



IEC Affiliate Country Programme

A unique approach to reach out to developing countries

Why is the Programme unique?

A challenge from the WTO

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To find ways for developing countries to:

- use international standards as the basis for national or regional standards or regulations (WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement)
- participate more in international standardization activities

IEC meets that challenge

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Launched in 2001, the Affiliate Country Programme:

- enables developing countries to take an active part in IEC International Standards development and without a membership fee
- encourages developing countries to adopt IEC International Standards
- makes full use of IEC's existing 100% electronic working environment
- facilitates access to IEC Conformity Assessment Systems certificates



What are the Programme benefits?

Adoption and use of IEC International Standards

- Affiliate Countries receive 200 free IEC International Standards for adoption as national standards

Participation in international standardization

- Affiliate Countries can nominate up to five experts
- Affiliate experts have electronic access to working documents of a Technical Committee and its Subcommittees
- Affiliate experts may comment and/or submit questions on working documents
- Affiliate experts can take part in technical meetings during the annual IEC General Meeting
- Developing countries are encouraged to establish a National Electrotechnical Committee, comprising all country stakeholders

Affiliate Plus Status

- 400 free IEC International Standards for adoption, (i.e. an additional 200)
- Mentoring for National Electrotechnical Committees in IEC Affiliate Countries

Getting to know IEC Conformity Assessment Systems

Affiliate Conformity Assessment Status (ACAS) offers Affiliate Countries new benefits in all IEC Conformity Assessment Systems, IECEE, IECQ, IECEx and IECRE, and any future CA Systems established by the IEC. Benefits include:

- e-learning modules
- regional workshops
- online resources
- observer status at management meetings

➤ The IEC administers four global Conformity Assessment Systems, IECEE, IECEx, IECQ and IECRE. They cover testing, certification and approval of equipment, systems and components in electrotechnology used in homes, offices, healthcare, transport, explosive atmospheres and renewable energy applications.



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Affiliate Programme Leader



Rojas Manyame took up the role of Affiliate Leader in January 2018. He is the General Manager of Regulation with the Electricity Control Board of Namibia, the Chairperson of the Namibian Electrotechnical Committee, as well as the 1st Vice-President of AFSEC. As Affiliate Leader, he represents the Affiliates' voice during the annual

IEC General Meeting, where he also chairs the Affiliate Forum. He also communicates with Programme participants through Leader Messages and the Affiliate Newsletter.

A Leader encouraging participants to move forward and

- adopt and use IEC International Standards
- identify relevant technical fields, for access to working documents of a maximum of 10 pre-selected Technical Committees or Subcommittees
- increase commenting on IEC technical work
- establish National Electrotechnical Committees
- identify IEC Conformity Assessment Systems certificates

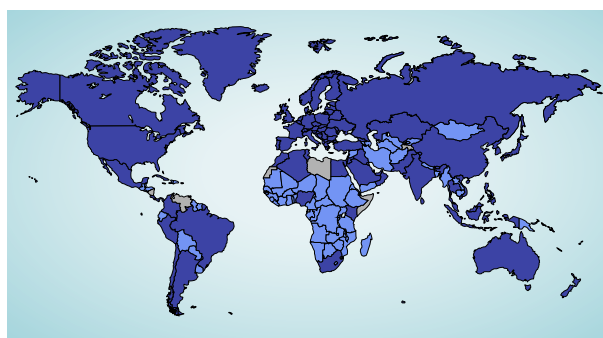
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