



ANSI Workshop:  
*Generating U.S. Input  
on the ISO Strategic Plan  
2011-2015*



*American National Standards Institute*

## ***REPORT OF BREAKOUT SESSION 1(a)***

### **Technical Scope**

**June 25, 2009**

**11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

ANSI Workshop: *Generating U.S. Input on the  
ISO Strategic Plan 2011-2015*

June 25-26, 2009

# Technical Scope

## Key Discussion/Consensus Points

**How can ISO strengthen its value proposition and its responsiveness to global challenges?**

- Strengthen consensus process**
  - **Require a value proposition**
  - **Quantify value of standard**
  - **Communicate value of participation**
  - **Promote greater outreach to increase participation**
    - **Will help to address proportional voting**
  
- Industry Acceptance**
  - **Ensure standards are needed and provide value**
  - **Develop standards only if market relevance**

# Technical Scope

## Key Discussion/Consensus Points

**How can ISO strengthen its value proposition and its responsiveness to global challenges?**

- Review/revise New Work Item Approval process**
  - **Assess measures to optimize the processes**
  - **Need increased consistency in evaluation process**
  - **Improve quality and robustness of proposals**
  - **More TMB engagement in scope review of new work items**
  - **Consider application of Guide 72 to all NWI proposals**
  
- Increase TMB responsiveness to avoid redundancies between technical committees**
  
- Ensure adequate TMB resources to enable appropriate review of work**
  
- Better definition of use of international standards**

# Technical Scope

## Key Discussion/Consensus Points

### Views on the current scope and ISO's Technical Work

- ❑ **Address emerging technologies and limit scope to technical areas**
  - **Avoid policy areas**
  - **Develop standards not being addressed by other international SDOs**
  - **Address converging technologies**
  
- ❑ **Avoid redundancies**
  - **Stick to the core mission**
  - **Exclude items addressed in IEC and ITU**
  - **Review scopes and eliminate duplications**
  - **Should compliment other SDOs**
  - **Stick with original technical standards scope**

# Technical Scope

## Key Discussion/Consensus Points

### Views on the current scope and ISO's Technical Work

- ❑ **Delineate clearly between standards for safety, quality or identity**
  - **Avoid mission creep into societal issues**
  
- ❑ **Revisit the Vienna Agreement and work more on a regional basis (there are multiple regions in the world)**
  
- ❑ **Improve linkage between TCs and CS and TMB**

# Technical Scope

## Key Discussion/Consensus Points

**Should ISO become more involved in providing guidance to users on the actual implementation of standards?**

- Current practices in the technical committees are adequate at this time; shouldn't focus on expanding scope to numerous guidance documents**
- For industry users, guidance documents can be valuable but not needed or desired by government**
- Limited resources should be considered**
- Ensure quality of product, therefore not needing guidance document**