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## ICT EXPERTS TO DRIVE NATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Leaders from across the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) industry have come together for the inaugural meeting of Standards Australia's JTC 1 Strategic Advisory Committee.

JTC 1 is the Joint Technical Committee of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) – both of which Standards Australia is a member – and is charged with developing standards to promote integration and innovation in ICT.

"JTC1 is the key vehicle for ensuring Australian Standards are aligned with critical international trends," said Adrian O'Connell, General Manager of Operations, Standards Australia.

"This forum allows for industry experts to develop internationally aligned standards for business and consumer applications. It provides for the integration of diverse and complex ICT technologies," Mr O'Connell said.

Committee Chair – and representative from the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) – John Sheridan said the committee's work would drive greater international alignment in the ICT sector.

"Australia's participation in JTC 1 provides the opportunity for our ICT sector to establish national standards which promote growth, innovation and efficiency," Mr Sheridan said.

Mr Sheridan said the committee's areas of interest include e-health, cloud computing, Smart Grids, sensor networks and Smart Infrastructure, Green ICT, accessibility, e-waste and augmented reality/virtualization.

The creation of this advisory committee will assist Australia to focus on priority areas in the national interest.

"Our scope is broad, however, since its inception, JTC 1 has delivered standards that have achieved international acceptance in areas including multimedia, security and programming languages," Mr Sheridan concluded.

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