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**Global ACI e a nova governança da acreditação: a inspeção como instrumento de confiança e política pública**

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Realização



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# Nova governança global início em 01/01/2026



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<https://global-aci.org/en/home/>

Em 2019, os membros da IAF e da ILAC decidiram criar uma única organização internacional de acreditação para substituir a IAF e a ILAC.



- A Global ACI oferece uma **voz global única** e fortalecida para a comunidade de acreditação, aprimorando a coordenação global das práticas de acreditação e simplificando o engajamento para as partes interessadas.
- A organização reúne a experiência de ex-membros da IAF e da ILAC, permitindo que ela opere como uma autoridade tecnicamente robusta e **globalmente reconhecida**.
- Seus membros incluem Organismos de Acreditação (OAs), Organismos de Cooperação Regional e organizações de partes interessadas de **todo o mundo**.

# Comunicado aos Organismos de Inspeção

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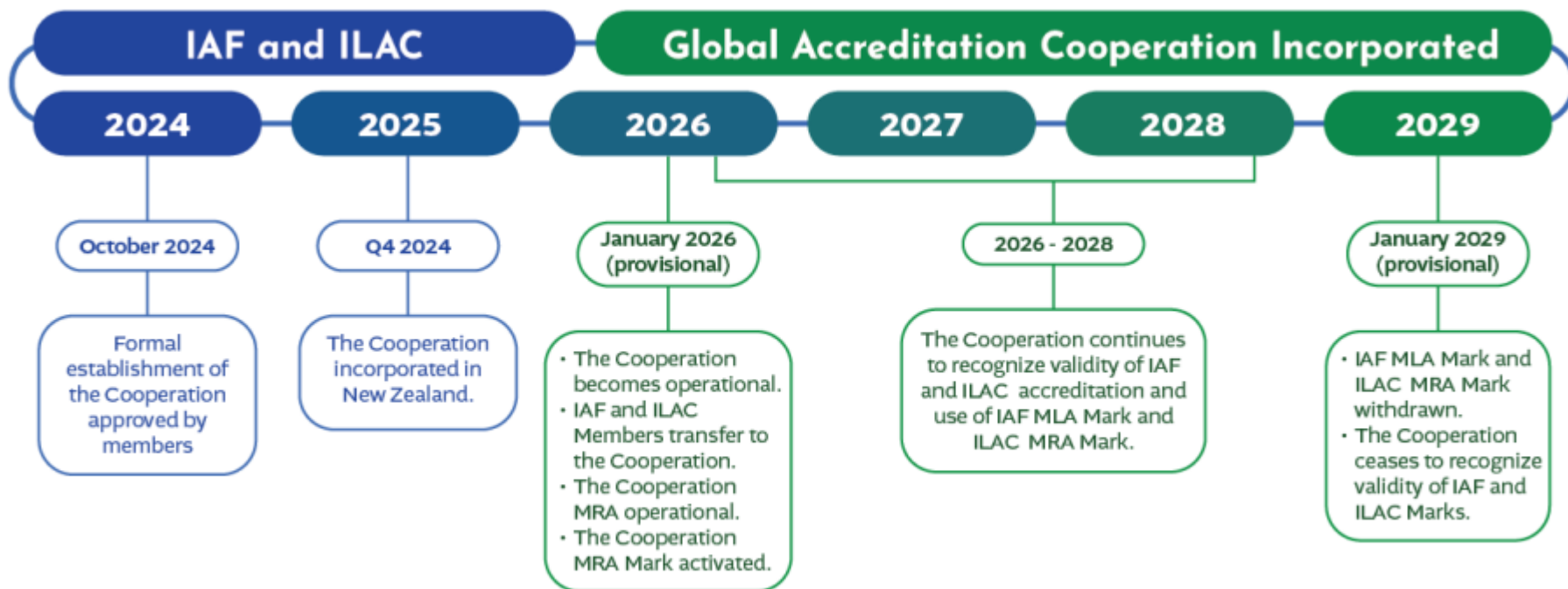
Comunicação sobre a GLOBAL ACCREDITATION COOPERATION INCORPORATED

**Mensagem:**

Prezado(a) Senhor(a),

Encaminho, em anexo, a carta atualizada sobre o uso da Cooperação "GLOBAL ACCREDITATION COOPERATION INCORPORATED" para seu conhecimento.

