



May 15, 2016

Mr. Randy Dougherty  
President and Chair  
International Accreditation Forum

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

On behalf of the 16 member governments of the Energy Management Working Group (EMWG) of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM), I would like to express our strong endorsement for the proposed International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Database of Accredited Certifications.

This IAF proposal speaks directly to a critical need our members for better data on accredited management system certification in their countries and globally as a key input for policy and program design. This is especially true of the ISO 50001 standard as most of CEM members, who represent approximately 80% of global GHG emissions, already have policies in place to support ISO 50001 implementation but lack the data to track progress.

With recent global events, the need for this data and the IAF community's support for collecting and sharing this data is as important as ever.

At the Paris climate conference (COP21) in December 2015, 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally-binding global climate deal. With two-thirds of the world's GHG emissions resulting from energy production and use, energy management has an important role in accelerating climate action to support of the new agreement. Now is the time—post-COP21—to better position ISO 50001 as a key mechanism for engaging large-energy users on national and international energy and climate goals.

As a multi-lateral technical forum promoting the adoption of ISO 50001 energy management system standard in the industrial and commercial sectors worldwide, the EMWG's interest in the IAF Database project is clear --- access to the list of accredited ISO 50001 certifications worldwide will help our governments track progress towards national and international energy and climate goals.

At the 7<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial on June 2, the EMWG is launching a new global effort – the Energy Management Challenge. The goal of the Campaign is to secure high-level commitments from governments, companies and other key stakeholders that will accelerate ISO 50001 implementation to reach 50,001 accredited certifications by 2020. This Campaign is founded on a number of key principles which include tracking progress towards goals and ensuring quality conformity assessment audits by accredited organizations.

A database of accredited ISO 50001 certifications has been a key aspiration for our group since we launched in 2010. With our new Campaign, this project is now a critical need. The EMWG would very much welcome being a part of the steering committee for this project. As a partners, we are prepared to offer valuable support for the development, launch and promotion of this global

database. The attached document provides more insight on how the EMWG could support the IAF in this project, as well as some initial thoughts on how the IAF Database can be structured to best support our national and international efforts.

We applaud the IAF for its leadership in proposing the Database of Accredited Certifications. The EMWG hopes to lend its voice and those of individual member governments to the chorus of IAF members who support this proposal. I look forward to hearing from you on how the EMWG can be a part of this important global effort.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graziella Siciliano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'G'.

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