITAS, the national Accreditation Body of Mauritius, pioneered a series of initiatives aimed at highlighting the importance of accreditation across various sectors.

MAURITAS organized a virtual participation for all its staff in the WAD 2024 celebrations hosted by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) on Monday 10 June 2024 at 13hr00 (Mauritian time). All stakeholders were also invited to attend the celebrations online.



MAURITAS staff attending the online celebrations of ILAC/IAF

To further amplify its message and raise public awareness about the significance of accreditation and WAD 2024, MAURITAS published an informative article in a widely read French local newspaper.

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La journée mondiale de l'accréditation est célébrée annuellement le 09 juin.

Cette célébration a lieu à travers le monde depuis l'an 2008, suivant une initiative internationale de « l'International Accreditation Forum (IAF) » et de « l'International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation » (ILAC) dans le but de promouvoir l'accréditation.

Chaque année une thématique est choisie pour démontrer comment l'accréditation intervient dans la vie de tous les jours et son rôle dans la société.

Le « Mauritius Accreditation Service » (MAURITAS), l'organisme national d'accréditation est membre de l'ILAC et de l'IAF depuis l'an 2008.

Département établi sous le Ministère du Développement Industriel, Petites et Moyennes Entreprises et des Coopératives, MAURITAS est l'unique organisme régulateur du pays dans le domaine de l'accréditation des organismes d'évaluation de la conformité, c'est-à-dire, les laboratoires d'essai et d'étalonnage, des organismes certificateurs et des organismes d'inspection.

L'accréditation est définie comme la reconnaissance formelle de la compétence technique d'un organisme d'évaluation de la conformité.

MAURITAS utilise ainsi des critères basés sur des normes internationales avant d'octroyer une accréditation.

L'accréditation est une forme de réassurance du contrôle des produits et services, quel que soit leur pays d'origine. Cela permet de renforcer la confiance des parties prenantes, c'est-à-dire, les consommateurs, les organismes régulateurs et les prestataires de services.

MAURITAS est reconnue internationalement depuis octobre 2018, étant un membre signataire des Accords de Reconnaissance Mutuelle de l'ILAC et de l'IAF (ILAC MRA et ILAC MLA).

La reconnaissance internationale implique que les certificats délivrés par les organismes accrédités par MAURITAS sont reconnus dans le monde entier. Ainsi, les produits contrôlés et les services certifiés par les organismes accrédités par MAURITAS sont reconnus et acceptés à travers le monde. La reconnaissance internationale contribue ainsi à réduire les coûts liés à l'évaluation de la conformité, car elle élimine le besoin de nouveaux essais et certifications.

La thématique de la journée mondiale de l'accréditation pour l'année 2024 est : « Accréditation : Empowering tomorrow and shaping the future ». Elle met l'accent sur l'impact de l'accréditation sur la société avec l'avènement de l'informatique, des nouvelles technologies, et de la durabilité qui contribuent à changer le monde.

Les évaluations effectuées par les organismes d'accréditation permettent le développement et l'adoption des technologies, en particulier dans les industries et les chaînes d'approvisionnement où la précision, la sécurité et la qualité sont des éléments critiques. Elles peuvent également soutenir la cybersécurité et la confidentialité dans un monde de plus en plus connecté.

L'accréditation aide les consommateurs et les entreprises à prendre des décisions plus judicieuses, en tenant compte de la durabilité de leurs actions.

À Maurice, la journée mondiale de l'accréditation est célébrée dans le but de sensibiliser les organismes de l'évaluation de conformité et les parties prenantes. Le message des Présidents de l'IAF et de l'ILAC, ainsi que la brochure informative et la vidéo produite pour l'occasion ont été partagés.

Pour plus d'information veuillez visiter le site web de MAURITAS : www.mauritas.org

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Article published in the local french newspaper

MAURITAS also reinforced its online presence by publishing an article on its website (www.mauritas.org) to serve as a go-to guide for visitors seeking in-depth knowledge about accreditation's far-reaching benefits. The joint statement issued by ILAC and the IAF, together with the brochure and poster promoting this year's theme were also circulated to all relevant stakeholders, committee members as well as public officers.

