



International Electrotechnical
Commission



Arab Industrial Development,
Standardization and Mining Organization

Statement of cooperation

Between the **International Electrotechnical Commission**, hereinafter referred to as "IEC" and the **Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization**, hereinafter referred to as "AIDSMO", jointly referred to as the "Parties" of this Agreement.

Preamble

The IEC and AIDSMO have agreed to cooperate in a number of areas, covering especially cross representation and exchange of technical information in the fields of standardization and the development of electrotechnology.

The Partners recognize that Arab regional standards identical to or based on existing IEC publications should be developed and harmonized under the auspices of AIDSMO with the assistance of the IEC, and as such, have executed a "Regional Adoption Agreement" dated 2023-03-15. This Statement of Cooperation shall cover any other activities pertinent to the cooperation between the Partners.

1. Objectives

The following are the objectives of the cooperation between IEC and AIDSMO:

- a) To promote communication between AIDSMO and the IEC;
- b) To promote the use of IEC International Standards and of IEC conformity assessment services in AIDSMO Member countries in response to market demands in order to facilitate world trade;
- c) To ensure transparency of the IEC International Standards process ;
- d) To accelerate the AIDSMO standardization process in order to meet the various demands of the market;
- e) To optimize available resources in IEC and AIDSMO standardization activities;
- f) To increase the involvement of AIDSMO experts and leaders in the various committees of the IEC; and,
- g) To inform IEC National Committees and IEC Affiliates that are also AIDSMO members about related activities.

2. Exchange of information at secretariat levels

- 2.1. To facilitate communication, the IEC Secretariat may from time-to-time provide the AIDSMO secretariat with updated information and materials regarding IEC standardization and conformity assessment services, including as found on IEC's website such as articles, papers and any annual report(s).
- 2.2. The IEC Secretariat may also from time-to-time provide the AIDSMO secretariat with access to the below documents. Such access may be limited or withdrawn at any time by IEC and shall be exclusively restricted to the AIDSMO Director General and the Standards and Metrology Center (SMC):
 - a) IEC General Assembly documents, which include all IEC Board resolutions and reports to the IEC General Assembly,
 - b) Non-restricted Standardization Management Board documents (i.e., those documents that are available to National Committees), and
 - c) Non-restricted Conformity Assessment Board documents (i.e., those documents that are available to National Committees).
- 2.3. To facilitate communication, the AIDSMO secretariat may from time-to-time provide the IEC Secretariat with updated information and materials regarding AIDSMO standardization and conformity assessment services, including as found on AIDSMO's website such as its bylaws and standardization procedures.

2.4. The AIDSMO secretariat may also from time-to-time provide the IEC Secretariat with access to the following documents. Such access may be limited or withdrawn at any time by AIDSMO.

- a) Non-restricted Reports of Technical Committees,
- b) Non-restricted Meeting Minutes of certain Technical Committees on request,
- c) Non-restricted Minutes of the Meeting of the the Arab High committee for Standardization of AIDSMO, and
- d) Non-restricted AIDSMO's documents related to standardization, which include the minutes of the meetings of AIDSMO.

3. Cooperation

- 3.1. When AIDSMO establishes a Technical Committee (TC) or Technical Subcommittee (TSC) that parallels the activity of an IEC Technical Committee or one of its Subcommittees (SC), the Standards and Metrology Center of AIDSMO (SMC) shall notify the IEC which in turn will arrange for specific data of the equivalent IEC/TC or SC to be transferred to the AIDSMO/TC or TSC. Unless previously reported to IEC under the conditions of the Regional Adoption Agreement dated 2023-03-15, AIDSMO will undertake to convey the results of its standards harmonization activities to the IEC as soon as practicable.
- 3.2. AIDSMO and IEC will consider the possibility of developing a joint promotional activity programme.
- 3.3. AIDSMO will encourage each of its members to create a National Committee that is fully representative of national stakeholder interests in the fields of activity of the IEC and will keep the IEC informed of its activities in this regard.

4. Cross representation

- 4.1. When mutually beneficial, a representative of AIDSMO may be invited to attend the annual IEC General Meeting as a guest, specifically the General Assembly, the Conformity Assessment Board, and Standardization Management Board plenary meetings.
- 4.2. When mutually beneficial, a representative of IEC may be invited to attend the AIDSMO meetings of: General Assembly, Executive Council, the Arab High committee for Standardization and the General Committee of Standards.
- 4.3. In addition to its efforts under clause 3.3, AIDSMO will encourage each of its members to
 - a) Participate in IEC technical work, and
 - b) Serve actively as national experts in the work of TCs/SCs of interest to the Arab region.

5. Nature of cooperation

- 5.1. The Partners agree that this Statement of Cooperation shall cancel and supersede any previous cooperation agreement, statement, or commitment of any kind on the matters herein and not covered separately under their Regional Adoption Agreement dated 2023-03-15.
- 5.2. Except for the conditions of access restriction under clauses 2.2 and 2.4., the Partners agree that this Statement of Cooperation shall not create any obligation, duty or liability for the Partners, jointly or severally. The Partners therefore acknowledge that this Statement of Cooperation shall not create any agency, partnership, employment relationship or joint venture between the Partners, their Directors, consultants and employees. Neither IEC nor AIDSMO shall be empowered to act on behalf of and/or in the name of the other.
- 5.3. Except for clauses 5.1 and 5.2, nothing in the Statement of Cooperation shall be deemed to be mandatory or binding on the Partners. Should any conflict or dispute arise between the Partners regarding this Cooperation Statement, the Partners agree that the laws of Switzerland shall exclusively apply, and the courts of Geneva, Switzerland shall have sole jurisdiction.

For IEC

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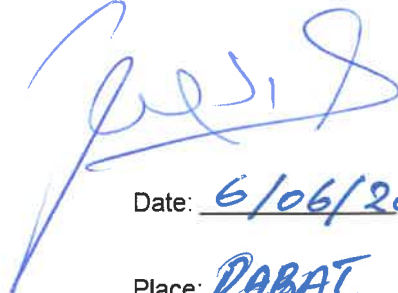
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For AIDSMO

Mr Adel Al Saqer

Director General



Date: 6/06/2024

Place: RABAT, Morocco

For IEC

Mr François Ahoti

Regional Director AFRC



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Place: RABAT, Morocco