



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCREDITATION READINESS PROGRAM (ARP) FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), is jointly implementing a European Union (EU) funded project named BESPA-FOOD, Best Standardized Practices for Agri-Food.

Establishing an effective national quality infrastructure (NQI) system that serves the agri-food sector, supporting enterprises in demonstrating compliance for both mandatory and voluntary requirements end-to-end along the value chain is one of the expected results of the project that would build the confidence of regulators, both domestic and foreign buyers and consumers.

Thus, UNIDO is launching a **call for proposals** inviting conformity assessment bodies (CABs) to apply for UNIDO's Accreditation Readiness Programme (ARP), which aims to strengthen the technical competence of CABs, such as testing and calibration laboratories; proficiency testing providers; certified reference material producers; certification bodies; inspection bodies; and NQI institutions.

UNIDO's technical assistance will be extended to the selected CABs through trainings and advisory support towards accreditation.

Application instructions:

The Instructions for CFP and the application form (annex 1) can be obtained by requesting via n.wijewickrema@unido.org.

The deadline for submission of the duly filled application is **30th September 2022**.

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