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## ISO/IEC Governance and Leadership

Australia holds positions on several key international governance groups, including ISO's Technical Management Board (TMB) and IEC's Standardization Management Board (SMB), Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) and Council Board (CB). These positions give Australia a voice on the policy, operational and strategic direction of ISO and IEC. Recent developments include:

### 1. [Upcoming Info Sessions: Guidance on Effective Virtual and Hybrid Meetings](#)

Following the recent release of the joint ISO/IEC 'Guidance document on effective virtual and hybrid meetings', Standards Australia will be holding information sessions for Australian Chairs and Convenors of international Technical Committees and Chairs of Australian National Mirror Committees. Presenters will provide an overview of the guidance to support Australian Chairs and Convenors in this transition. Two sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, 16 November, 10:00am -11:00am AEDT
- Thursday, 18 November, 2:00pm -3:00pm AEDT

Please [register](#) in advance to secure your spot.

### 2. [Attending and Hosting International Meetings in 2022](#)

#### Hosting International Meetings in Australia

Due to the current uncertainty of travel into Australia for non-Australian citizens and residents, Standards Australia will not host international technical, policy or governance meetings **until at least 1 July 2022**. This decision will be reconsidered as circumstances change, with a possibility for extension if travel into Australia remains restricted.

#### Australians Attending International Meetings

As international meetings begin to accommodate in person attendance once again, Standards Australia is actively considering the advice being issued by the Australian Government to determine a position on Australian attendance. We will be communicating our policy (including any possible changes to funding) to international contributors shortly so 2022 travel arrangements can be made, and certainty can be given to your committees.

### 3. [Recap from IEC General Meeting 2021](#)

The annual IEC General Meeting was held from 2-8 October 2021, held for the first time as a hybrid meeting event hosted by the National Committee of the United Arab Emirates. The hybrid format was overall a great success, with Australian delegates able to contribute to a range of meetings across the week virtually. This includes our Young Professionals who were able to take part in workshops and discussions with peers from around the world. Some highlights from the week included:

- The approval of the new IEC Governance Statutes and Rules of Procedure following an in-depth governance review process over the past 18 months. Australian SMB member Kareen Riley-Takos has been a part of the IEC Governance Review Task Force and welcomed the adoption of the new statutes and rules of procedure.
- Australian National Committee President Dr Ian Oppermann attended the meetings of the IEC Council Board to discuss key governance issues.
- For the second workshop in a row, an Australian Young Professional has been elected by their peers as a leader for the 2021 cohort. Congratulations to Colin Sheldon on this achievement. Australian experts including Mike Wood and past YP leader Baoying Tong also hosted an interactive workshop on 5G technologies as part of the sessions.
- The IEC Council also endorsed the election of a new IEC President, Mr Jo Cops of Belgium, who will take on the role for the 2023-2025 term.

#### 4. [Recap from September 2021 ISO Technical Management Board \(TMB\) Meetings](#)

The third and final meeting of the TMB for 2021 was held fully virtually. Key issues discussed included **the formation of a joint ISO/IEC Task force on the Concept of Risk and Associated Terms**. The task force will examine how the concept of risk and associated terms can be evolved to meet the needs of standards users, and is expected to deliver recommendations by September 2022.

The TMB has, at recent meetings, discussed challenges related to the implementation of the [Vienna Agreement \(VA\)](#). In simple terms the agreement provides the means for ISO standards to become European (CEN) standards and vice versa. Issues have been reported from ISO technical committees with advisors (called Harmonized Standards (HAS) consultants) submitting comments very late in the standards development process which have delayed the publication of ISO Standards. Following a pilot in first half of 2021, TMB decided to approve the new process for requesting the HAS consultant assessment prior to the launch of the ISO/FDIS vote.

A number of new work item proposals were also discussed, which resulted in:

- The establishment of a project committee (PC) on **Guidelines for the promotion and implementation of gender equality (ISO/PC 337)**, with the role of Secretariat being allocated to AFNOR (France); and
- The request for ISO to consider how to address the benefits of standards as part of the implementation of the ISO Strategy 2030, rather than establishing a project committee to develop a Standard on Guidance on evaluating standardization benefits for organizations

The next ISO/TMB meeting is scheduled for early March 2022.

