



Facilitating the acceptance of goods and services within Africa

The Need for an Intra- African
Accreditation Cooperation

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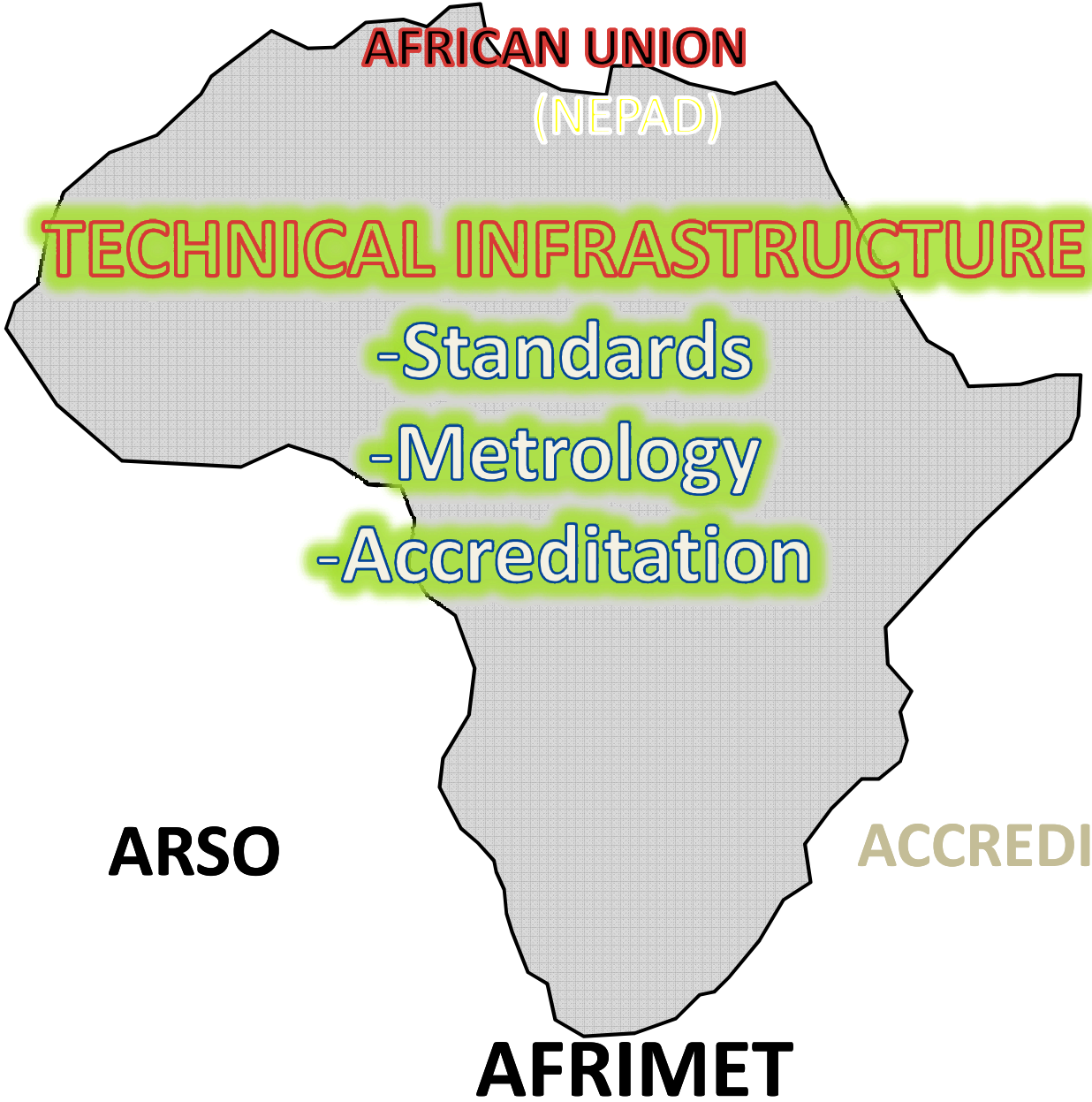
International Developments

Europe

- EU biggest trading partner
- EU new directive : Conformity Assessment and Accreditation
- EU Commission: EA Recognized as the Cooperation for Accreditation Bodies within Europe;
- Accreditation the preferred procedures for the approval of conformity assessment bodies and the acceptance of results/report --- goods and services within EU;
- Single National Accreditation Body per EU member state;

