



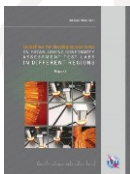
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ITU Guidelines and C&I Assessment Study for SADC

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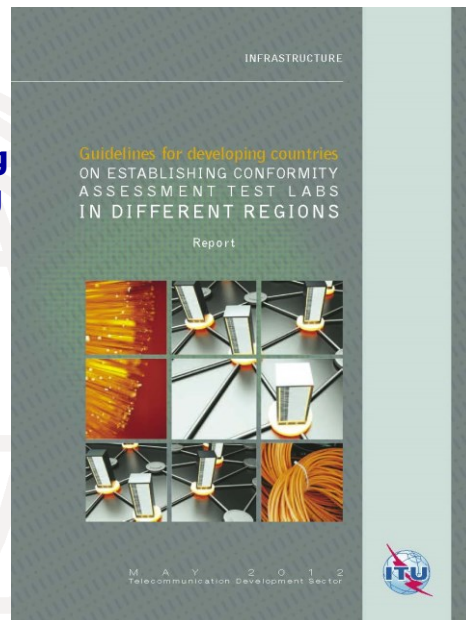


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Guidelines for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions (2012)

This set of guidelines is the first publication on C&I, its valuable content includes information concerning:

- **The process required for building testing labs**
- **A site analysis (e.g. existing testing labs, know-how)**
- **Collaboration mechanisms**
- **Best practices**
- **Reference standards and ITU Recommendations**
- **And more... [access to the Guideline here](#)**

Guidelines for Developing Countries for Establishing Test Labs in Different Regions



<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/ConformanceInteroperability/ConformanceInterop/indexGuidelines.html>

- **Status** in the regions and needs
- **Funding and Training Sources**
- **Criteria** to establish Accreditation and Conformity Assessment Bodies
International Telecommunications Testing Centres (ITTCs)
- Economics and **Cost Implications** for ITTCs
- **Roadmap** for ITTC rollout

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Conclusions from Guidelines



- Members to:
 - advise the ITU of **interoperability problems**
 - Regulators to establish market access requirements
 - assess **legislation and regulations**
 - **prioritize areas of concern** for products and systems
- Establishment of Accreditation Bodies and approach to **MRAs and MLAs**
- Establishment of **Test Centres** on a regional basis, wide areas and possibly common infrastructures

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Steps to Establish an ISO 17025 Compliant Test Lab



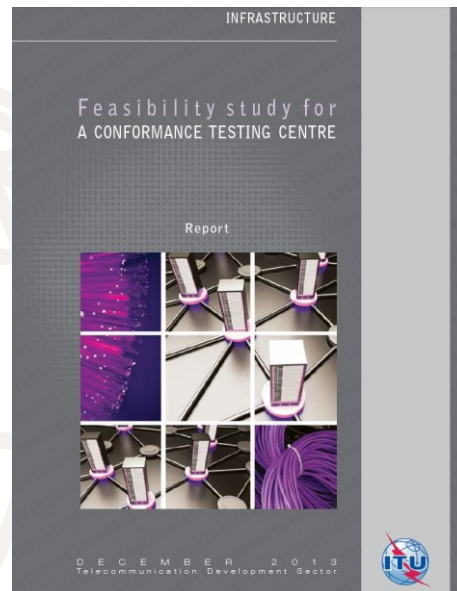
- Management requirements and systems
- Lab requirements, test methods and procedures, audits, equipment handling, technical competence
- Document control, calibration records and staff records
- Handling of test reports and calibration certificates
- Service to customers and handling of complaints

Funding and Training Sources



- UNIDO, major Banks in each region, specialized funding agencies for telecoms projects and others
- Requirements to access funds vary from low interest loans, to grants, seed funding and cost underwriting
- Repository of international telecom training organizations
- Costs of training may vary from just travel to and from location, to government and supplier subsidized training, to private for-profit fully costed training.

Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre



Feasibility Study [link](#)

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Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (2013)



This feasibility study describes environments, procedures and methodologies to be adopted to establish, manage and maintain a testing center covering different kind of conformance and interoperability testing areas. Different Type Approval Testing domains (e.g. electromagnetics, safety, fixed and mobile networks, broadcast) will be considered.

The feasibility study address all necessary aspects: i) Implementation; ii) Functional Model of Type Approval Institution; iii) Sustainability of operations; iv) Pricing policies; v) Proposal of the Organization Scheme; vi) Technical requirements for Type Approval Laboratories; vii) Staff requirements; viii) Project Implementation Recommendations; and ix) Investment costs estimation.