# Plano de transição e de implementação



# Membros do Global ACI



Atualizado em: 05 de fevereiro de 2026

**Membros plenos ( signatários dos acordos MRA) 126**

Membros Associados **13**

Partes Interessadas **45**

Organismos de Cooperação Regionais **6**

**TOTAL**

**190**

**Membros**

# Mudança de governança



99

Accreditation  
Bodies

33

Association  
Members

6

Regional  
Accreditation  
Groups

138 Members

97.1 % of IAF members have  
joined Global

0 former IAF members are in  
process of joining Global

121

Full  
Members

15

Associate  
Members

23

Stakeholder  
Members

6

Regional  
Cooperation  
Bodies

165 Members

93.3 % of ILAC members have  
joined Global

2 former ILAC members are in  
process of joining Global

0 NEW members have joined  
Global

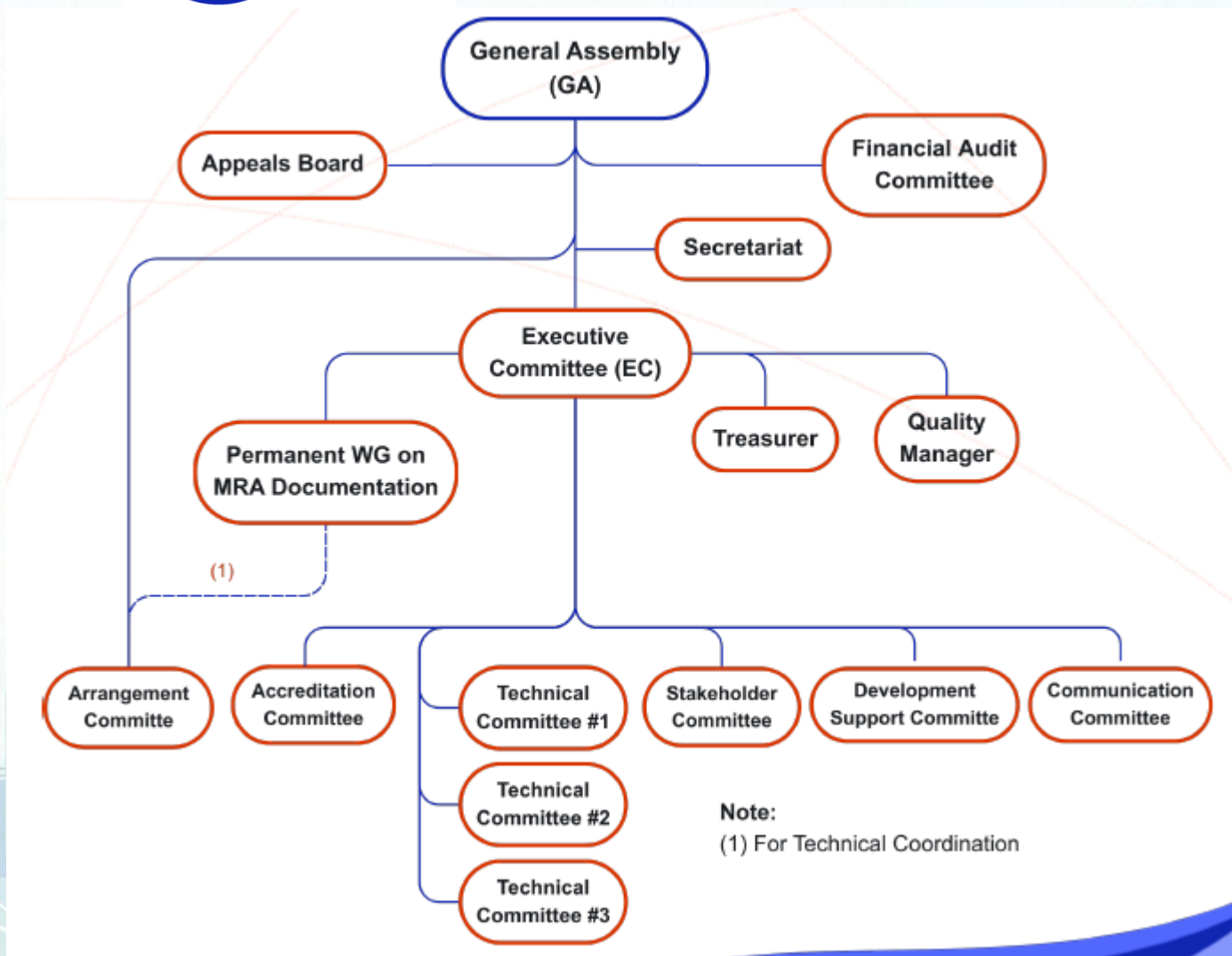
6 NEW members are in  
process of joining Global

# Data oficial do lançamento – 01 de janeiro de 2026

- ✓ A nova cooperação começa todas as operações
- ✓ Os acordos da nova cooperação serão efetivados (MRA)
- ✓ Os acordos do IAF (IAF MLA) e da ILAC (ILAC MRA) serão válidos pelo tempo requerido pelo GLOBAL ACI
- ✓ IAF e ILAC serão dissolvidos

**Abril 2026** Mid-term meetings

**Outubro 2026** General Assembly



# Comparação dos documentos

## Regras, Requisitos e Procedimentos

No início os documentos serão os mesmos do IAF e da ILAC e os membros decidirão quando e como unificá-los.