## ISO Technical Update

### 1. [Small hydropower plants \(SHP plants\): New Field of Technical Activity](#)

A proposal for a new field of technical activity and committee on *Small hydropower plants (SHP plants)* has been submitted by SAC (China). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 5 November 2021**).

The proposal provides guidelines for Standardisation in the field of site selection planning, design (i.e. pre-feasibility study and feasibility study), construction and management for SHP plants development up to 30 MW.

The scope of the proposed new committee will include standardisation of:

- Professional technical terms and definitions commonly used for SHP plants
- Technical requirements, methodology and procedure relating to site selection planning of SHP plants
- Technical requirements for the design (i.e. pre-feasibility study and feasibility study) of SHP plants, mainly including hydrology, geology, energy calculations, project layout, hydraulics, electromechanical equipment selection, construction planning, project cost estimates, economic appraisal, social and environmental assessments
- Construction of SHP plants mainly including civil works, hydro mechanical structures and installation of electromechanical equipment
- Project acceptance, renovation, operation and maintenance of SHP plants

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au).

### 2. [Heat Supply Network \(HSN\): New Field of Technical Activity](#)

A proposal for a new field of technical activity and committee on *Heat Supply Network (HSN)* has been submitted by SAC (China). Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 24 November 2021**).

The proposal provides guidelines for Standardisation in the field of HSN including design, construction, integration, control and regulation based on heating supply pipeline system.

The proposal excludes Standardisation of heat sources and space heating systems covered by ISO/TC 11 Boilers and pressure vessels – STANDBY, ISO/TC 86 Refrigeration and air-conditioning, ISO/TC 163 Thermal performance and energy use in the built environment, ISO/TC 205 Building environment design, ISO/TC 267 Facility management, ISO/TC 268 Sustainable cities and communities, ISO/TC 301 Energy management and energy savings, and IEC SyC Smart Cities, IEC SyC Smart Energy.

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au).

### 3. Menstrual Products: New Field of Technical Activity

A proposal for a new field of technical activity and committee on *Menstrual Products* has been submitted by ISO/COPOLCO. Standards Australia invites stakeholders to share their views on the proposal to help inform the Australian position (feedback is requested **by 14 December 2021**).

The proposal provides guidelines for Standardisation in the field of Menstrual Products, covering all products intended for both single and multiple use, regardless of material.

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au).

## IEC Technical Update

### 1. [Australia represented on Advisory Committee for Electricity Transmission and Distribution](#)

Australia has been successful in our nomination to join the Advisory Committee on Electricity Transmission and Distribution. Jenny Gannon will join ACTAD as a National Committee expert, to provide input on the committees work from an Australian perspective. This will give Australia an enhanced opportunity to contribute to work on coordinating and shaping the technical direction of a broad range of technical committees.

ACTAD deals with all matters concerning electricity transmission and distribution (T&D) which concern, or may potentially concern, more than one TC or SC. It may also have to deal with emerging broader subjects that may impact the T&D industry and IEC technical committees. Jenny Gannon is an emerging leader in standardisation, with experience across a range of technical committees at the national and international level. She is also a graduate on Standards Australia's NEXTgen programme and the IEC Young Professional Programme.

Read more about ACTAD [here](#).

### 2. [Australian Young Professional Elected as Leader](#)

Australia has a strong history of contributing to the IEC Young Professionals Programme, with past participants quickly becoming leaders in national and international standards work. 2021 is no exception, with Mr Colin Sheldon and Mr Peter Kilby making an immediate impact amongst their peers in this year's YP workshop, held alongside the IEC General Meeting.

Despite the challenges of attending virtually, Colin has been elected by his peers as a leader of the 2021 YP group and will have the opportunity to work with the IEC team on projects in the next year. Congratulations to Colin on this achievement!

In 2019, Australian YP Mr Baoying Tong was elected as a leader and has since contributed to several projects and webinars run by the IEC. Applications for the IEC Young Professionals Programme for 2022 will open early next year.

Find out more about the Young Professionals Programme [here](#).

## Other International News

### 1. [Webinar on International Standards and International Trade](#)

Standards Australia, in partnership with Austrade, is hosting a webinar on international standards and international trade on **Wednesday 17 November 2021** at 3:00pm – 4:00pm AEDT.

Hear about how international standards facilitate global trade, how you can engage in international standardisation and about the programs and support that Austrade offer to assist Australian businesses in international markets.

Information on speakers and the dial in information will be released in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!