# USNC 10<sup>th</sup> TAG Leadership Workshop



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Thank you for joining us for today's TAG Leadership Workshop! The virtual component of this workshop will begin shortly, around 9:30 a.m. ET.

For virtual participants, please note that we will be using the **Chat** feature during today's sessions. If you wish to ask a questions, please send it to us via Chat. USNC staff will monitor and moderate these questions.

# Welcome Bill Lawrence, FM Approvals



# Keynote Address Phil Piqueira, Chair of ANSI Board of Directors



# Kahoot! and Bingo Activities



# Nuts & Bolts of TAG Leadership Panel and Discussion



### **Nuts & Bolts of TAG Leadership**

#### **Panelists:**

- Florence Otieno (TIA)
- Josephine Mahnken (FM Approvals)
- Valara Davis (UL Standards & Engagement)

#### **Moderator:**

Grace Roh (UL Standards & Engagement)

# Nuts & Bolts of TAG Leadership Panel and Discussion

Virtual participants are encouraged to submit their questions using the chat feature during this panel discussion. The chat will be monitored by USNC staff.



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# Kahoot!



# USNC TAG Model Operating Procedures

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# TMC – Technical Management Committee SCOOP – Subcommittee on Operating Procedures

- This subcommittee, under the supervision of TMC is
  - Responsible for the "Model Operating Procedures"
  - Responsible for qualifying "Unique Operating Procedures"

 Addresses all USNC Technical Advisory Groups (USNC TAGs)



# Model Operating Procedures (MOP) Unique Operating Procedures (UOP)

- This presentation is based on the 2019-06 MOP
- All USNC TAGs have reaffirmed operation in accordance with the revised MOP or provided a copy of their UOP subsequently approved by SCOOP and TMC
  - A few new TAGs are still working through the MOP / UOP adoption process
- Any UOP must address all of the requirements outlined in the MOP



#### **USNC TAG**

 A USNC TAG is required for each IEC TC/SC/SyC on which the US participates as a "P" member

 The USNC TAG is essentially a "mirror" committee to the IEC TC/SC/SyC



### **USNC TAG Responsibilities**

- Nominate TA and DTA (if desired)
- Develop / Support US New Work Item Proposals (NP)
- Establish US consensus positions for IEC documents
- Identify delegates to TC/SC Meetings
- Develop US positions for items at TC/SC Meetings
- Appoint experts to WG / MT / PT / AG
- Coordinate with TMC on IEC officer positions
- Liaise with other USNC TAGs as necessary



#### **USNC TAG Officers**

- Technical Advisor (TA)
  - Single point of technical contact for the USNC TAG, Typically serves as Chair
- Deputy Technical Advisor (DTA)
  - Serves as deputy to the TA and other functions as agreed by the USNC TAG
- USNC TAG Administrator
  - Organization assigned by TMC to provide administrative support
- USNC TAG Secretary
  - Individual appointed by the USNC TAG Administrator to provide day-today administrative support



## **USNC TAG Technical Advisor (TA)**

- Nominated and approved by USNC TAG
- Appointed by TMC for 4-year term
- Typically serves as Chair
- Qualifications
  - Technical expertise in the subject area
  - Recognition by industry sector
  - Good negotiating skills
  - Financial support for activities
  - Knowledge of the IEC process



### **USNC TAG Deputy Technical Advisor (DTA)**

- Also nominated and approved by USNC TAG
- Appointed by TMC for 4-year term (concurrent with TA)
- Acts as deputy to Chair
- Qualifications (Same as TA)
  - Technical expertise in the subject area
  - Recognition by industry sector
  - Good negotiating skills
  - Financial support for activities
  - Knowledge of the IEC process



### **USNC TAG Responsibilities of TA**

- Guide selection of delegates to TC/SC Meetings
- Guide US positions for items at TC/SC Meetings
- Arrange for distribution of IEC documents to USNC TAG members for collection of comments and proposed votes
- Identify and initiate USNC TAG votes to appoint US experts to WG / MT / PT / AG
- Coordinate with TMC as deemed necessary
- Ensure compliance with USNC Operating Procedures