America

- Various accreditation bodies – sector specific
- Not many members of ILAC/IAF;
- Starting to recognize the ILAC/IAF arrangements in their regulations e.g. acceptance of test results from an ILAC/IAF signatory accredited laboratory for the testing of toys;
- Other areas coming on Board



AFRICAN UNION

(NEPAD)

TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

-Standards

-Metrology

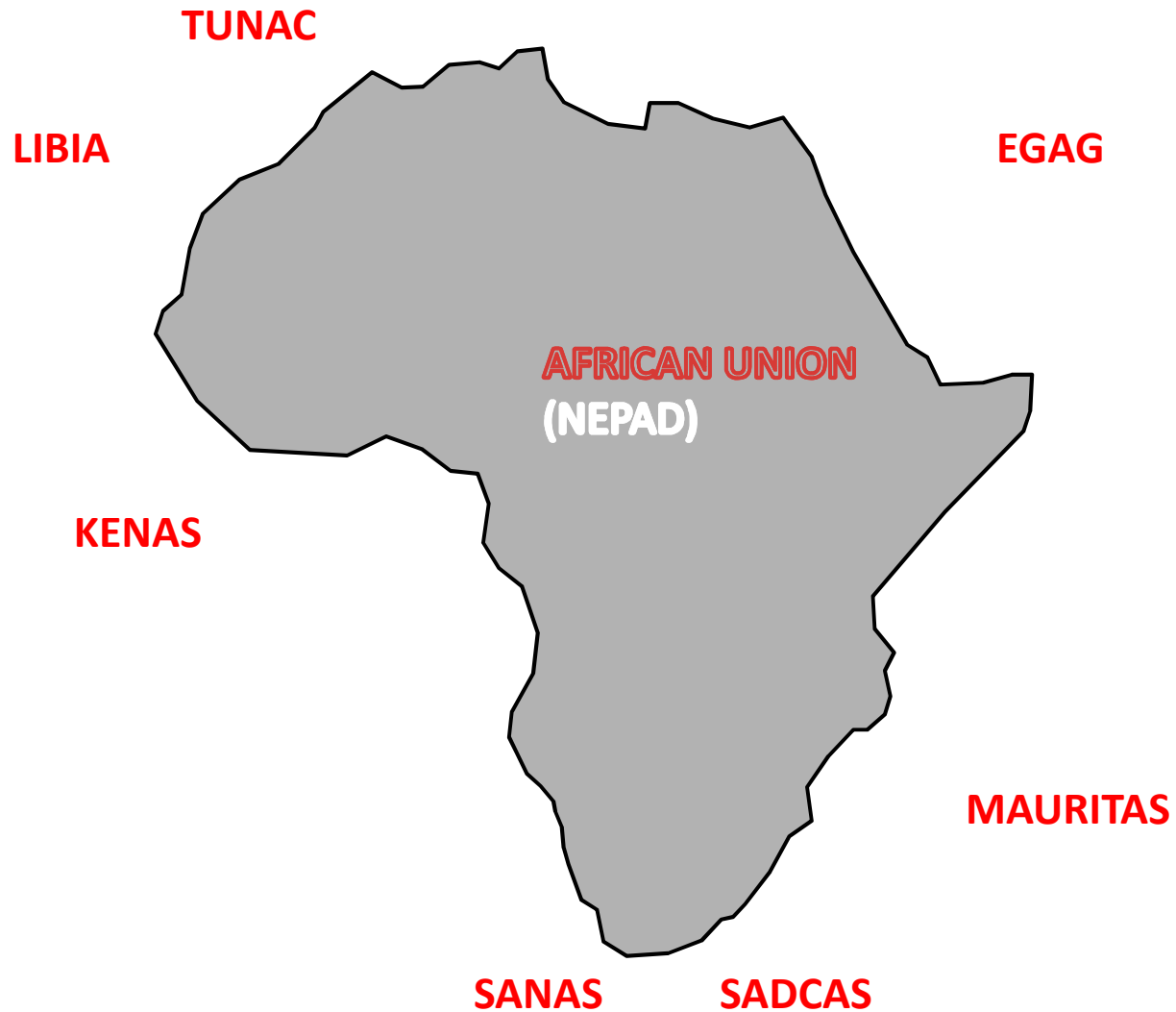
-Accreditation

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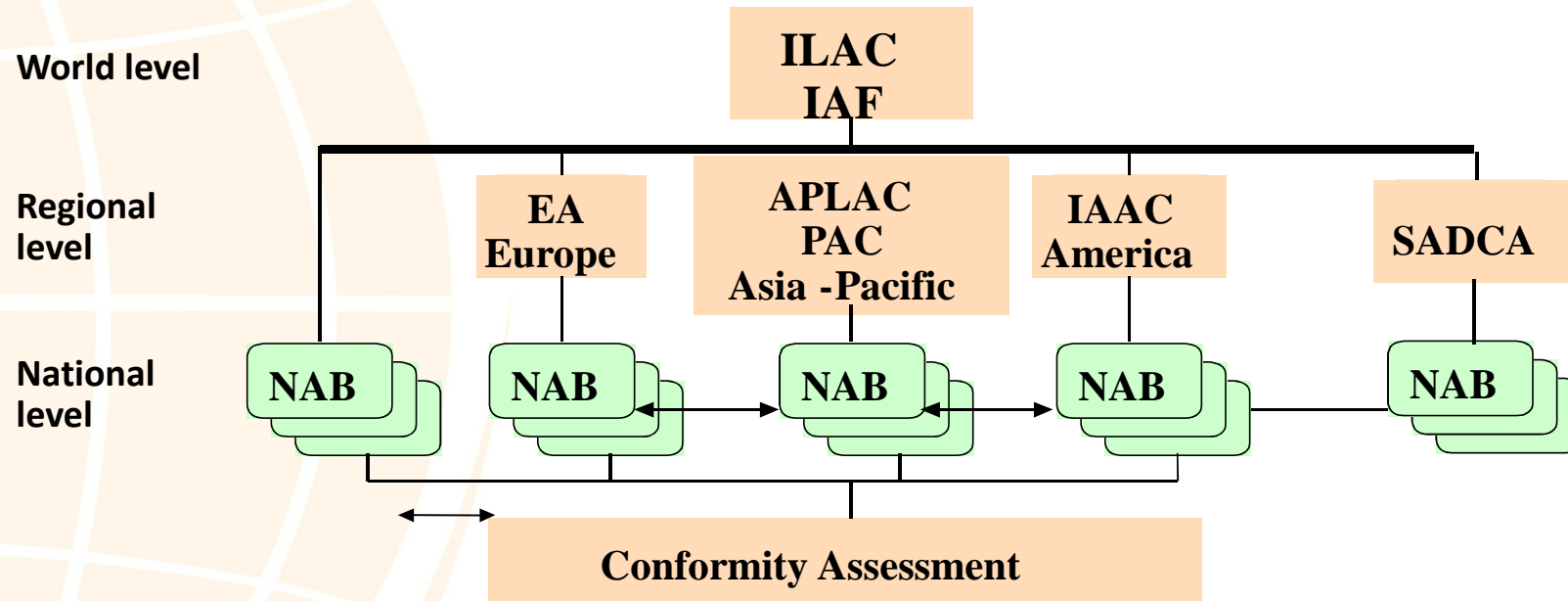
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Accreditation Bodies in Africa