### Aplicação Obrigatória

GOV, FIN,  
TECH  
DOCUMENTS

MD, PL  
DOCUMENTS

P-SERIES, R-  
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### Aplicação Obrigatória para o MRA

MRA  
DOCUMENTS

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A-SERIES  
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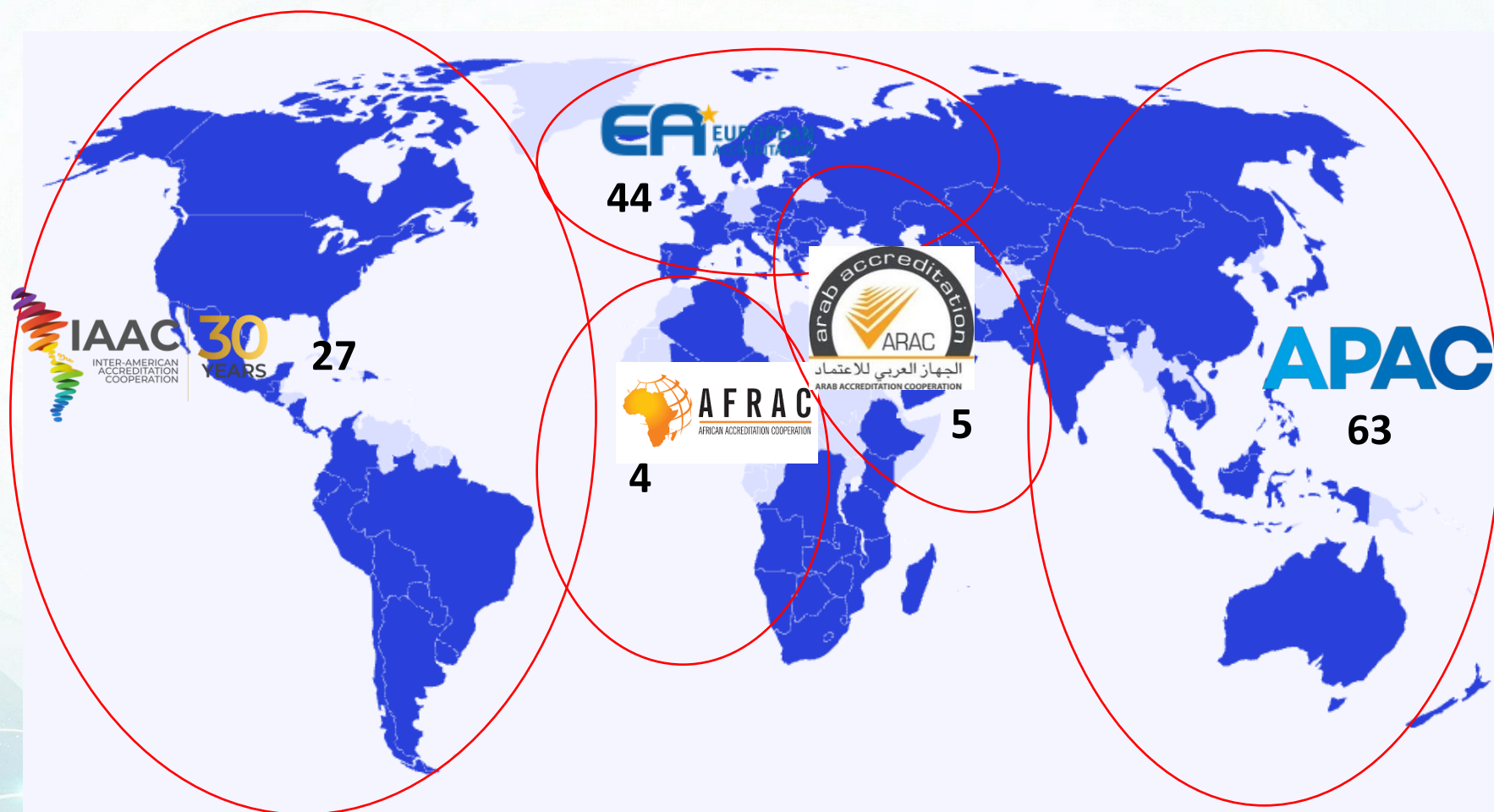
### Aplicação não obrigatória

MS  
DOCUMENTS

PR, ID  
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G-SERIES  
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# Governança em Acreditação