# USNC TAG Administrator / Secretary Responsibilities

- Provide administrative support for operation of USNC TAG
  - Circulation of IEC documents
  - Maintain roster in conjunction with USNC Office
  - Circulation of USNC TAG meeting agendas and minutes
  - Coordinate with TA on transmission of USNC TAG positions to the USNC Office for submission to IEC
- Ensure compliance with Operating Procedures
  - Model Operating Procedures (MOP)
  - Unique Operating Procedures (UOP)



#### **USNC TAG Members**

- Open to "US National Interested Parties"
  - Representing a company domiciled in the US
  - Representing federal, state, or local government
  - US Citizen or permanent resident
- Assessed a USNC annual participation fee (currently \$310)
  - USNC TAG Administrator may charge an additional fee
  - Process for waiver of fees is available
  - Resource Experts, Consumer Advocates, Life Members (no fee)
  - USNC Premier Members (no fee)
- Application and voting for membership candidates



### **USNC TAG Membership application**

- Formal application
- CV highlighting candidate's qualifications
- Identification of "Interest Category"
  - Producer
  - User
  - Testing / Certification
  - Regulatory / Inspection
  - Special Expert
- Representing an organization?



### **USNC TAG Membership application**

	USNC TAG MEMBER APPLICATION
Name:	
Title:	
Organizati	on:
Address:	<del></del> -
L Telephone	:
Email:	
USNC TAG	(s):
Interest Ca	ategory:
	<b>Producer</b> – Individuals who are involved in the production, manufacture, or distribution of the type of product or system under the scope of the USNC TAG. This includes individuals involved in the design, engineering support, manufacturing, testing, and/or marketing of th type of product or system; or who are employed by or represent a producer, manufacturer or distribution of the type of product or system.
	User – Individuals who are involved in using the type of product or system that is the topic of the USNC TAG, but who are not involved with the production, manufacture or distribution of that type of product or system.
	Testing / Certification – Individuals who represent organizations that provide testing, assessment and/or certification of the type of product or system that is the topic of the USNC TAG.
	Regulatory / Inspection – Individuals who represent governmental entities having regulatory or inspection interest in or influence over the type of product or system that is the topic of the USNC TAG.
	Special Expert – Individuals who have expertise in an aspect of the type of product or system that are not covered by another interest group.
Signed:	
Date:	



## **USNC TAG Membership approval**

- The CV highlighting candidate's qualifications is circulated to the USNC TAG members for an approval ballot
- Applicant becomes a voting member of the USNC TAG upon:
  - Affirmative vote by the USNC TAG
  - Payment of any USNC TAG Participation Fee
  - Payment of any USNC TAG Administrator Fee
  - Addition to the official USNC TAG Roster



### **USNC TAG US-Appointed Experts**

- Requires an affirmative vote of the USNC TAG
- CV highlighting USNC TAG member's qualifications
  - Significant experience in the subject
  - Involved in national standardization
  - Strong communication skills
  - Able to travel and participate in meetings
  - Multiple experts from same company discouraged
  - Balance desirable
- Confirmation of Employer Support



# USNC TAG Form for US-Appointed Experts



Please return to the USNC office at usnc@ansl.org

#### FORM FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF USNC/IEC EXPERTS

(Please use one form for each appointment)

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TC/SC	Enter TC/SC	
WG, PT, MT – and Title	Enter WG, PT, MT and Title	
Name of US Expert	Enter Mr./Ms./Mrs. and Full Name	
Title	Enter Title of US Expert	
Company Name	Enter Company Name	
Company Address	Enter Complete Mailing Address	
Representation Type	Enter Organization, Company, or Government Agency	
Interest Category	Enter Producer, User, Testing/Certification, Regulatory/Inspection, or Special Expert	
Office Number	Enter Phone Number	
Mobile Number	Enter Phone Number	
Email Address	Enter Email Address	

Please Confirm One of the Following:

□ The Appointee has been notified that he/she will be invoiced the USNC TAG Participation Fee
 □ The USNC TAG Participation Fee is not applicable; Please explain

Please Confirm All of the Following:

- The applicant has submitted Curriculum Vitae (CV) highlighting experience in the specific technical area.
- The applicant has submitted a letter from the applicant's employer confirming support for the participation.
- The USNC TAG Secretary has circulated a ballot to the USNC TAG with a copy of the CV.
- USNC TAG members have voted in support of the US Expert appointment.

