

PRESENTATION OF ACCREDITATION DIPLOMAS OF FIVE ACCREDITED LABORATORIES IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2019

SOAC has accredited **five** additional **laboratories** in September and October 2019. These results were obtained with the assistance of the West African Quality System Program (**WAQSP**) of the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions, financed by the European Union (**EU**), executed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (**UNIDO**).



Burkina Faso stands out with **two accredited laboratories**, including the **cotton fiber quality control laboratory** of the National Textile Fibers Society (**SOFITEX**) and the food chemistry laboratory of the Department of Food Technology **DTA / IRSAT**, accredited for the Iodine analysis in salt.



As regards **calibration**, the National calibration laboratory (**LANEMA**), **Côte d'Ivoire (CI)**, has been **accredited** in the field of temperature. The certificate was officially presented to the Ivorian Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. DIARASSOUBA, on September 23, 2019, during the Opening Ceremony of the 10th General Assembly of the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC), which was hosted by SOAC in Abidjan. This result reinforces calibration skills in West Africa, which remain low: less than 10 laboratories registered so far.

In the field of **health** and **medical biology**, the **RETROCI** laboratory – **Côte d'Ivoire**, joins the still very small circle (less than 20 laboratories identified in West Africa) laboratories accredited according to **ISO 15189**. Finally, the specialized **forensic analysis field** registers **its first accredited laboratory** in SOAC Member States, with the Directorate of the Central Police Laboratory (**DLCP**) which is thus among the pioneers in this sector within the region.



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On November 28, 2019, SOAC **Director General, Mr. GBAGUIDI**, presented to **Mrs. SISSOKO, Commissioner** of the Department of Enterprise Development, Energy, Mines and Digital Economy (**DEMEN**), in the presence of the **President** of the Regional Consular Chamber (**CCR**), **Mr. SORY** and **Mrs. Ndiaye, Director** of the **Private Sector, UEMOA** Commission, the **accreditation diplomas** of the said laboratories. It was an opportunity to inform President SORY about SOAC and the importance of accreditation for Business, Trade and Industry development. The discussions also focused on the actions to be taken for a better **transfer rate of accreditations** in accordance with Regulation No. 3 2010 / CM / UEMOA, the **2019 achievements** and the next SOAC **challenges**. Mr GBAGUIDI, conveyed the thanks of SOAC Pr., Mr BARO, for UEMOA Commission continued support. Mrs. SISSOKO reiterated her thanks to the Minister of Industry of CI, for the constant assistant brought to the SOAC. She **congratulated the recipients** and renewed her **encouragement** to **SOAC** for the progressive achievements of the assigned objectives.