

ANNOUNCEMENT-ILC APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED
FOURTH (4TH) ROUND OF UNBS INTER-LABORATORY COMPARISON
(ILC) PROGRAM 2025/2026

The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) invites laboratories and testing institutions to participate in the Fourth Round of the Inter-Laboratory Comparison (ILC) Program for 2025/2026. ILC is a quality assurance exercise that evaluates the performance of laboratories by comparing their results with those from other participants in the same test. It helps laboratories demonstrate technical competence, validate their measurement processes, and continually improve accuracy and reliability of results.

Building on the success of previous rounds, the 2025/2026 ILC will cover **15 matrices**, including: Non-Carbonated Soft Drinks, Cosmetics, Potable Water, Roasted Coffee, Green Coffee, Maize Flour, UHT Milk, Milk Powder, Paint, Animal Feeds, Steel Bars, Cement, Aggregates, Soil, and Concrete. This program is strongly recommended for all public and private testing laboratories, including in-house laboratories within manufacturing facilities.

Participation Benefits:

- Builds the competence and confidence of laboratory analysts.
- Strengthens eligibility for **UNBS Laboratory Recognition** and acceptance of test results in certification decisions, in line with the *UNBS (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022*.
- Supports laboratories in meeting **accreditation requirements** for consistent, high-quality results.

Interested laboratories are encouraged to register by completing and submitting the attached **ILC Registration Form** to **UNBS ILC Coordination Desk** at email ilc@unbs.go.ug , before **31st March 2026**.

Follow link below to download the ILC Registration form
<https://unbs.go.ug/content.php?src=unbs-inter-laboratory-comparison&pg=content>

Additional information can be accessed from the UNBS website: <http://www.unbs.go.ug> and then click on Inter-Laboratory Comparison.

UNBS looks forward to your continued cordial cooperation as we enhance competitiveness through standardisation and conformity assessment.

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UGANDA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

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