Proposed by: Enter your name Date:

Click or tap to enter today's date



## **USNC TAG Voting**

- USNC TAG determines quorum for voting
  - Typically
    - Minimum number of members in good standard; or
    - % of members in good standing

USNC TAG Agreed quorum submitted to USNC office



# USNC TAG IEC Document Voting (CDV / FDIS / DTS / TS)

- Requires a vote of the USNC TAG
  - Affirmative Comments optional
  - Negative Comments (technical) required
  - Abstain Comments optional
    - Inability to achieve consensus
    - Decision to neither support or oppose
    - No position submitted to USNC Office on time
    - No quorum for voting
  - No position Comments optional
- Also "Default Voting Procedure"



### **USNC TAG Procedural Matters Voting**

- Requires a vote of the USNC TAG
  - Affirmative Comments optional
  - Negative Comments (technical) required
  - No position Comments optional
- Also "Default Voting Procedure"



#### **USNC TAG Votes**

- Majority vote of the USNC TAG
  - Approval of officers
  - Approval of experts
  - Formation of a sub-group
  - Disbandment of a sub-group



#### **USNC TAG Votes**

- 2/3 vote of the USNC TAG
  - Adoption of Operating Procedures
  - Change of USNC TAG Scope
  - Appointment of USNC TAG Administrator
  - US Position of IEC documents
  - Termination of USNC TAG



### Right to Appeal a USNC TAG Action

- Written complaint filed with Secretary
- Response by Secretary within 30 days
- Appellant can request a hearing
- Appeals panel appointed by TA
- Decision within 30 days
- Further appeals
  - TMC
  - Council
  - ANSI Appeals Board



# USNC TAG Appeal of USNC TAG Admin Fees

- Written Appeal filed with USNC Office
- Appeal addressed by TMC
  - TMC Ad Hoc appointed
  - Decision provided to TMC for ratification
- Further appeal to Council
  - Council Ad Hoc appointed
  - Decision provided to Council for ratification
- Decision within 30 days
- Further appeal to ANSI Appeals Board permitted



# USNC TAG Default Voting Procedure

- TA or Secretary advises that a member's vote is assumed to be affirmative unless a member replies in the negative with supporting technical comment(s)
- If no negative votes submitted, the affirmative vote is submitted to the USNC Office
- If negative vote(s) are received, the TA will work with the USNC TAG member(s) to develop an appropriate US response to the ballot
- If consensus cannot be achieved, an abstention is submitted.

#### **USNC** Toolbox

https://www.ansi.org/usnc-iec/programs-activities/toolbox

- Model Operating Procedures for USNC IEC Technical Advisory Groups (USNC/TAGs)
- Annex E: USNC TAG Member Application
- Interpretation of USNC TAG MOPs: Section 7.4 New Members
- USNC Expert Appointment Form
- USNC TAG Administrator Application
- USNC Policy in Distribution of Free Copies of IEC Standards and Working Documents for Use in USNC Standards Development Activities
- Why the USNC Charges Fees



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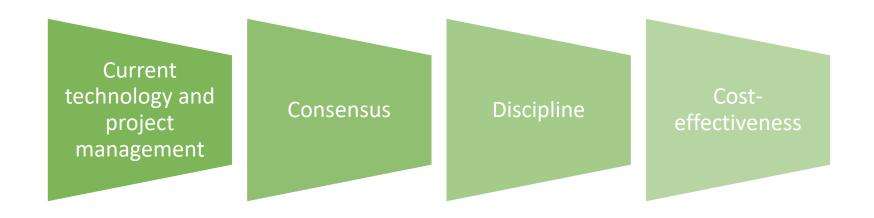
#### **Guiding Principles**

- International standards should meet societal and market needs and should not be developed to act as barriers to trade
- ISO and IEC follow globally accepted principles of standards development:
  - Consensus
  - Transparency
  - Openness
  - Impartiality
  - Effectiveness and relevance

- Performance-Based
- Coherence
- Due Process
- Technical Assistance
- Flexible

### ISO/IEC Directives: Part 1 Procedures for the Technical Work

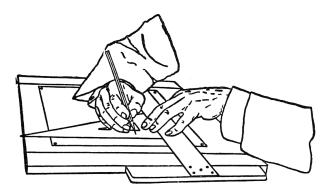
- Sets out the procedures to be followed within ISO and IEC in developing, approving and maintaining International Standards, and for the administration of TCs and subsidiary bodies
- The procedures are based on the following concepts:





