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# ISO/IEC 17025:2017 TRANSITION PLAN KEY DATES

KENAS in reference to the ILAC Resolution GA 20.15 of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 on the endorsement of the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted for ISO/IEC 17025:2017, The Joint ILAC-ISO Communiqué on the recognition of ISO/IEC 17025 during a Three-Year Transition and KENAS normative and mandatory documents transitional policy KENAS-POL-044 hereby provides the transition plan with respect to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 as shown below;

SNo	ACTIVITY PLANNED	DUE DATES	REMARKS
1	Publication of the standard	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	A <b>three year transition period</b> commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017 and ending on 3 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
2	Transition plan drawn by KENAS	January 2018	The specific activities and dates of execution are detailed in this document.
3	Training of KENAS assessors	January to April 2018	All the KENAS assessors for the testing and calibration scheme will be trained on the requirements of the standard.
4	Provision of transition plans by accredited Laboratories	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Accredited laboratories to submit transition plans. Implementation of planned activities in the transition plans will be reviewed during subsequent assessments.
5	Review of the KENAS Documentation in line with ISO/IEC 17025:2017	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	The requisite forms, criteria documents and checklists to be aligned to ISO/IEC 17025:2017
6	Receiving new applications against the new standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	Assessments will commence against the standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017
7	Cut-off date for receiving new applications against ISO/IEC 17025:2005	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	New applications against ISO/IEC 17025:2005 will not be received after 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018
8	Assessments on the new standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 within the transition period	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	The non-conformities raised against requirements of the new standard will be treated as observations for existing clients accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 unless the client informs on



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			the readiness for transition
9	Assessments on the new standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 within the transition period	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	The non-conformities raised against requirements of the new standard will be treated as non-conformities.
10	Assessments for all KENAS ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratories.	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	All assessments conducted against the new standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017
11	Deadline for the transition.	29/11/2020	Laboratories that are unable to transit successfully will be suspended as of 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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