# ILAC e IAF



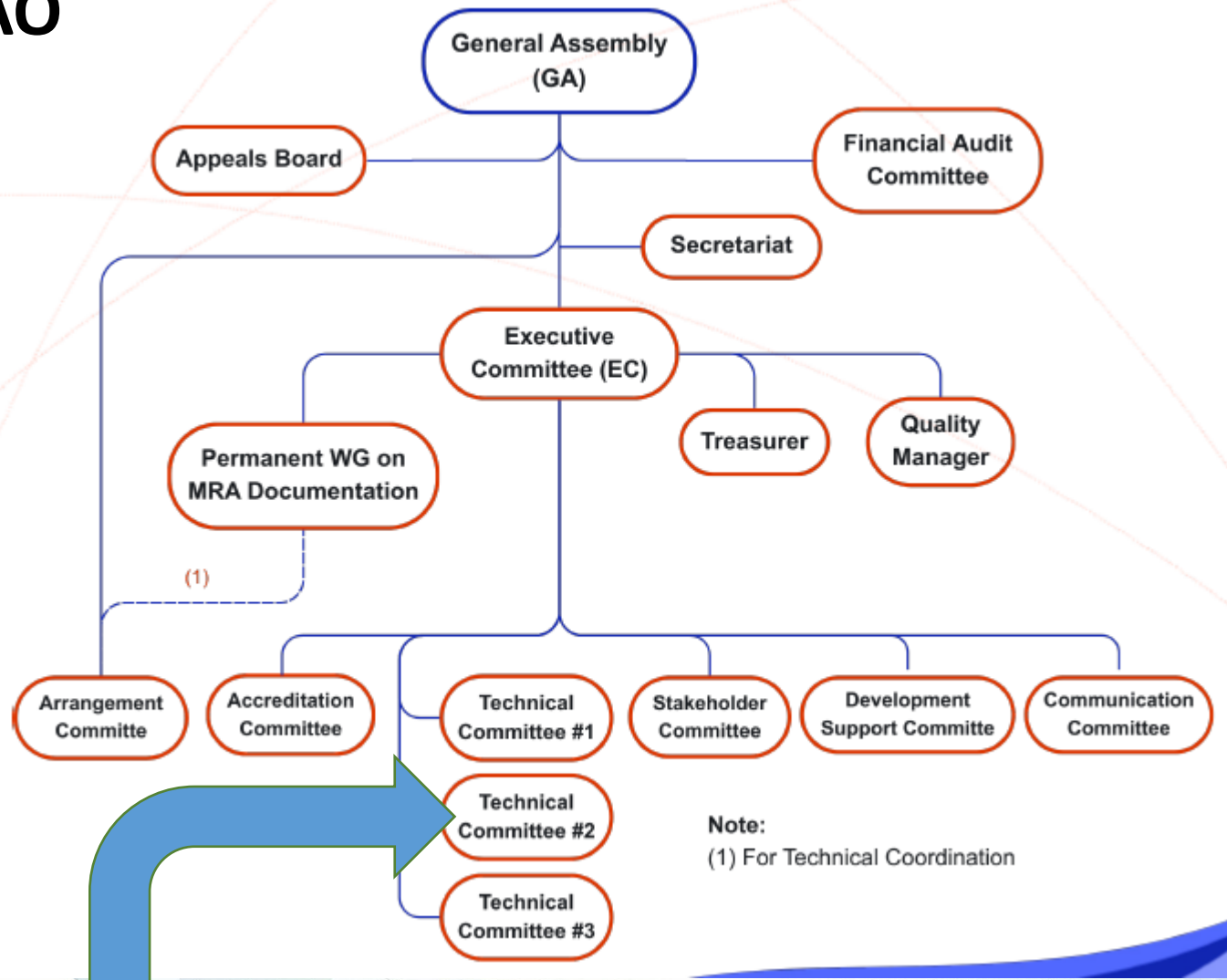
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## Comitê Técnico 2



# 1ª Reunião do TC 2 do Global ACI



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- ✓ Analisar os comentários recebidos para a FAQ nº 63 e decidir sobre uma resposta a ser publicada no site. <https://global-aci.org/en/faq/>

## FAQ 63

**Question: Can a Type C inspection body have its Technical Manager serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the parent organization?**

ISO/IEC 17020:2012 does not prohibit a Technical Manager of a Type C inspection body from serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the same organization.

For Type C inspection bodies, the standard permits the inspection body to be part of an organization that performs other activities (such as design, manufacture, supply, **installation, use or maintenance of the items it inspects**). However, the inspection body must ensure that:

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- Inspection activities shall be undertaken impartially.
- Commercial, financial, or other pressures do not influence inspection decisions.
- Risks to impartiality are identified and addressed.
- Provide safeguards within the organization to ensure adequate segregation of responsibilities and accountabilities between inspection and other activities.
- ~~— Inspection activities are structurally separated from other organizational activities.~~

If a Technical Manager also participates at Board level, the inspection body must evaluate whether that role creates risks to impartiality and implements effective control measures where necessary.

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ILAC P15 [Clause 5.2.3 n1](#) further emphasizes that inspection bodies must clearly document their organizational structure and lines of authority and [ILAC P15 Clause 5.2.4 n1](#) consider the influence of personnel who have roles both within the inspection body and elsewhere in the organization.

The presence of an observer (for example, a Quality Manager attending Board meetings) may contribute to transparency, but such a measure alone does not automatically demonstrate compliance. The effectiveness of safeguards is evaluated based on documented risk analysis, implemented controls, and objective evidence that inspection decisions remain free from undue influence. Each case is assessed based on the specific structure, responsibilities, and demonstrated effectiveness of impartiality controls. A6:A12

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## Resolução ILAC GA 29.22

De acordo com a resolução da Assembleia Geral da Cooperação Internacional de Acreditação de Laboratórios realizada em Bangcoc em outubro de 2025, o período de transição da ISO/IEC 17010 será de **3 anos**. Após esse período as acreditações baseadas na versão ISO/IEC 17020:2012 não serão mais reconhecidas.