# ISO/IEC Directives: Part 2 Principles and rules for the structure and drafting of ISO and IEC documents

 Sets out the specific rules for the structure and drafting of documents so that International Standards, Technical Reports or Guides are drafted in as uniform a manner as possible, irrespective of technical content



# IEC Supplement: Procedures for the Technical Work – Procedures Specific to IEC

- Complements the ISO/IEC Directives
- Contains those procedures which are specific to IEC
- Includes useful Annexes, as well as the IEC Forms



## Key Policies and Standards Development Alternatives

- Global Relevance Policy and Procedures
- Fast-track processing
- Normative references
- "In Some Countries" Clauses
- Fragments
- Double-logo Standards



#### Global Relevance Policy and Procedures



- A formal IEC policy to provide for the implementation of essential differences in requirements in IEC standards
  - Normative requirements included in the main body or in a normative annex
  - Essential differences based on:
    - national (or regional) differences in technical infrastructures (frequencies, voltages, etc.)
    - climatic conditions
  - Submitted by National Committees to the relevant TCs/SCs/SyCs with technical and market justification

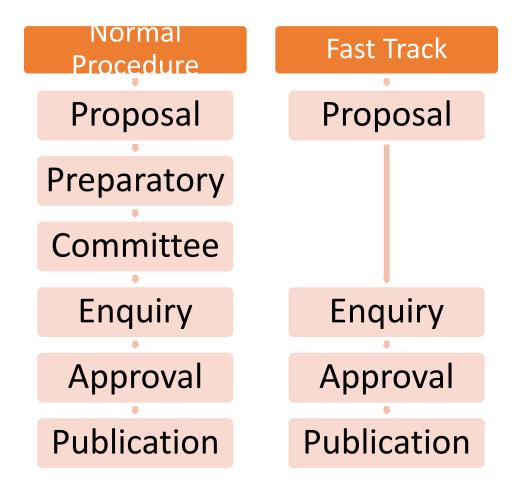
#### Fast Track Processing

- Purpose is to rapidly progress an existing standard from any source

- Proposed by
  - Any P-Member or Category A liaison organization
    - process begins at Enquiry Stage (CDV ballot)
  - Any organization having entered into a formal technical agreement with IEC may propose
    - process begins at Enquiry Stage (CDV ballot)
  - International Standardization Body recognized by IEC
    - process begins at Approval Stage (FDIS ballot)



#### Fast Track Processing



<sup>\*</sup>It is highly recommended that committees consider the fast track process when developing standards.



#### **All Standards Development Options**

Project Stage	Normal Procedure	Draft Submitted with Proposal	"Fast-track Procedure"	Technical Specification	Technical Report	Publicly Available Specification
Proposal Stage	Acceptance of proposal	Acceptance of proposal	Acceptance of proposal	Acceptance of proposal		Acceptance of proposal
Preparatory Stage	Preparation of working draft	Study by working group		Preparation of draft		Preparation of draft
Committee Stage	Development and acceptance of committee draft	Development and acceptance of committee draft		Acceptance of draft	Acceptance of draft	Acceptance of draft
Enquiry Stage	Development and acceptance of enquiry draft	Development and acceptance of enquiry draft	Acceptance of enquiry draft			
Approval Stage	Approval of FDIS	Approval of FDIS	Approval of FDIS			
Publication Stage	Publication of International Standard	Publication of International Standard	Publication of International Standard	Publication of Technical Specification	Publication of Technical Report	Publication of PAS

Stages in italics, enclosed by dotted circles may be omitted



#### References in IEC Standards



#### Normative References

- A list of related standards that are required for full implementation of the standard in hand
- The normative referenced document list shall be introduced by the following wording:

"The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies."

