

In the Name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

The Sudanese Accreditation Council Act, 2015

In accordance with the provisions of the Interim National Constitution of the Republic of the Sudan 2005, be it hereby, approved by the National Assembly and signed by the President of the Republic, the following Act :-

Chapter I

Preliminary Provisions

Title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the, "Sudanese Accreditation Council Act, 2015", and shall come into force, as of the date of signature.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires :
"Accreditation", means official recognition of an authorized body that a conformity assessment bodies meet a specific requirements and qualified to perform the activities specified in the field of accreditation.
"Chairperson", means Chairperson of the Council appointed under the provisions of section 4(1);
"Conformity assessment", means assurance of meeting specified and certain requirements concerning an activity, operation, system or product;



- "Council", means the Sudanese Accreditation Council established under the Provisions of Section 3(1);
- "General Secretariate", means the General Secretariate established under the Provisions of Section 8;
- "Minister", means the Minister determined by the President of the Republic;
- "Technical Committee", means any of the Technical committees formed under the Provisions of Section 6(b);

Chapter II

Establishment, constitution, duration and supervision on the Council

Establishment of the Council

- 3.(1) There shall be established a Council to be known as the "Sudanese Accreditation Council ", and shall have corporate personality, successive perpetuity , common seal and the right to litigate in its own name.
- (2) The headquarters of the Council shall be in Khartoum State, and it may establish branches in the states.
- (3) The Council shall be under the supervision of the Minister.

Constitution and duration of the Council

- 4.(1) The Council shall be constituted, by a decision of the President of the Republic, upon recommendation of the Minister, from a chairperson and number of members from the bodies having connection with the functions of the Council.
- (2) The duration of the Council shall be four years subject to renewal.

Objectives of the Council

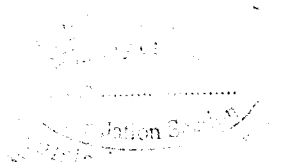
5. The Council aims to promote quality of services, provided by the bodies working in the field of Conformity Assessment and testing laboratories in accordance with the International Regulations and Standards of Accreditation.

Functions and powers of the Council

6. The Council shall have the following functions and powers:-
 - (a) grant Accreditation certificates to the bodies that grant conformity certificates and testing and calibration laboratories and cancelling such certificates;
 - (b) constitute technical and advisory committees to assist it in performing its tasks;
 - (c) approve the annual budget and submit the same to the competent bodies;
 - (d) determine remunerations of the members of technical, advisory and executive committees;
 - (e) determine the conditions of the approved assessors and their qualifications;
 - (f) issue internal regulations to organize its businesses and meetings.

Meetings of the Council

- 7.(1) The Council shall meet every three months, and the Chairperson may, after consultation with the Technical committees or upon request of two-thirds of the members, call for an urgent meeting.
- (2) The quorum for the Council meetings shall be, by attendance of the majority of the members.
- (3) Decisions of the Council shall be taken by majority of the members present, and in case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.



- (4) The Chairperson, or whoever may determine, shall preside the Council meetings, and in case of non-determination by the Chairperson, the members shall elect from among them, whom to preside the meeting.

Chapter III

Establishment, functions and powers of the General Secretariate

Establishment of the General Secretariate

- 8.(1) The Council shall have a General Secretariate presided by a General secretary.
- (2) The Council of Ministers, shall appoint by a decision, upon a recommendation of the Minister, a fulltime General Secretary.
- (3) The General Secretary shall be responsible for the performance before the Council.

Functions and powers of the General Secretariate

9. The General Secretariate shall have the following functions and powers, to:-
- (a) implement the policies and directives of the Council;
 - (b) perform administrative businesses and supervise on the technical and financial affairs;
 - (c) call the council to convene, upon direction of the chairperson;
 - (d) record minutes of the meetings, keep documents, and follow-up implementation of the Council decisions;
 - (e) submit administrative and financial reports to the Council;
 - (f) prepare annual budget proposal and submit the same to the Council for approval thereof;

- (g) select assessors in the different fields and approved them, in accordance with the conditions and qualifications determined by the Council;
- (h) keep the record of the approved assessors in the Council;
- (i) ascertain commitment of the bodies and Councils to meet the requirements and standards approved by the Council;
- (j) any other functions assigned by the Council .

Chapter IV

Financial Provisions

Financial resources of the Council

10. The financial resources of the Council shall be composed of the following:-
- (a) such appropriation as may be allotted by the State;
 - (b) gifts and donations approved by the Council;
 - (c) any other revenues approved by the Council .

The Use of the financial resources

11. The financial resources of the Council, shall be used to achieve its objectives and to exercise its functions and powers and payment of its financial obligations.

The Budget of the Council

- 12.(1) The Council shall have a proper annual budget in accordance with the sound accountancy bases and measures.
- (2) The expenditure of the budget, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Financial and Accountancy Procedure Act, 2007.

Keep of accounts, books, records and deposit of funds

- 13.(1) The Council shall comprehensively, keep accounts, books and records of its business, in accordance with the sound accountancy bases.
- (2) The Council shall deposit its Funds at the Central Bank of Sudan or any other bank approved by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

Audit

14. The National Audit Chamber or whoever delegated thereby, shall audit the accounts of the Council at the end of each fiscal year.

Chapter V

Power to make regulations

15. The Council, with the assent of the Minister, may issue regulations such as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

