

# IAF MLA 2021



5 recognised Regional Accreditation Groups  
75 ABs, representing a total of 88 economies.

● IAF MLA Signatories  
● IAF Members not yet Signatories



**ABOUT IAF** IAF is a global association of Accreditation Bodies (ABs), Associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies and other bodies interested in the certification of management systems, products, processes, services and persons, and validation and verification.

**IAF MLA** IAF's primary function is to manage a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA). The MLA recognizes the equivalence of accreditation programs delivered by AB members who are signatories to the arrangement. Through this recognition, the MLA supports the acceptance of products and services across national borders.

## Management Systems Certification

**ISO/IEC 17021-1**   
70 signatories  
6121 accredited CBs

## Validation and Verification

**ISO/IEC 17029**   
**ISO 14065**   
29 signatories  
328 accredited V&Vs



**Product Certification**   
**ISO/IEC 17065**  
64 signatories  
3975 accredited CBs

**Person Certification**   
**ISO/IEC 17024**  
37 signatories  
1197 accredited CBs

**11,621 Accreditation**   
of Certification Bodies and Validation/Verification bodies

### Gathering the evidence



business-benefits.org



publicsectorassurance.org

These 2 websites provide evidence to demonstrate the value of accreditation and accredited services with case studies and research papers.

As one CB & V/VB may have multiple accreditations, the number of accreditations is not the number of CBs & V/VBs accredited. The number of accredited CBs & V/VBs can be checked via IAF CertSearch database.



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