#### Informative References

 For information only or background reading and listed in the Bibliography

#### "In Some Countries" Clause

- Informative (not normative) text concerning particular conditions existing in certain countries (exceptions)
  - Any statement of compliance with a standard requires compliance with the *normative* elements of that standard, not the *informative* elements
- Statement is provided by an IEC National Committee to be included in an IS, informing the user of the standard of particular conditions existing in its country
  - Two cases are distinguished
    - Conditions of a permanent nature, such as main voltages, mains frequencies or climates
    - ii. Differing practices of a less permanent nature



#### "In Some Countries" Clause (cont)



- Final point for submission of the text is on receipt of the voting report of the CDV
  - Submission does not require approval of the relevant TC, SC or SyC, its chair or secretary
    - Submitting National Committee has the final say as to where to place the clause
  - Every effort shall be made to find solutions that would make statements regarding particular conditions unnecessary
    - Inclusion of the clause is not a reason for a negative vote by the other National Committees

#### **Fragments**

- Fragments is the term used when during the development of a project it is split into two or more parallel developments which are later merged before the final approval of the project.
- Whilst this is briefly defined in the IEC supplement of the ISO /IEC Directives Part 1: Subclause 2.9.3.2 Maintenance procedure and is supported by the IEC IT system it is **not widely used**.
- See <u>SMB/7513/R</u> for further information on fragments.

#### Latest Update – IEC DMT Summary of the main changes

- Abstention is fully considered as a National Committee vote
- Working Group meetings: documents on the CP and introduction of hybrid meetings
- Joint working groups operations: improved balance between the committees
- Membership of advisory and ad-hoc groups: clarification of Members roles
- Liaison between ISO and IEC Committees: Liaison representatives can attend WG meetings
- Committee Stage, clarification of the process
- Decisions at enquiry stage: Clarification of the options to move forward, second
   CDV now possible in case of approved CDV
- Conversion of a CDV into a TS or PAS: directly to DTS or DPAS
- TS PAS and TR: Major review of the text to include the purpose of each publication and add a second optional DTS DPAS, DTR ballot for technical changes
- 51 Consistency of terminology: Use of the term "document" throughout Directives in replacement of "publication" or "deliverable"

#### Participation in the work of Committees

To clarify the P-Member's participation and voting statistics calculation in Clause 1.7.4

Formal participation to plenary meetings can be in person, virtually or by correspondence;

Voting "abstain" is considered as a vote and is counted when calculating the P-Members participation statistics

**1.7.4** A committee secretariat shall notify the office of the CEO if a P-member of that committee:

1)has been persistently inactive by failing to attend physically, by correspondence or remotely two successive committee meetings (in person, virtually or by correspondence) and failing to have any expert(s) appointed to the technical work, or

#### 2a) In IEC:

has failed to vote on questions formally submitted for voting within the Committee (see 1.7.1). Note: abstentions are taken into account when evaluating P-Member participation

#### 2b) In ISO:

has failed to vote on over 20 % (and at least 2) of the questions formally submitted for voting on the committee internal balloting (CIB) within the Committee over one calendar year (see 1.7.1). [...]<sub>52</sub>

### Reference Materials & Source Documents

- ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1: 2021
   Procedures for the technical work
- ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2: 2021
   Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards
- ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1:2021 + IEC Supplement:2021
   Procedures specific to IEC
- IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedures
   IEC membership and participation procedures
- USNC Statutes: 2018
- USNC Rules of Procedure: 2005
- Model Operating Procedures for USNC/IEC TAGS: 2019
- Guide for U.S. Delegates to meetings of ISO and the IEC



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#### **Lunch Break**

We will resume at 1:00 p.m. ET

**Up Next: New Copyright Procedures** 



#### Kahoot!



## IEC's Copyright Policy & Procedures USNC Leadership Meeting

Gail A. Matthews
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September 12, 2022



#### Copyright 101 - Refresher

- A copyright is a bundle of intangible rights to
  - make copies, license, sell or otherwise exploit
    - works created in a fixed and tangible form of expression
- Copyrightable Forms of Expression:
  - written works (in any medium)
  - photographs
  - paintings
  - other forms of expression created in a fixed tangible medium
- International Standards (and component parts) are copyrightable
- Copyright is a valuable form of intellectual property
- Copyright in an IEC Standard is an asset to the IEC





#### IEC's "New" Copyright Policy (2020)

- "Copyright in IEC publications, including International Standards, and other materials is an important asset for the IEC."
- "The IEC will respect copyright of third parties, and where necessary license such third-party copyright for use in publications and other materials produced by the IEC."
- "Subject to" its acknowledgment of the copyright rights of third parties and intention to license such rights for inclusion in IEC publications, "the policy of the IEC is to own copyright in all publications and other materials produced by the IEC."
- "The IEC will license use of copyright in IEC publications in accordance with the Object of the IEC as set out in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IEC."
- Implementing Guidelines, including guidelines on the ownership and licensing of IEC copyright," were published with the new policy.