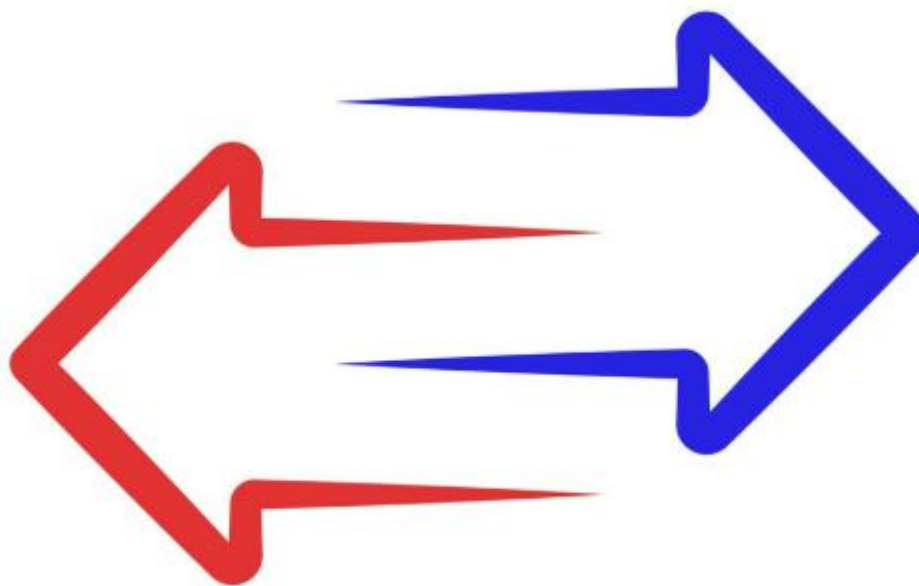
**27 de março de 2026**  
Data oficial da publicação

**3 anos**  
Duração do período de transição

**31 de março de 2029**  
Prazo final da transição

Acreditação na versão de 2012 não serão reconhecidas após esta data

# Plano de transição das regiões



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## Transition plan

- In relation to the implementation of this standard, AFRAC accreditation bodies that accredit inspection bodies shall develop their own transition plans to manage the transition of their accredited inspection bodies within the internationally established transition periods.
- AFRAC AB's are expected to report progress on their Transition plans to the AFRAC Inspection Committee at the Mid Terms and General Assembly meetings going forward.
- AFRAC Accreditation bodies shall ensure that all their accredited inspection bodies are transitioned to the new standard by 27<sup>th</sup> September 2028.

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## Technical Work Undertaken

In November 2025, two of the working group alongside the Working Group 31 Co-Convenor and a Standards Malaysia representative presented a two-day workshop on the 17020 FDIS in Kuala Lumpur for Standards Malaysia. A further workshop is being conducted in May 2026 for AOSC, Vietnam on the requirements of 17020:2026.

## Forward Planning

Looking ahead, the next in-person meeting of the APAC Inspection Working Group is scheduled to take place between 20 and 28 June 2026 in Bali, Indonesia. The agenda will include:

- Continued discussion on the revision of ISO/IEC 17020 and its implications for Accreditation Bodies and their clients.
- Development of transition programmes to support consistent adoption across the APAC region within the prescribed timeframe.
- Sharing of national experiences on inspection scopes, with a particular focus on emerging areas of inspection and the integration of remote techniques.
- Further strengthening of collaboration among members to ensure APAC maintains alignment with ILAC and international best practice.

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STRATEGIC ROADMAP



## Three-Year Roadmap Toward Full Compliance

P1

Year 1: 2026 - 2027

### AWARENESS & PREP

- Regional awareness campaigns
- A Survey
- Evaluator Trainings

P2

Year 2: 2027 - 2028

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Commencement of transition assessments
- Partial implementation of 2026 system
- Ongoing technical support workshops

P3

Year 3: 2028 - 2029

### FULL COMPLIANCE

- Evaluations as per new version of standard
- Full compliance with 2026 requirements

\* Timeline anchored to the official publication date of 27 March 2026.

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## Revision of ISO/IEC 17020 – Plan of activities

- **March 2026** – workshop (on-site, done)
- **July 2026** – training (online)
- **September 2026** – workshop (on-site)
- **May 2027** – training (on-site)

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## Upcoming steps / activities

### Stage 1 — Technical awareness

Dates: 24 February & 3 March 2026

Objective: Present context and key changes in the new edition; outline the regional strategy and roles (ABs, peer evaluators, IBs).

### Stage 2 — **Technical workshop** & **IAAC Guidance Document**

Dates: 24 March and to be confirmed during April, May.

Objective: Harmonize criteria and draft the IAAC Guidance Document for ISO/IEC 17020 transition (including cross-references to CASCO common elements).

