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Strengthening Accreditation Networks in Asia-Pacific (SANAP 2)

Objective This project strives to strengthen the regional accreditation network APAC (from 2019 onwards, formerly APLAC and PAC) in its ability to support its members and aspiring members from developing and emerging economies in their sustainable economic development.

Approach Being the follow-up project to the SANAP 1 project with the regional accreditation networks APLAC and PAC which was implemented between 2015 and 2018, SANAP 2 picks up the rationale of its predecessor. Together with the management of APAC, SANAP 2 tries to establish strategic and targeted support for the developing and emerging economies in the region.

While SANAP 1 contributed to providing training on generic international standards which are of utmost importance to the region (e.g. ISO 17011, ISO 17025 and their respective revisions), SANAP 2 focuses on supporting training related to certain policy areas which play a significant role in Asia-Pacific. These include food safety, occupational health and safety and others. Training shall no longer be provided in a “one-size-fits-all” approach, but targeted towards the individual needs of the developing economy accreditation bodies. Each accreditation body will have its individual training portfolio according to its needs.

The project also aims to enhance the number of international recognition agreements (MLA/MRA) amongst the APAC members and aspiring members from developing economies.

Capacity development instruments such as attachment trainings and other knowledge-sharing mechanisms will be continued from SANAP 1. A stronger emphasis will be on e-learning.

Impact Asia-Pacific is a fast-growing and heterogeneous region containing various economic alliances and free-trade areas. In order to make intraregional and interregional trade possible, a harmonized quality infrastructure is required. Only through internationally accepted accreditation systems can trust in national conformity assessment activities and in the competence of laboratories and certification bodies be established and maintained. The regional accreditation network APAC facilitates and multiplies this trust-building by being the connecting agent between the national accreditation bodies from developing economies and the international accreditation networks ILAC and IAF. By intensifying and expanding developing economy accreditation bodies' integration into the region, trust in their products and services is enhanced and at the national level, quality assurance for domestic products and services is strengthened. This helps to ensure national consumer protection.

Thereby, improved and interconnected accreditation systems lead to both national consumer safety and international trade facilitation. The support of virtual networking and training activities incorporates a contemporary and cost-efficient dimension into the project and helps developing economy accreditation bodies to be prepared for the future.

Cooperation The project is planned and implemented in close cooperation with the regional accreditation network APAC (Asia-Pacific Accreditation Cooperation, until 01/19: APLAC and PAC).

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