## How has the IEC Defined Third-Party Copyright v. IEC-Owned Copyright?

IEC's new policy defines copyrightable contributions and the rights it acquires to these contributions in two ways:

- Pre-Existing Copyright
- Collaborative Copyright



#### **Pre-Existing Copyright Work**

- Pre-Existing Copyright —
   "is a work enjoying copyright created and in existence outside the collaborative work of the IEC, and contributed to the IEC for incorporation into an IEC International Standard or other
  - publication."

    This is the convright that exists in material already created and
- This is the copyright that exists in material already created and written down, including for example:
  - Material <u>authored before</u> (or outside of) the collaborative standards-development exchange (i.e., a chart pulled out of someone's briefcase and contributed during a development meeting)
  - A fully developed standard created by an SDO somewhere in the world
- Previously, IEC's right to this type of copyright was handled on a case-by-case basis





#### Collaborative Copyright Work

#### Collaborative Copyright –

"is a work enjoying copyright created as part of an IEC International Standard or other IEC publication by an expert in collaboration with other experts in the development of such standard or publication."

- This is copyright that is collaboratively developed in the IEC Standards-development process
  - the copyright in things written down and contributed by experts
  - <u>authored during</u> the collaborative exchange at TC/SC meetings
- Previously, IEC (like ISO) simply claimed "copyright" in the final product without documentation

(as per section 2.13 of the Directives)



National Committee

#### **On-Line Expert Notice & Click Box**

Online Click-Box in IEC IT Tools by which an Expert agrees to:

- Grant a <u>non-exclusive license</u> in "Pre-Existing Copyright Work" that such Expert contributes to the standard, and
- Notify IEC of <u>third-party</u> "Pre-Existing Copyright Work" offered for inclusion in the standard, and
- <u>Transfer ownership</u> in the "Collaborative Copyright Work" that is created by such expert in collaboration with other experts in the development of the standard, and
- Declare (where applicable) that such expert is <u>authorized</u>
   <u>by employer</u> to agree to these conditions, and
- Commit to respect the IEC's copyright



### Employer Notice via Email to Address "Work for Hire" Doctrine

- Experts who are employed are asked to provide the name and email address of <u>their supervisor</u>
  - The Expert is asked to obtain the supervisor's permission to give the IEC the supervisor's name and email address
  - The Expert confirms that the Supervisor has given permission for the IEC to email the Supervisor
- IEC then seeks to affirm with the supervisor the employer's agreement to the conditions in the Expert Notice
  - The Employer Notice is sent via email from IEC to Expert's Supervisor
  - IEC has no expectation of a response from Supervisor
  - IEC will follow up if email transmission fails





#### **Exceptions to the IEC Policy**

- There could be a situation where an Expert or Employer is unable to agree to the IEC's new licensing/transfer provisions:
  - National law of an IEC member makes compliance impossible (e.g., German law provides that copyright ownership always remains with creator)
  - A pre-existing arrangement between a National Committee and its experts makes compliance impossible (e.g., Standards Australia requires all experts to assign copyright ownership to SA, so experts from Australia have no ownership rights to convey)
  - Special circumstances exist in the view of the relevant NC and IEC that warrant an exception
- The Implementation Guidelines allow for these exceptions
- The Exceptions <u>are not mentioned</u> in the Expert and Employer Notices
- If the Expert or Employer is unable to agree to the licensing/transfer provisions, the USNC (along with the expert/employer copyright contributor) and the IEC will attempt to draft an alternative arrangement that is fair and appropriate



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#### Feedback?

Is it working and workable?





# Does the IEC's Copyright Policy apply to code components and software supplements in IEC Standards/Deliverables?





# AHG 92 Investigating the Impact of copyright and licensing on future IEC standardization

IEC established AHG 92 to investigate the consequences of advanced technologies and a changing environment on:

- IEC's Copyright Policy, and
- IEC's ability to distribute and license deliverables with code components and digital artifacts



## Challenges that ahG 92 is Addressing

- Define the various technologies
  - Code components might be defined as text within or related to an IEC deliverable that has to be copied or modified from the deliverable to be processed by a computer
  - Software supplements could be defined as supplementary information not required for the implementation of the respective IEC deliverable



