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Involvement of Stakeholders

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Involvement of Stakeholders Key Discussion/Consensus Points

Is balanced stakeholder engagement as important as ensuring the appropriate level of technical expertise is engaged in the standards development process

- Consider a direct industry participation model
- Current mechanisms do not provide adequate assurances that the relevant stakeholders are involved in ISO activities.
 - There should be a balance of stakeholders participating in the development of every work product.
 - ISO has often faced criticism from experts in the technical fields and regulatory stakeholders for lack of transparency and lack of involvement of relevant parties during their standards development. ISO should actively survey standard development activities to ensure broad and representative participation and communication.
- Ensure special interests do not dominate standards development process
 - Encourage balanced input
 - Ensure national body input process is respected



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- Consider geographic balance requirements
- Encourage greater participation via use of technology (to address resource concerns)
- ISO should define the term "stakeholders" in light of expansion of the ISO scope as appropriate
- Consider if national participation has to be via the national body
- Encourage national bodies to ensure participation from all stakeholder groups