### Stage 3 — Regional training & communication

Peer evaluators: Dates to be confirmed

Accredited inspection bodies: Dates to be confirmed

### Stage 4 — Regional in-person workshop (2027)

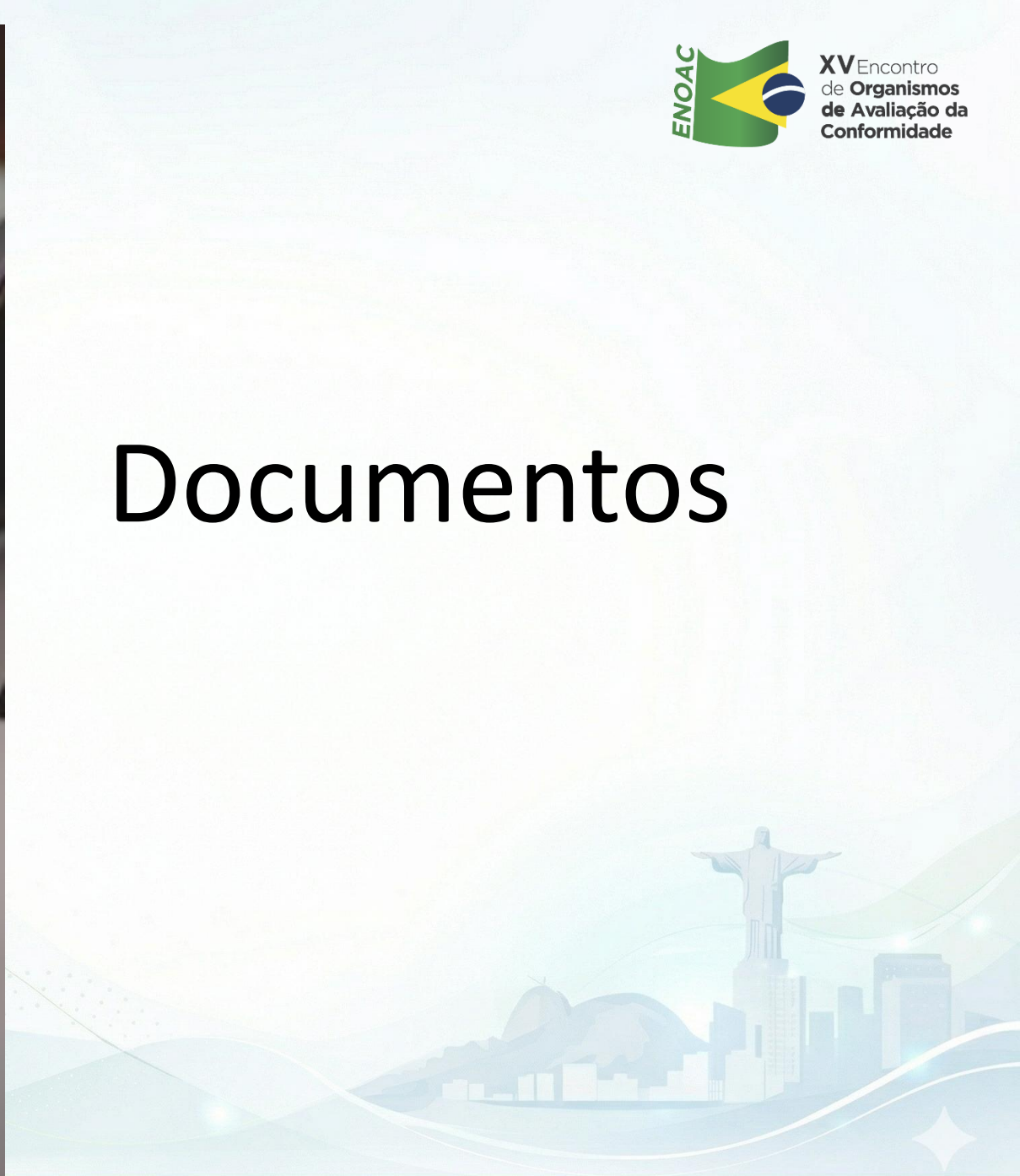
Objective: Strengthen hands-on evaluation skills for transition assessments (AB case studies, calibration vs verification, AI/remote inspection evidence, reporting).

Duration: 2 days

Cost: Covered by each AB

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# Documentos



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- ✓ Necessidade de uma nova ILAC P15 para a ISO/IEC 17020:2026

Documento-TECH-2-001 – Aplicação da norma ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (anteriormente ILAC-P15:05/2020)

Discutir a criação de um novo “P15” para a versão de 2026, quando necessário, e a formação de um grupo de trabalho.

## APPLICATION OF ISO/IEC 17020:2012 FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF INSPECTION BODIES

Document Drafting Progress <i>(this table will be removed before publication)</i>	
Document Reference/Version:	2026 01 01 TECH-2-001 Draft v1.docx
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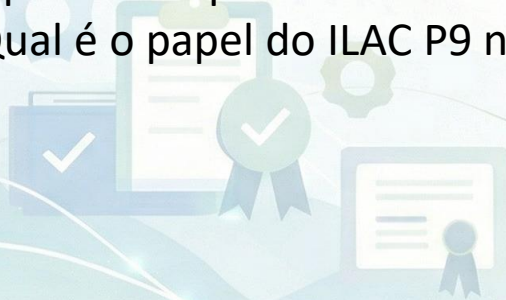
Documento TECH-2-002 - Orientações sobre medições realizadas como parte de um processo de inspeção  
(anteriormente ILAC-G27:07/2019)

TC-2 irá analisar os documentos relevantes e discutir quaisquer atualizações que possam ser necessárias devido à nova norma ISO/IEC 17020:2026, ou por outros motivos.

Criar um grupo de trabalho para recomendar a revisão ou a descontinuação do documento TECH-2-002

Ampliando a questão:

- Qual é o papel do ILAC P9 no TECH-2-002?



