



SADCA COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 1 ON CERTIFICATION TO ISO 31000:2009, RISK MANAGEMENT – PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

The SADC Cooperation in Accreditation's Mutual Recognition Arrangement (SADCA MRA Committee) at its 6th meeting held on 13 March 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa having reviewed the **IAF Resolutions 2017-20**, regarding certification to ISO 31000:2009, agreed to issue a Communique for information of all certification bodies operating in the Southern African development Community (SADC) in this regard. The Accreditation bodies operating in the region shall be responsible for publicizing this Communique to the respective stakeholders

IAF Resolution 2017-20 – (Agenda Item 9) Certification to ISO 31000:2009, Risk management – Principles and guidelines


The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that there will not be any accredited certification to ISO 31000:2009, Risk management – Principles and guidelines (publication date 13 November 2009).

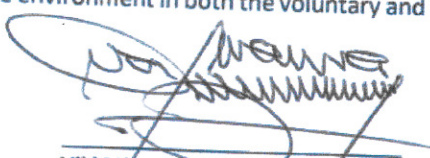
ISO 31000 explicitly states that it is not intended or appropriate for certification, and any certification would be a misuse of the standard. Therefore CABs are strongly urged not to promote or provide certification to ISO 31000 and ABs and CABs are requested to report any misuse or need for certification to the ISO Secretariat.

All certification bodies operating in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and who are accredited by MAURITAS, SANAS and SADCAS and non-accredited certification bodies are therefore required to abide with this resolution.

The Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA) is a Cooperation of accreditation bodies in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. SADCA is a Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Cooperation Structure established under the TBT Annex to the SADC Protocol on Trade whose objectives are to:

- Coordinate accreditation activities in the region;
- Facilitate the national, regional and international recognition and acceptance of SADC accreditation infrastructure; and
- Provide SADC Member States with accreditation as a tool for facilitating trade and the protection of health and safety of the public and the environment in both the voluntary and regulatory areas.


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