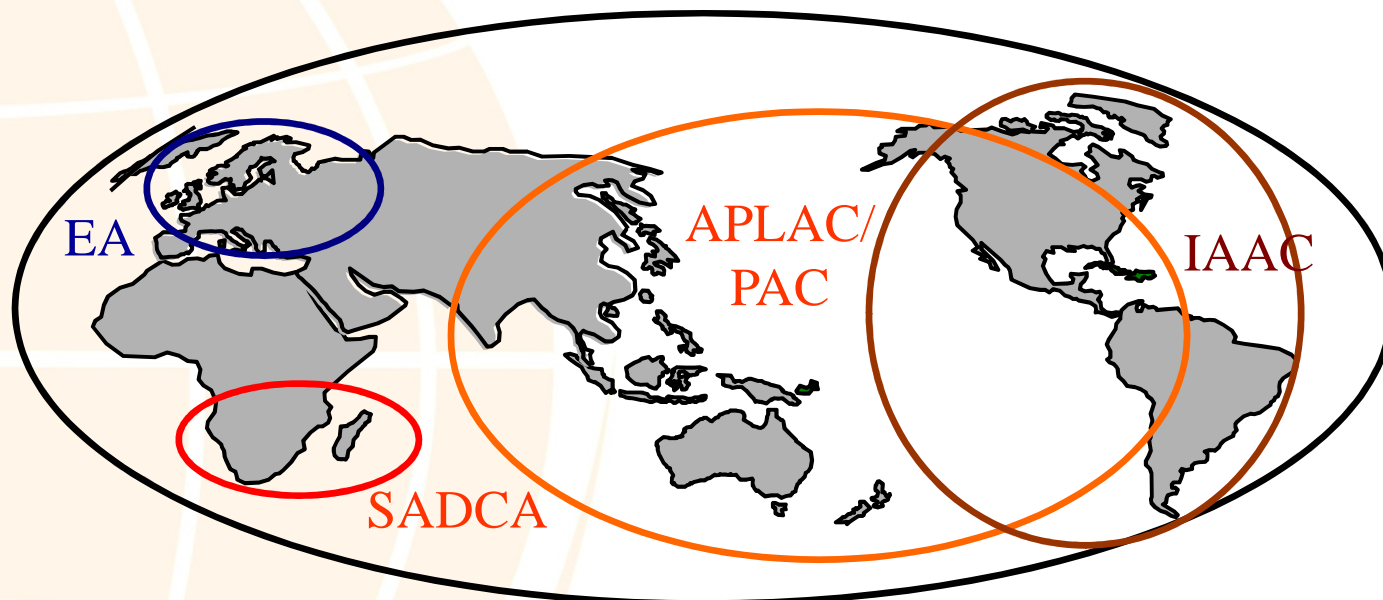
International Accreditation Arrangement



The ILAC membership (total 137 bodies) now covers a total of 82 different economies worldwide and approximately 33,000 laboratories and over 6,000 inspection bodies are accredited by the 85 ILAC Full Members and Associates.

REGIONAL COOPERATIONS

ILAC/ IAF



EA

European co-operation for Accreditation

PAC

Pacific Area Accreditation Cooperation

ILAC

International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

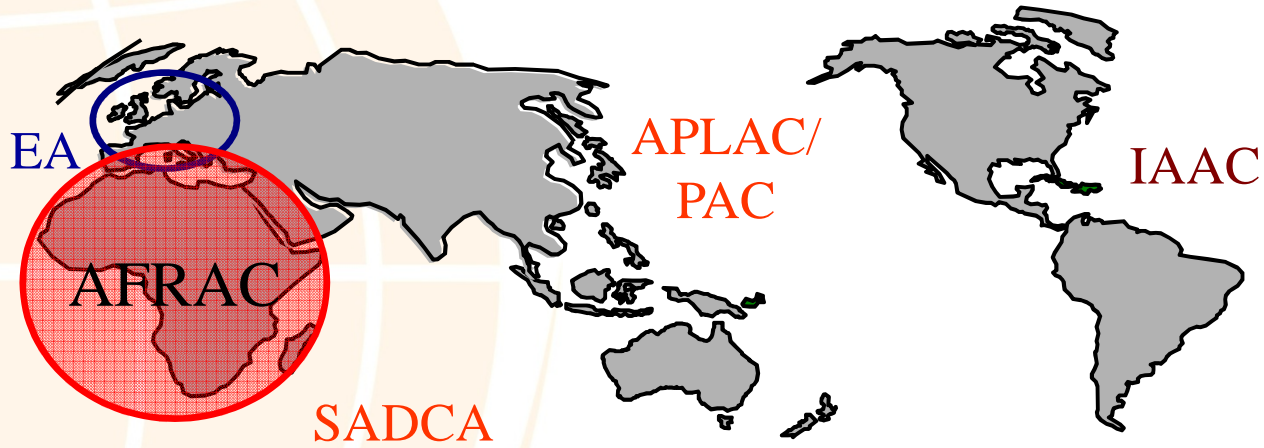
IAAC

Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation

SADCA

Southern African Development Cooperation for Accreditation

IAF/IAF



- EA European co-operation for Accreditation
- PAC Pacific Area Accreditation Cooperation
- ILAC International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
- IAAC Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation
- SADCA Southern African Development Cooperation for Accreditation

Progress & way forward

- Workshop held in February 2009 for need of an Intra- African Accreditation Body.
Attended/supported by most regional groupings e.g. COMESA, EAC, SADCA
- Produced a document of intent and currently being lobbied with governments;
- Project Team Established to meet next month



THANK YOU

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