Latest News

World Accreditation Day 2024

The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on **09 June** every year. It was first celebrated in 2008 following a global initiative of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to promote the value of accreditation.

The theme for the year 2024 is *Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future*.

This year's theme has been selected to demonstrate how accreditation can facilitate the integration and adoption of new technologies, particularly in industries and supply chains where precision, safety and quality are critical. WAD 2024 also aims to draw attention to how accreditation can provide confidence in new technologies, digitalization and sustainability claims as the world undergoes transformative change.

Click on the respective links to access the joint statement of the ILAC-IAF Chairs, this year's brochure, poster and video on the theme.

[Joint Statement](#) [Brochure](#) [Poster](#) [Video](#)


The links for registration for the virtual event to be hosted by IAF/ILAC on 10.06.2024 will be updated [here](#) soon.

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Article posted on the MAURITAS website

Additionally, in order to engage a broader audience, MAURITAS collaborated with the Government Information Service to feature an article on MAURITAS and WAD 2024 on its social media page.



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On the occasion of the **World Accreditation Day**, celebrated annually on **09 June**, the Mauritius Accreditation Service (**MAURITAS**) wishes to highlight the importance of accreditation in our daily life.

What is MAURITAS and what service do we offer?

MAURITAS is a Department, under the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Industrial Development Division). We are the **sole authoritative body** in Mauritius responsible for the **accreditation** of laboratories (General Testing, Medical Testing and Calibration), certification bodies and inspection bodies.

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a formal recognition that organisations are **technically competent** to perform their activities. MAURITAS makes use of accreditation criteria based on **international standards** for its accreditation services.

Why is Accreditation important to you?

Products, samples, services, management systems, personnel, processes are evaluated by accredited laboratories, certification bodies or inspection bodies. As a consumer, you can have the **confidence** that these goods and services placed on the market, from whichever country of origin, meet standards of **quality and safety**.

Is MAURITAS Accreditation internationally recognised?

Yes, MAURITAS is a signatory member of ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) and IAF (International Accreditation Forum) since 2018. This implies that certificates issued by organisations accredited by MAURITAS are **recognised worldwide**.

Can accreditation ease market access?

Yes, Products tested and certificates issued by organisations accredited by MAURITAS are recognised and accepted throughout the world. This recognition helps **reduce costs** to businesses since it eliminates the need for re-testing for **product acceptance**.

Businesses gain access to the growing numbers of tenders which specify accreditation.

World Accreditation Day



WAD has been celebrated worldwide since June 2008 to promote the value of accreditation. Every year a particular theme is chosen to show how accreditation underpins trust in almost every aspect of everyday life and its role in addressing specific issues of the society.

The WAD 2024 theme "**Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future**" examines the impact of accreditation on the society as a whole as digitalization, new technologies and sustainability continue to change our world. Assessments carried out by accredited organisations enables the development and adoption of new technologies, particularly in industries and supply chains where precision, safety and quality are critical. It can support cybersecurity and privacy in an increasingly connected world. As sustainability remains a major concern, accreditation can help consumers and businesses make informed decisions.

Where can I get more information?

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Article posted on the Government Information Service Facebook page

On 14 June 2024, MAURITAS also participated in the virtual regional WAD celebrations hosted by the Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA). Mr. R. N. Gopee, Director of MAURITAS and currently the SADCA Chair, inaugurated the event and Mrs. C. Matadeen-Domun, Accreditation Manager of MAURITAS participated in the event as panellist. All staff and stakeholders of MAURITAS were also invited to attend the workshop.

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You are cordially invited to attend the
2024 SADCA World Accreditation Day (WAD)
Virtual Celebration

With the theme: **Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future**

On Friday, 14 June 2024
From 09h00 – 10h50 (South Africa Time)

To attend the session, please register on the following link:
[Register here](#)

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Through these initiatives, MAURITAS not only celebrated WAD 2024 but also reaffirmed its dedication to promoting trust in Mauritius' regulatory framework.