



Workshop for Caribbean to promote the
development and implementation of Conformity
Assessment programmes

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Assessment Study for the Caribbean

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Assessment Studies



The Assessment Studies looks for promoting the establishment of Harmonized C&I Programmes, when possible.

It will collaborate to improve **regional integration** and foster the availability of highly qualified institutions (as Laboratories, Certification and Accreditation Bodies)

In an overall analysis, the Assessment Studies contributes to:

- Bridging the Standardization Gap,
- reducing the Digital Divide, and
- as is inherent to ICT technologies development, strengthens business environment for global players.

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- C&I infrastructure in regions/sub-regions/countries are being assessed
- Analysis of the status in the regions are being conducted
- Looking for promoting regional agreements about possible locations for resources (Labs), agreements and testing capabilities
- Close collaboration with regional experts in addressing capacity building activities, accreditation and type approval testing.
- Moving forward to establishing regional test centers and/or MRAs as appropriate

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Roadmap

- Conformity Assessment Bodies will contribute with an orderly telecom apparatus market place
- Once standards and test suites are in place, test labs can check equipment for compliance
- Sharing test labs resources amongst countries and regions lowers overall costs while continues addressing regional priorities
- Setup of a robust framework (base on international procedures – ITU, ISO, IAF, ILAC, etc.) needed for trust and confidence in test results and among test labs

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Calendar

- **Assessment Studies for SADC Region (completed in 2013)**

- The results of the first assessment were presented during the Subregional Workshop for SADC (Southern African Development Community) (13-15 October 2014, in Livingstone, Zambia)



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- **Assessment Studies for Caribbean (Completed 2014)**

- The results of the first assessment will be presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for Caribbean (2-4 December 2014, in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago)



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- **Assessment Studies for Maghreb countries**
Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya (Completed 2014)
- The results of the assessment study will be presented during the Subregional Workshop for Maghreb Countries, Tunis 9-11 December 2014



- Study (2015)

Caribbean C&I Study



The objective is to carry out the Conformity and Interoperability Assessment on a Regional Basis. This project aimed to identify all the necessary elements and promote the Collaboration among Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for establishing a common C&I Programme and Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs). It also presents possible scenarios to meet the needs and interests of Member States and Regions on C&I. The Assessment covers, among other items:

- **General aspects of the Caribbean**
- **Regulatory framework and Institutions**
- **Accreditation, Laboratories, certification bodies and Marking**
- **Recommendations for establishing common C&I programme and MRAs.**
- **Strategies to build national or regional laboratories, as well as MRA.**
- **Caribbean Task Force and Terms of Reference**

Deliverable/Outcome of Assessment



Deliverables of this assessment include the following recommendations, namely:

- Possible scenarios for establishing Common C&I Programme and Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs);
- Possible ways to facilitate the implementation of ITU Conformity and Interoperability programme
- Programme especially in the areas of Capacity building and the Establishment of Test Centres on regional and sub-regional basis.
- Regional or sub-regional organizations suitable to perform conformity assessment testing including the function of MRA coordination;
- Entities that are capable of providing funding opportunities to support the establishment

ITU C&I Workshop: Caribbean Assessment Study



What comes next?

- Session 5: This will consider ITU Assessment Study on C&I for the Caribbean
- Session 6: will present the C&I situation in the region, including the experience from countries
- Session 7: Interactive discussion Way Forward. The three strategies will be discussed:
 - In-country labs
 - Regional Test Centres
 - Mutual Recognition Agreements
- Session 8 – Panel Discussions

Thank you!!



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