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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. [You're Invited: ISO and IEC Consultation Session for Australian Contributors – May 2022](#)

Standards Australia will be hosting a consultation session for all Australian contributors to ISO and IEC on 4 May 2022.

We invite participants to attend the event via Zoom to share their feedback on participating in international standards development and hear updates on Australian priorities. It is also an opportunity to learn more about Australia's engagement in ISO and IEC and what's to come in 2022-2023, including an update on a return to face to face meetings.

Register your participation.

2. [Australian National Committee considers new IEC Strategic Plan](#)

National Committees of the IEC are currently considering the approval of the next IEC Strategic Plan, developed over the last 12 months. The Strategic Plan represents the direction IEC wishes to take for its future, and together with the Operational Plans, as completed by the Leading Entities (CAB, MSB, and SMB), as well as recommended alignment of National Committees' national strategies with the IEC Strategic Plan, will help steer all aspects of the Commission on a focused path to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan.

The plan focuses on three strategic themes: 1) Enabling a digital and all electric society, 2) Fostering a sustainable world, and 3) Leading on trust, inclusion, and collaboration. Chair of the Australian National Committee to the IEC, and IEC Board Member, Dr Ian Oppermann, contributed to the development of the draft plan.

3. [Revision of Travel Subsidies for Australian Delegates Attending ISO and IEC Meetings](#)

Every year around 600 delegates represent Australian mirror committees at ISO and IEC international technical committee and working group meetings. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately two-thirds of these delegates are provided a subsidy to assist with their costs in attending the meeting. The subsidies are provided by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER), as part of the Support for Industry Services Organisation (SISO) Programme and are administered by Standards Australia.

For Australia to actively participate and therefore influence the direction and content of standards in a given area, attendance at meetings is vitally important. A set amount of funding is allocated to delegates based on location of the meeting, the number of days attending and the numbers of

Australian delegates attending. A review of the subsidies was timely as the last review was completed in 2017 and the global COVID-19 pandemic has had an effect on travel costs.

As a result of the review modifications have been made to the subsidy levels and will come into effect for travel occurring after 1 May 2022. The new amounts are set out in the [Guide to nomination and funding application process for international meetings](#) (GU 509). There will also be an additional provision of subsidy to assist with pre-travel COVID testing costs. As travel costs are likely to fluctuate over the coming year a further review will be undertaken of the subsidies at the end of 2022.

For more information please contact the International team international.participation@standards.org.au.

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ISO Technical Update

1. [Guidelines for overseas warehouse services in cross-border trade: New Work Item Proposal](#)

A proposal for a new work item on *Guidelines for overseas warehouse services in cross-border trade* 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 May 2022**).

The proposal specifies the key elements in providing overseas warehouse services in cross border trade. It specifies the services offered by overseas warehouses, and highlights specific functions including the general principles, service provisions, service processes, service guarantee, service quality, evaluation, and improvements.

The proposal applies to overseas warehouse service providers and other related parties. This will guide overseas warehouse service providers on the safe and compliant overseas warehouse services. The proposal does not apply to the fields that are covered by the scope of ISO/TC 315 cold chain logistics.

To provide feedback or learn more about the proposal, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au.

2. [Invitation to an international workshop on Live streaming marketing services](#)

The National Standards Body from China has issued an invitation for stakeholders to participate in an international workshop on live streaming marketing service, to be held virtually in June.

The aim of the project is to develop an [International Workshop Agreement \(IWA\)](#) by refining the practice of live marketing companies on a global scale. The IWA will meet the growing consumer demand, help companies use live streaming as a marketing tool to facilitate online business, as well as provide suggestions for companies to collect or recruit live streaming marketing talents. Hence, the workshops and the IWA formed through the process will help the live streaming marketing industry to develop more sustainably.

For further information please contact international.participation@standards.org.au.

3. [Standards Australia to host a forum on Genomics](#)

Standards Australia is hosting a forum on Genomics Informatics on Friday, 29 April 2022 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm (AEST).

The forum will seek to:

- Inform Australian stakeholders of Genomics Informatics-related standards under development within ISO/TC 215/SC 1
- Inform Australian stakeholders of ISO/TC 215/SC 1 Road Map
- Determine participation options for Australian stakeholders

- Clarify next steps for Australian stakeholders keen to be involved in ISO/TC 215/SC 1

If you are keen to attend, please contact roxey.kelly@standards.org.au

We look forward to receiving your input as well as providing the information in the forum.

IEC Technical Update

1. [Upcoming Event: AI with Trust](#)

The IEC and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs are jointly organizing an international conference on the interplay between legislation, standardization and conformity assessment related to artificial intelligence. AI with Trust will be held in Geneva, on 16 and 17 May 2022.

The conference will act as a springboard for an ongoing dialogue between technical and legal experts to identify steps that can contribute to increasing trust in AI across society.

Speakers will include Chair of the Australian IEC National Committee, Dr Ian Oppermann and newly appointed Diversity Advisory Committee member from Australia, Mr Baoying Tong.

Further information, including registration information is available [here](#).

2. [Celebrating Diversity: An Interview with Kareen Riley-Takos](#)

At Standards Australia and on the IEC Standardization Management Board, Kareen Riley-Takos has been promoting diversity beyond gender, while often being a catalyst for change and improvement in both structures.

Kareen Riley-Takos is the General Manager of Operations for Standards Australia (SA) and an elected member of the IEC Standardization Management Board (SMB), as well as of the new Business Advisory Committee (BAC). She tells e-tech about the initiatives taken at SA and her experience on the SMB.

Read more [here](#).

3. [Using IEC Standards to help mitigate climate change](#)

According to the recently released assessment [report](#) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC](#)), the average annual global greenhouse gas emissions were at their highest levels in human history between 2010-2019. Although the rate of growth has slowed, the situation remains critical.

Improving energy efficiency requires measuring the energy consumption of a device, system or process. This is achieved through data collection and analysis as well as by testing and verification. A well-defined set of criteria and metrics is indispensable for achieving meaningful and comparable results. For electrotechnology products, these are often incorporated in IEC International Standards.

A number of IEC technical committees develop energy efficiency standards for specific products and systems, such as [IEC TC 59](#) for household appliances, [TC 100](#) for audio, video and multimedia systems and TC 2 for motors. IEC Standards also facilitate the integration of renewable energy systems in the electrical grid.

Read more [here](#).