## Challenges that AHG 92 is Addressing (cont'd)

- Identify the changing environment, including:
  - Machine readable standards
  - Digital artifacts
  - Open source code and related licensing restrictions
  - Source form of code components (binary formats v. legible source forms such as XML, JSON, C, C++, Python, Java, etc.)
  - Other SDO and consortia activities





## Challenges that AHG 92 is Addressing (cont'd)

#### Biggest Challenges:

- Determine whether code that is available through open source licenses can be utilized in IEC deliverables
- Determine how the IEC EULA for Code Components could possibly allow for modification and development of derivative works as required by various open source licenses (e.g., Apache 2.0)

National Committee

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### Global Relevance

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**Safety Science in Action™** 

## IEC Global Relevance Policy (AC/17/2008)

- A formal IEC policy to provide for the implementation of essential differences in requirements in IEC standards
- To fulfil the IEC mission TC/SC members need to be aware that they are developing "state of the art" standards, which must have the widest possible acceptance on the global market.
- To allow products complying with IEC standards to meet the different needs of major segments of the global market, essential differences in requirements may, in well specified cases, be included on an equivalent basis, as either normative requirements or in an informative annex.
  - Normative requirements included in the main body or in a normative annex
  - Essential differences based on:
    - national (or regional) differences in technical infrastructures (frequencies, voltages, etc.)
    - climatic conditions
    - Legal and regulatory requirements
  - Submitted by National Committees to the relevant TCs/SCs with technical and market justification



### What is "In Some Countries"?

- Informative (not normative) text concerning particular conditions existing in certain countries (exceptions)
  - Any statement of compliance with a standard requires compliance with the normative elements of that standard, not the informative elements
- Statement is provided by an IEC National Committee to be included in an IS, informing the user of the standard of particular conditions existing in its country
- Every effort shall be made to find solutions that would make statements regarding particular conditions unnecessary
  - Inclusion of the clause is not a reason for a negative vote by the other National Committees and the inclusion of a statement(s) in the Forward or body of the standard does not automatically obligate the National Committee sponsoring the statement(s) to vote affirmatively on the draft document.



### **Grouping "In Some Countries"**

- It is the submitting National Committee that has final say as to where to place the "in some countries" clause.
- Placing the clause in the Annex may reduce its visibility to those who wish to market in the US. Of course, in a national adoption of the standard, the US version could incorporate those into the body, rather than an annex.
- Placing the clause in the body of the standard may be disruptive to the flow of the document



### **Submitting "In Some Countries"**

- A statement by a National Committee shall be given prior to the circulation of a final Draft International Standard (FDIS) for voting, preferably at a meeting of the relevant technical committee or subcommittee, or, at least, after consultation with its Chair and secretary.
- The final point at which a National Committee can request the inclusion of an "in some countries" clause is on receipt of the voting report of the CDV. Before the FDIS text is sent to Central Office, the officers will need to address the statement and, either concur with it, or enter into discussions with the National Committee submitting the statement, referring the matter, if necessary, to the Standardization Management Board.



## IEC Global Relevance Toolbox (AC/22/2007)

- The IEC has developed a Global Relevance Toolbox that provides a variety of tools to permit TCs/SCs to accommodate various needs to ensure that their publications can be used worldwide. The Toolbox presents examples of different cases which can occur when attempting to develop a globally relevant standard and indicates how each of these cases can be integrated.
- It should be noted that these are broad guidelines only and are by no means necessarily exhaustive. Other solutions agreed by the committee may also provide a satisfactory response.