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Documento TECH-2-003 - Diretrizes para a Formulação de Escopo de Acreditação para Organismos de Inspeção (anteriormente ILAC-G28:07/2018)

TC-2 irá analisar os documentos relevantes e discutir quaisquer atualizações que possam ser necessárias devido à nova norma ISO/IEC 17020:2026, ou por outros motivos.

Criar um grupo de trabalho para recomendar as revisões necessárias.

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# Escopo flexível em inspeção



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## Flexibility in inspection

24 March 2026, Belgrade, Serbia

Category:	Members' Procedural Documents <b>EA-2/15 is a mandatory document</b>
Date of approval:	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Date of implementation:	December 2024
Transitional period:	One year


EA-2/15 • EA Requirements for the Accreditation of Flexible Scopes



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Publication Reference **EA-2/15 M: 2023**

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**EA Requirements  
for the Accreditation  
of Flexible Scopes**

**PURPOSE**  
The purpose of this document is to establish overall requirements within EA to enable an accredited CAB to assume responsibility for the management of all or part of its scope of accreditation without the necessity of a preliminary evaluation by the NAB for each new or modified activity. EA may supplement these requirements with specific requirements relevant to the particular sector being considered. Where additional requirements are considered necessary, these will be published as separate supplements to this document.

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Key takeaway:

## What is a flexible scope?

A flexible scope is a way of defining accreditation that:

- allows a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) to:
  - introduce new or modified activities
  - without prior evaluation by the National Accreditation Body (NAB) for each change
- provided that:
  - they remain within approved competence boundaries



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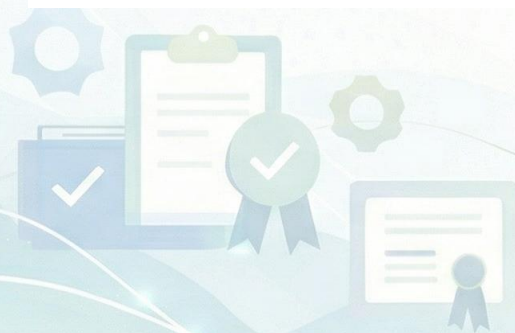
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Key takeaway:

Flexible scope represents a shift of responsibility from the NAB to the CAB

- NAB → evaluates and supervises
- CAB → manages and controls scope in practice

A flexible scope is accreditation based on demonstrated competence and the ability to manage change



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## Escopo flexível na inspeção - Perspectiva da EA

Workshop:	Survey:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Decide whether flexibility is acceptable in accreditation of inspection.</li><li>- Identify the permissible boundaries of flexibility in inspection in relation to the information on the competences/inspection body indicated in the scope of accreditation (tick "+"). Modify the form, if necessary.</li><li>- Give an example of a description of the competences implemented within the flexible scope presented in the scope of accreditation, if applicable.</li><li>- Justify your position</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Does your NAB offer accreditation with flexible scope for inspection bodies?</li><li>- Give reasons for offering / not offering inspection accreditation in the flexible scope</li><li>- Flexibility in the inspection body's scope of accreditation can apply in the regulated / voluntary field</li><li>- What are possible boundaries of flexibility to apply in inspection activity (in relation to the information presented in the scope of accreditation of inspection body)?</li></ul>

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Does your NAB offer accreditation with flexible scope for inspection bodies?

- 44.74% → Yes
- 44.74% → No
- 10.53% → Plan

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Conclusions	
<b>Flexible scope in inspection is NOT a widespread practice</b> <b>Flexible scope is not universally offered across EA.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- it is not a standard</li><li>- but it is not an exception either</li></ul>
<b>Flexible scope is optional in practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- in line with EA-2/15: NABs may offer it, but are not required to.</li><li>- the data reflects different operational decisions of NABs.</li></ul>
<b>Moderate development dynamics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- only around 10% marked "planned"</li><li>- this suggests: no rapid implementation trend rather a cautious evolution</li></ul>
<b>Neutral interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- flexible scope for inspection is offered by a significant proportion of NABs, but it is not universally implemented.</li></ul>

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## Escopo flexível na inspeção - Perspectiva da EA

Arguments for flexible scope in inspection (ISO/IEC 17020)	
<b>Reduction of bureaucracy and costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- fewer applications for scope extension</li><li>- fewer formal assessments by the AB</li><li>- faster administrative processes</li></ul>
<b>Faster response to changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- quick implementation of new versions of standards and updated methods</li><li>- no delays resulting from the assessment cycle especially important where normative documents change frequently</li></ul>
<b>Better alignment with the market</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ability to respond to customer needs and regulatory requirements</li><li>- increased competitiveness of CABs</li></ul>
<b>Support for development of inspection schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- possibility to modify evaluation methods and adjust parameters</li><li>- without losing accreditation continuity</li></ul>
<b>Logical extension of existing competence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- same competence for different versions of standards</li><li>- no need for reassessment for minor changes</li></ul>
<b>Consistency with other areas (e.g. 17025)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- flexible scopes already exist in laboratories</li><li>- pressure for harmonisation within EA</li></ul>
<b>Transfer of responsibility to CAB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CAB with a mature system can manage changes itself</li><li>- increased efficiency of the system</li></ul>
<b>Practical sector needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- e.g. healthcare pathways, dynamic inspection schemes</li><li>- need for real-time adaptation</li></ul>

