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AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON 'THE ROLE OF ACCREDITED PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION IN CAPACITY BUILDING, JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS PER ISO/IEC 17024:2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the framework of the EU-Sri Lanka Trade-related Assistance project, the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board (SLAB) as the National Accreditation Authority in Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), have organized an awareness workshop on “the Role of Accredited Personnel Certification in Capacity Building, Job Creation, and Economic Development” on **13 and 14 August 2018 at the JAIC Hilton Colombo.**

This project is funded by the European Union in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka.

Personnel certification is quickly becoming the new currency for acceptance of qualified persons in an interconnected world. Globally, only the persons certified for different trades are confidently used by regulators today to monitor compliance of regulatory practices in day-to-day activities. Some of the professions which require certified personnel are quality auditor, quality & environmental inspector, food inspector, compliance manager, energy manager, health & safety engineer, welder, electrician, beautician, NDT inspector, consultant, trainer, cinnamon peeler, vehicle inspector, motor mechanic etc.

The above workshop is designed to give an understanding of the benefits, uses and how to go about it for the benefit of Training Institutes, Regulator, Conformity Assessment bodies and other stakeholders.

Dr. Vijay Krishna, Senior Director, Credentialing Accreditation Programs at the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) will be the resource person for the workshop. He also chairs the ISO/IEC 17024 Working Group of the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation and regularly conducts workshops and training globally on creating and implementing personnel certification programs based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17024.

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The workshop date, target group and topics addressed are as given below.

No	Day and Time	Target group	Topics to be covered
1	13 th August Half day – morning session	Top Management/ decision makers and Operational staff of Training institutes and Conformity Assessment Bodies. (Potential Personnel certification Bodies), Regulators, Stakeholders	Globalization of workforce certification, Advantage of personnel certification, Examples of uses of ISO 17024 by developing economies, Trends of educational institutes
2	13 th August Half day - afternoon & 14 th August full day	Operational staff of Training institutes, Conformity Assessment Bodies (Potential product certification Bodies), Regulators and Stakeholders	IEC/IEC 17024:2012, basic understanding about psychometrics, key elements of an examination life cycle

Further details are attached herewith.

We have selected your organization as a potential organization which can benefit from this program and cordially invite you to participate. Kindly forward the completed reservation slips to SLAB no later than **7 August 2018**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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