



QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES & ENERGY EFFICIENCY
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Executive Brief on Project Activity

Name of activity	IAAC Peer Evaluators Training Course 2016
Component	Cross cutting issues; IAAC – Inter American Accreditation Cooperation
Date	27th to 29th, July 2016
Place	Santiago, Chile
Background	The primary purpose of international accreditation cooperation organizations, as IAAC, is to establish multilateral arrangements (MRAs) between member accreditation bodies, based on mutual evaluation and acceptance of each other’s accreditation systems.
Topics treated	The key to the MRA is the developing global network of accredited laboratories, certification and inspection bodies that are assessed and recognized as being competent by IAAC MRA signatory accreditation bodies. The signatories have, in turn, been evaluated by their peers (against the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011) and shown to meet IAAC’s criteria for competence. The training focused on strengthening the technical competence of peer-evaluators to interpret the ISO/IEC 17011 and apply it during the peer assessments.
Countries / number of participants	Chile 10 participants, Paraguay 2 participants, Argentina 3 participants, El Salvador 1 participant, and Bolivia 1 participant.
Main results	17 participants that had been appointed by the IAAC Evaluators Working Group or are observers nominated by INN were mainly approved to be qualified as trainee evaluators because they met the requirements of the course and can be qualified as trainee peer evaluator once they have gained the specified practical peer evaluation experience.
Follow-up (Future Activities)	Perform more of these training courses in order to qualify new peer evaluators in specific MLA scopes that currently there is a lack of IAAC peer evaluators.

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