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<b>Arguments against flexible scope in inspection (ISO/IEC 17020)</b>	
<b>High risk (technical and regulatory)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- especially in regulated sectors and high-risk facilities</li><li>- potential impact on safety</li></ul>
<b>Inspection = judgement-based activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- difficult to standardise processes and validate methods</li><li>- flexibility is less natural</li></ul>
<b>Regulatory challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- many methods defined in national legislation</li><li>- frequent legal changes</li><li>- difficulty in defining boundaries</li></ul>
<b>Lack of harmonisation between ABs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- different national approaches</li><li>- no common understanding of flexible scope</li></ul>
<b>Risk of misuse by CABs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- possible extension without competence</li><li>- harder for NAB to detect</li></ul>
<b>Loss of transparency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- less clear for customers and regulators</li><li>- reliance on internal lists</li></ul>
<b>Lack of market demand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- no requests or expectations</li><li>- topic not relevant in many countries</li></ul>
<b>Concept not suitable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- flexible scope from 17025 does not fit 17020</li><li>- due to nature of inspection</li></ul>
<b>Lack of experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- no practice or case studies</li><li>- high implementation risk</li></ul>
<b>Regulated market limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- most scopes in regulated areas</li><li>- limited flexibility</li></ul>

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Conclusions	
<b>Flexible scope is NOT universal</b>	It works well in: - stable, repeatable areas It works worse in: - regulated, high-risk sectors (typical for 17020)
<b>Key difference between 17020 and 17025</b>	- 17025 → method = result - 17020 → assessment + professional judgement
<b>The system works only with mature CABs</b>	Without that: there is a risk of misuse.

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Conclusions	
The safest area of flexibility = normative documents	<p>Flexible scope is most commonly limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- updates of standards</li> <li>- changes of document versions</li> <li>- methods and assessment criteria</li> </ul> <p>This is perceived as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- low risk</li> <li>- controllable change</li> </ul>
Flexibility = mainly version control, not scope expansion	<p>Most responses indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acceptance of new versions of standards</li> <li>- acceptance of replacing documents</li> </ul> <p>But NOT: - new areas of activity</p> <p>Flexible scope = updating existing activities, not expanding scope</p>
Cautious approach to field & range 41% of responses indicate some flexibility here, but it is not dominant.	<p>Interpretation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- higher level of risk</li> <li>- stronger link to competence</li> </ul>
Inspection scheme = least flexible area Only about 20%	<p>Meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- limited trust in flexibility in this area</li> <li>- changes directly affect assessment outcomes</li> </ul>
Strong pattern in "Other" responses	<p>All responses converge towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new versions of standards</li> <li>- document updates</li> <li>- no change in competence</li> </ul>
Conditional flexibility	<p>Flexibility is allowed only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no competence changes</li> <li>- no major requirement changes</li> <li>- CAB demonstrates robust system</li> </ul> <p>Flexible scope is conditional, not absolute</p>



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<b>Recommendations for CABs</b>	
<b>Implement a robust internal system</b>	- Ensure structured design, validation, and decision-making processes
<b>Ensure competence and resources</b>	- Maintain qualified personnel and proper training
<b>Maintain a transparent List of activities</b>	- Keep it up-to-date, accurate, and available when required
<b>Control changes rigorously</b>	- Validate new activities before implementation - Do not issue accredited results prematurely
<b>Communicate clearly with customers</b>	- Explain scope boundaries and implications
<b>Respect scope boundaries</b>	- Do not expand beyond defined limits
<b>Monitor and improve</b>	- Perform internal audits and reviews - Continuously improve the system



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Trends	
Minimalistic approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- narrow</li><li>- controlled</li><li>- limited flexibility</li></ul>
Focus on low-risk changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- editorial updates</li><li>- standard revisions</li></ul>
Avoidance of competence-impacting changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- OK: version updates</li><li>- NOT OK: competence changes</li></ul>
Operational tool, not strategic expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- used to improve efficiency</li><li>- not to expand activities</li></ul>
Requirement for CAB maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- strong management system</li><li>- validation processes</li></ul>



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Flexible scope in inspection should be implemented cautiously, based on risk, competence, and strong governance, ensuring that efficiency gains do not undermine confidence in accreditation.

**Flexible scope in inspection is primarily applied to controlled updates of existing activities rather than to the expansion of scope.**

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Recommendations for NABs	
Apply a risk-based approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Do not offer flexible scope universally</li><li>- Limit it to low- to medium-risk activities and well-understood areas</li></ul>
Define clear boundaries of flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Specify what is allowed within flexible scope</li><li>- Define what requires prior approval</li></ul>
Strengthen assessment of CAB systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Focus on design, validation, and change management processes</li><li>- Verify real implementation examples</li></ul>
Increase surveillance where needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Apply enhanced monitoring</li><li>- Review new activities and validation records</li></ul>
Be ready to limit or withdraw flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduce scope or revert to fixed scope if risks increase</li></ul>
Promote harmonisation within EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Work towards common understanding and aligned practices</li></ul>





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