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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. [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.

### 2. [Feedback sought on ISO and IEC Guidance for Effective Virtual and Hybrid Meetings](#)

A Joint ISO/TMB and IEC/SMB Task Force has recently published guidance for all committees on effective virtual and hybrid meetings and is now welcoming feedback on its implementation. Australia was involved in the development of this document via representatives on the ISO/TMB and IEC/SMB, with a focus on advocating for Australian contributors and addressing key issues impacting Australians, such as time zones. The guide contains information on selection of meeting modes, guidance for rotation of time zones and proposed measures to follow for effective social interaction and engagement in international meetings.

A series of information sessions were hosted by Standards Australia in November, in order to circulate the key messages to Australian contributors participating in international standards work and respond to immediate questions. Standards Australia has published a quick reference guide to support implementation of the guidance, which can be found on our website [here](#).

We encourage Australian contributors to provide feedback and suggested improvements on the implementation of the guidance, which can then be incorporated into the next iteration of the document. Please send all feedback to [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au).

## ISO Technical Update

### 1. [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).

### 2. [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).

### 3. [Driver Training – Intelligent training system for vehicle driving: New Work Item Proposal](#)

A proposal for a new work item on *Driver Training – Intelligent training system for vehicle driving* 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 20 January 2022**).

The proposal specifies the terms and definitions, requirements (including the function requirements and performance requirements), test methods, packaging, transportation and storage of the intelligent training system for vehicle driving, not including the equipment of this system. It is applicable to the design, development and delivery of the intelligent training system for vehicle driving.

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 joins IEC Conformity Assessment Scheme for Renewable Energy](#)

Standards Australia and Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) have entered into an agreement to appoint JAS-ANZ as the Australian Member Body for the IECRE Renewable Energy Conformity Assessment System. This is an addition to the existing agreement for IECEE, IECQ and IECEx.

This membership allows Australian businesses to gain acceptance as testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies in renewable energy and will position Australia on the global stage for skills and technology development.

Australia is known for its world class development in renewable energy, and it's believed that membership, and eventual acceptance will only build domestic skillsets and ensure Australia is operating with, and to, the highest international standards. Membership also allows Australia the opportunity to have full ownership of conformity assessment services that can be exported globally.

Read more [here](#).

### 2. [IEC, ISO and ITU ready to join proposed UN expert group to mitigate climate change](#)

The world's leading developers of International Standards – IEC, ISO and ITU – have signalled their strong interest in working with the United Nations to combat climate change. They were responding to a decision by [António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General](#), to establish a group of experts to “propose clear standards to measure and analyse net-zero commitments from non-state actors”.

IEC, ISO and ITU have hundreds of internationally agreed standards dedicated to achieving net-zero commitments, including those that measure carbon emissions, define climate change mitigation, frame the use of carbon-free technologies and the corresponding adaptation measures. Many are the international reference used in sustainability policymaking.

ISO's commitment to the net-zero goals was reinforced with the recent [London Declaration](#). The declaration pledges to ensure standards help to accelerate the successful achievement of the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience. The IEC supports the objectives of this declaration.

Read more [here](#).