Terms of Reference [here](#)

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Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (2013)

Preview: Steps to an ISO 17025 Compliant Test Lab

- **ISO 17025 establishes a set of management requirements and systems**
- **Lab requirements, test methods and procedures, audits, equipment handling, technical competence**
- **Document control, calibration records and staff records**
- **Handling of test reports and calibration certificates**
- **Service to customers and handling of complaints**

Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre



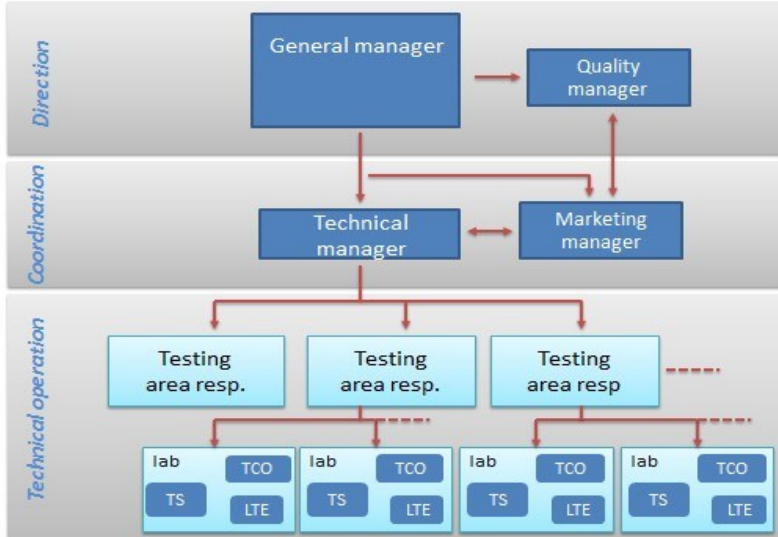
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1. **Implementation**
2. **Functional Model of Type Approval Institution**
3. **Sustainability of operations;**
4. **Pricing policies**
5. **Proposal of the Organization Scheme**
6. **Technical requirements for Type Approval Laboratories**
7. **Staff requirements**
8. **Project Implementation Recommendations**
9. **Investment costs estimation**

Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre



Typical Organization Chart of a Testing Lab:



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Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (cont.)



Testing laboratory infrastructures:

Area of competence
▪ Specific Absorption Rate lab
▪ User experience lab
▪ Broadband access lab
▪ Mobile value added services lab
▪ Electrical safety & protection lab
▪ Electroacoustic lab
▪ Electromagnetic compatibility lab
▪ Radio & Signalling lab
▪ Powering efficiency lab
▪ Quality of material lab
▪ Personal area network lab
▪ Fixed Test plant
▪ Mobile Test plant

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Feasibility Study for building a Conformance Testing Centre (cont.)



Overview 1

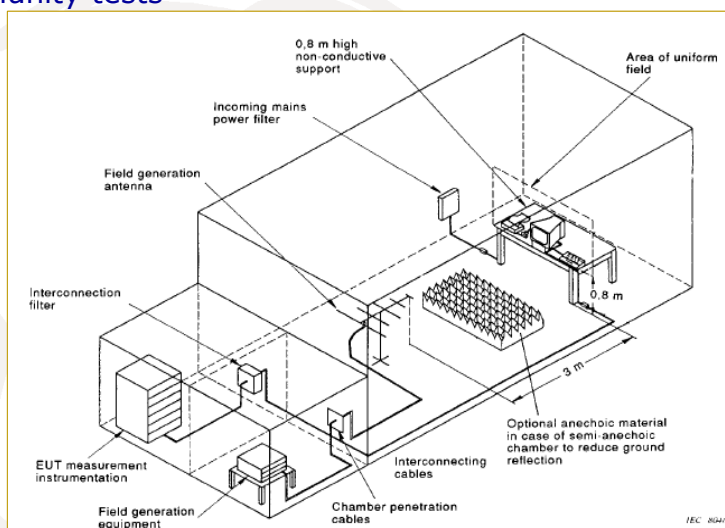
Broadband access laboratory (BBA):

- The scope of the broadband access laboratory is to evaluate all different equipment and functionalities used in next generation access networks, ranging from the physical layer to networking aspects
- In particular xDSL transmission performances and optical parameters are tested for copper and fiber solution in relation to the different architectural choices (FTTx)

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Overview 2

EMC: Typical set-up for table top equipment for radiated immunity tests



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Laboratorios	Activity	m ²	Location Rent 1 000 EUR /year	Utility 1 000 EUR /year	Instrument Asset 1 000 EUR	Number of staff	Instrument Opex 1 000 EUR /year
SAR	Specific absorption rate lab	150	19	28	800	4	25
USX	User experience lab	130	17	24	100	6	0
BBA	Broadband access lab	300	39	56	1.400	7	5
VAS	Mobile value added services lab	40	5	7	0	3	0
EPS	Electrical safety and protection lab	80	10	15	1.200	4	25
ELA	Electroacoustic lab	250	32	46	800	4	5
EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility lab	300	39	56	1.600	5	5
RSL	Radio and signalling lab	250	32	46	2.000	12	10
PWR	Powering consumption lab	80	10	15	200	2	5
QML	Quality of material lab	250	32	46	1.300	6	15
WIF	Personal area network lab	170	22	31	500	5	5
TPF	Fixed test plant	900	117	167	3 000	33	120
TPM	Mobile test plant	2 500	324	463	3 000	55	300
management						10	
cross activities (*)						24	
TOTAL		5 400	700	1 000	15 900	180	520

CONFORMITY AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENT ON A REGIONAL BASIS: Southern African Development Community (SADC)



- **Collaboration among Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for Establishing common Conformity and Interoperability (C&I) Programmes and Mutual Recognition Agreements**



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SADC 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 SADC region**
 - **Regulatory framework and Institutions**
 - **Accreditation, Laboratories, certification bodies and Marking**
 - **Recommendations for establishing common C&I programme and MRAs.**

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Deliverable/Outcome of Assessment



The 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 of testing centers in the region.

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Thank you



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