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Nigeria National Accreditation Service (NiNAS) in collaboration with the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN)

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A 1-DAY STAKEHOLDERS' SENSITISATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON ACCREDITATION TO ISO 15189:2012 (MEDICAL TESTING LABORATORIES) IN ENUGU ON 24TH JUNE, 2019.

1. BACKGROUND

Nigeria National Accreditation Service, NiNAS, provides a variety of international accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in accordance with standards published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). NiNAS has achieved full membership of African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC), Associate Membership of International Laboratory Accreditation (ILAC) and Affiliate membership of International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF).

NiNAS is committed to responding to the demands of the Nigerian economy in providing accreditation services to conformity assessment bodies in scopes that would be strategic in boosting trade, ensuring ease of doing business, and generation and retention of foreign revenue. There is a current need to respond to the demands coming from the medical laboratory sector of our conformity assessment business.

Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) is a Federal Government Statutory Regulatory Agency established by Act 11 of 2003 to regulate the practice of Medical Laboratory Science in Nigeria; determine from time to time the standard of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become Medical Laboratory Scientists, Medical Laboratory Technicians and Medical Laboratory Assistants (referred to as Scientists, Technicians and Assistants); regulate the training of Scientists,

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Technicians and Assistants in any institutions in Nigeria and give periodic accreditation to institutions; provide and maintain separate register for Scientists, Technicians and Assistants; regulate the production, importation, sales and stocking of diagnostic laboratory reagents and chemicals; assess, evaluate and register foreign graduates of Medical Laboratory Science; conduct examinations for Technicians and Assistants; inspect, regulate and accredit Medical Laboratories(Public and Private)and perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by the Act.

In collaboration with Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN), NiNAS is organising a one-day stakeholders' sensitisation and capacity building workshop on ISO 15189 standard on June 24th 2019. ISO 15189:2012 *Medical laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence* can be used by medical laboratories in developing their quality management systems and assessing their own competence. It can also be used for confirming or recognising the competence of medical laboratories by laboratory customers, regulatory authorities and accreditation bodies.

2.OBJECTIVES OF THIS STAKEHOLDER FORUM:

NiNAS began the accreditation of bodies providing medical laboratory services in Nigeria in 2018. As part of many activities and events towards motivating our medical laboratory science practice stakeholders to embrace accreditation in the interest of our health system, NiNAS will be holding a Stakeholders' Sensitization Workshop to interact with the key players on the issues relating to the process of accreditation for



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Medical Laboratories on ISO 15189:2012 and the benefits for laboratories, health system and the general population on June 24th, 2019 at Enugu.

3. BENEFITS OF THIS STAKEHOLDER FORUM:

The stakeholders' forum will afford the participants the opportunity to discover the numerous benefits associated with the accreditation of their medical laboratories, including, but not limited to the improvement of the quality of their services as well as returns on investment. In addition, the forum will address the following issues:

- How MLSCN is working with NiNAS to strengthen the accreditation system for medical laboratories in Nigeria.
- The NiNAS accreditation process with respect to ISO 15189 standard;
- NiNAS assessor training programme; and
- The process of qualifying as NiNAS assessor in medical laboratory accreditation.

Recommended Participants

- Medical Laboratory Owners
- Medical Laboratory Employees
- Representatives of government general and teaching hospitals, etc.
- All persons involved in medical laboratory activities in line with conformity Assessment Activities.
- Medical Diagnostic center owners
- Medical Equipment dealers,
- Calibration Laboratories

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5.2 Other Information

a) Language

The training will be conducted in English.

b) Confirmation and Participation

All communications regarding the training should be addressed to NiNAS (see the contact details below).

c) Certification

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Certificate will be issued to those who arrived on time and participated fully in the training. Those wishing to receive certificate of participation must register before the deadline to enable the secretariat produce the certificate. We may not guarantee issuance of certificate to those registering at the venue.

d) General guide

This event is an important session if you are involved in the business of medical laboratory science practice. The discussion will be interactive and participatory. You will learn more about the future of medical laboratory practice in this digital age. *Qualified participants may consider registering for Assessor training taking place at same venue from June 25 -27th, 2019.*

e) Registration

kindly click on the link below to register.

<https://ninas.ng/our-services/training/iso151892012-workshop-registration/>

5.3 Contacts

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The programme of Event:

09.00am Registration of Participants

10.00am Opening & Welcome Address from Ag. Registrar /CEO of MLSCN.

10.05am Opening Comments from DG/CEO of NiNAS

10.15am: Presentation - The Process and Benefit of Medical Laboratory Accreditation.

10.30am: Presentation - Understanding ISO 15189:2012 outline,

01:30 Lunch Break:

2.30pm: Interactive Session, Q&A & Certificate of Participation.

4.00pm: Event Close

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