

NATIONAL LABORATORIES ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA – NLAT, 2024

Country: TANZANIA



NLAT – 2023/2024

- No of members (55), Individual (6)
- AGM – March, 2024:
 - New NLAT management elected
 - Action Plan for 2024/2024 developed
- Implementation of 2023/2024 Plan:
 - Web site developed and launched continue maintenance and improvement in progress.
 - Trainings conducted:
 - MVMU – 25 staff
 - ISO 17025:2017 – Reqs. and implementation (25 staff)
 - Decision Rule Requirements – during AGM -40 participants
 - 12 TMDA staff
 - Internal Audit based on ISO 19011 to check effectiveness of Laboratory System.



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- Activities in progress:
 - Membership registrations
 - Database for labs
 - Accreditation cost identification – to be shared btn labs
 - Identification of PT/Interlab comp.
- Accreditation status:
 - 100 Labs have been accredited by SADCAS - **ISO/IEC 17025:2017** and **ISO 15189:2012**
 - 10 Labs - applied - are at different accreditation steps
 - **PT EAS Schemes - ISO/IEC 17043:2010**
 - **TBS strive to** accredit schemes to ISO/IEC 17043:2010:
 - Edible salt, Fertilizer, Lubricant, Water, Honey, Juice, Steel bars, Roofing sheet, Electrical cable, Solar panels



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- **Other Activities carried out:**

- Maintenance of NLAT registration
- Bank account operational
- Payment of SRLA fees. Payment of 2024 fee is being processed.
- Received SRLA 1st newsletter with appreciation.
- Conducted Annual General Meeting
- Held councillor's meeting on 26 March 2024 after the AGM meeting.
- Website maintained
- Reviewed Training calendar for the year 2024.
- Maintained NLAT office and Postal Address: P.O Box 1416, Dar es Salaam.
- Participate in Laboratory week (16th - 21st April, 2024), Zanzibar.



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- **Challenges and areas requiring intervention:**
 - Registration and effectiveness of members
 - Service and maintenance of equipment remains the area requiring intervention
 - Management of waste from laboratories need intervention
 - High cost of accreditation for individual laboratory



Planned activities for next 6 months

- Implement Training Program (2024)
- Ensure maintenance of NLAT website
- Maintain NLAT office
- Promote membership registration and membership fees.
- Develop database for Labs
- Review NLAT Strategic Plan
- Review membership and database forms
- Identify focal person for each laboratory
- Identify new trainers
- Identify existing PT/Inter-lab comparison as linked in the EAC PT Schemes chapter
- Conduct trainings as requested by members and planned.



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THANKS

