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## Sino-U.S. Cooperation and the Internationalization of Standardization: Policy Updates and Opportunities



Monday, April 25, 2016

11am – 4pm

[FHI 360 Conference Center](#)

1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, 8th Floor

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### Overview Sino-U.S. Cooperation and the Internationalization of Standardization

On April 25, 2016, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) will host a one-day event, "Sino-U.S. Cooperation and the Internationalization of Standardization: Policy Updates and Opportunities," featuring presentations by a high-level delegation from the Standardization Administration of China (SAC). The event is free and open to ANSI members.

ANSI has a long history of cooperation with China and SAC in particular, reflecting the importance of the U.S.-China leadership within the international standards community and the priority our constituents place on each other's markets. Both organizations represent their national positions at such international organizations as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) (through the U.S. and Chinese National Committees), and the relationship is bolstered by regular dialogue and collaboration on a broad range of policy and technical issues.

Last year, China announced plans to overhaul its standardization system. Because the reform also has significant implications for U.S. stakeholders, ANSI has been closely monitoring its rollout. SAC will play a leading role in implementing the reform, and their visit to ANSI coincides with a critical moment in the reform rollout: the State Council recently released for public comment a draft revision of the "China Standardization Law," which provides the legal framework for the overall reform effort.

On April 25, ANSI is proud to offer its members the opportunity to engage key decision-makers involved in the implementation of China's standardization reform. The event will offer an opportunity to learn the latest updates on the reform and its expected impact, and share best practices and priority issues.

★ Please see below for [background on the reform](#) and [details on the event](#).



## Participants

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All interested stakeholders including those from standards developers, consortia, government, industry, business, consumer groups, and academia are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives, insights, and expertise.

★ ANSI members are invited to send in advance questions for the SAC delegation or suggested topics for discussion: [intl@ansi.org](mailto:intl@ansi.org).

## Background on China's standardization reform

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In March 2015, China's State Council released a plan for deepening the reform of China's standardization system, which includes the following six initiatives:

- ▶ Establishing a central coordinating mechanism under China's State Council;
- ▶ Consolidating the number of mandatory standards;
- ▶ Optimizing the structure for voluntary standards;
- ▶ Fostering the development of association standards;
- ▶ Encouraging the development of enterprise standards; and
- ▶ Improving the level of internationalization of standards.

To date, ANSI has provided members with analysis of the following reform-related announcements:

- ▶ The March 2015 announcement of the reform plan ([more info](#)).
- ▶ The July 2015 establishment of the central coordinating mechanism ([more info](#)).
- ▶ The November 2015 release of the draft "Association standardization – Guidelines for good practice," which ANSI submitted comments on ([more info](#)).
- ▶ The January 2016 issuance of a work plan for integrating and simplifying mandatory standards ([more info](#)).
- ▶ The February 2016 release of the "Recommendations on Fostering and Developing Association Standards." ([more info](#)).
- ▶ The March 2016 release of the draft revised China Standardization Law, which ANSI plans to submit comments on. ([more info](#)).

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