GAC Role in Achieving the GCC member countries’ strategies
In the field of Halal regulations

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Peer evaluation

Assessment of conformity assessment bodies

Audit, testing, calibration, sampling, inspection, …

Conformity to product, process, service, scheme,…

International Organizations
Peer evaluation requirements

Accreditation Bodies
ISO/IEC 17011 + regional and international requirements for ABs

Conformity Assessment bodies
- ISO 15189
- ISO/IEC 17025 +
- ISO/IEC 17021
- ISO/IEC 17020
- ISO/IEC 17043
- ISO/IEC 17020

Industry, Services, persons,…
Specific requirements for the products, services, processes, persons,…
GCC
Reginal context
GSO Technical Regulations

- UAE ECAS Scheme
- Saudi Product Safety Program SALEEM
- Oman EE program for ACs
- Oman PDO lifting equipment scheme
- Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme (KUCAS)
- Bahrain EE program for ACs
- UAE / GSO Halal Scheme
The GCC Accreditation Center
Legal Agreement and Structure
GSO Board of Directors

7 Ministers representing the Member countries

08 May 2013

GAC Creation Agreement
GAC Timeline
**General Direction**

- The formal responsibilities and duties defined in the GAC Agreement and Rules;
- The satisfactory operation of all aspects of the GAC organization, and reporting on organizational performance to the Board of Directors;
- Leadership of all personnel of the GAC;
- Maintenance and development of GAC in its regional and international roles in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, and international standards and agreements;
- Developing and maintaining strong relationships with key stakeholders;
- Signing mutual recognition arrangements; and
- Ensuring appropriate representation at national, regional and international levels.

**Board of Directors**

- Approving policies and strategies
- Following up activities and achievements
- Approving annual budget
- Ratification of final accounts
- Approving accreditation fees

**Stakeholders Committee**

- Study and discuss topics on the accreditation activities and make recommendations thereon.
- Review policies and strategies of the GAC and give opinion and appropriate recommendations to the General Director.
- Review the GAC plans and programs provided by the Director-General and make recommendations thereon.
- Review of annual reports on the activities and achievements of the Centre and give opinion, and appropriate recommendations.
Regional and International Recognitions
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Mutual recognition Agreements of GAC

- June 2016
- October 2016
- November 2016
- October 2018
GAC International Leadership Positions
Executive level in regional and international organizations

• Member of the IAF Executive committee
• Member of the APAC Executive committee
• Member of the ARAC Executive committee
• Vice-Chair of ARAC
• Member of the IHAF Board of Directors
• Chair of the APAC Capacity Building Committee
• Chair of the IHAF MRA committee
• Chair of the IAF Communication and marketing committee
• Designated member of the IAF Global Database management committee
Cooperation with Homologue ABs worldwide
International cooperation

- Joint Accreditations
- Capacity building activities
- Exchange of experts and databases
- Exchange of information on Accredited CABs
- Coordination of positions

Agreements in cooperation with domestic bodies:

- ACCREDIA
- ENAC
- JAS/ANZE
- BSCA
- PAC
- EGAC
- EGAC
- TAF
- DAC
- CNAS
- A2LA
- NABCB
- KAN
- UKAS
- EGAC
- TUNAC
- HKAS
- JAB
- VLAC
- IAAJAPAN
- DAC
- CNAS

Agreements in cooperation with foreign bodies:

- Australian Accreditation
- British Accreditation
- Canadian Accreditation
- European Accreditation
- Japanese Accreditation
- Korean Accreditation
- Malaysian Accreditation
- New Zealand Accreditation
- Spanish Accreditation
- United Arab Emirates Accreditation

Total number of member bodies: 35
Cooperation with Local authorities in the member countries
• MoU with ESMA,
• Designated AB for Halal Accreditations
• MoU with ENAS
• MoU with EIAC

MoU with SASO
Cooperation with SFDA

Close coordination with Directorate General of Standardization in Oman

MoU with Kuwait Standards Authority

MoU with GSO as designated AB for notification purposes.
Halal requirements for CBs

- GSO 2055-2 : Halal Products – Part 2 : General Requirements For Halal Certification Bodies
- Covering ISO/IEC 17065 : Conformity assessment —Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.
- GSO 993:2015 - Gulf Technical Regulation: Animal Slaughtering Requirements According To Islamic Rules
- National scheme requirements
Digitalized accreditation processes
E- Halal certificates

- A website and phone application to check certificates
- An online platform for CBs to upload their certificates
- An authentication tool of certificates for authorities and users
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