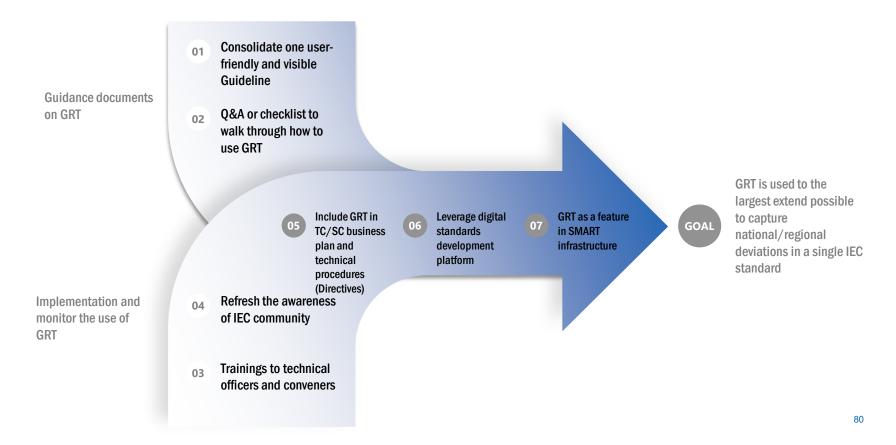




ahG 93 Report to the SMB SMB meeting 175 31 October 2022



# Background: Work done by Council Board MPI NC WG3





### SMB ahG 93 Scope

### SMB Decision 172/13

#### Global Relevance Toolbox (GRT)

Michael Teigeler presented the work of the Masterplan Implementation (MPI) NC WG 3 on the use of the Global Relevance Toolbox (GRT) in technical procedures.

SMB noted that all recommendations from the WG had been approved and agreed on the importance of the topic for the IEC technical work.

In order to support the implementation of the recommendations, SMB set up ahG 93, *Use of Global Relevance Toolbox in technical procedures*, with the following scope:

- Develop a guidance document on the GRT as outlined in the report of MPI NC WG 3.
- Support Central Office in implementing the GRT in technical processes (e.g. through standards development platform).
- Engage with ISO to align approaches on the issue of global relevance.
- Propose recommendations for potential inclusions in the Directives.

SMB requested ahG 93 to provide its final report at SMB meeting 175 in October 2022.



### Based on ahG 93 Scope – 3 Task Cluster teams:

- Task cluster 1 Develop a guidance document on GRT
  - Consolidate all information of GRT into one user-friendly and visible Guidance document – including IEC Academy & Communications
- Task cluster 2 Implementing the GRT in technical processes
  - The objective is that the content of a standard is identically maintained as much as possible – one (1) common international standard – while only criteria-based deviations are timely taken into consideration in the technical procedures for standards development.
- Task cluster 3 Digital tools/platform/website
  - To recommend and improve the usability of GRT by harnessing IEC digital technologies – including updates to TC Tools on IEC website

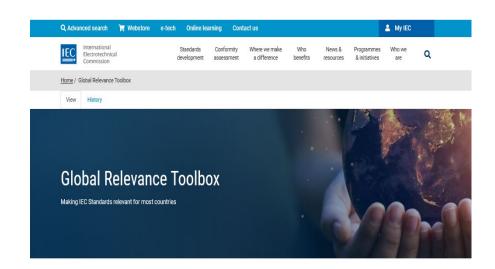
### ahG 93 Recommendations

- A.1 Endorse the Global Relevance Toolbox (GRT) web page and its content (<u>www.iec.ch/grt</u>)
- A.2 Recommend that the link to the IEC GRT web page be in a *visible and prominent location* on the IEC home page, *and* replicated in the *TC/SC Resource area* under the Standards Development tab.
- A.3 Recommend approving the modified IEC Forms for NWIP, CD, CD for TS, CDV, FDIS and RR to reflect "concerns for local regulations or technical differences" as referenced in B.4, Cluster Team 2 of this report *and* request IEC Secretariat to update these forms accordingly.

### ahG 93 Recommendations

- A.4 Recommend that a new GRT training programme be established by the IEC Secretariat and administered by the IEC Academy.
- A.5 Recommend sharing this report and its outcome with the ISO TMB. It is further recommended that the IEC DMT work with the ISO/IEC JDMT to amend ISO/IEC Directives Part 1, Annex C, clause C.4.13.3, to include references and instructions for the application of the Global Relevance Toolbox.
- A.6 Recommend that the IEC Board consider setting up a project on IEC Adoptions data to increase transparency and to demonstrate the global relevance of IEC standards.
- A.7 Recommend that the SMB disband ahG 93.

## A.1 and A.2 : GRT web page



www.iec.ch/grt

### Why international standards need to be relevant for most countries

The IEC has adopted the WTO (World Trade Organization) Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement (TBT). WTO can consider standards that fail to meet such requirements as creating a barrier to free trade.

This obliges the IEC to ensure that IEC International Standards represent a unique stateof-the-art international solution that is globally relevant to allow countries to more easily trade and source goods around the world.

International standards, if they are (nearly) everywhere the same, provide convenience and reassurance that the same level of safety, interoperability, reliability, etc. has been considered. Together with conformity assessment this provides peace of mind.

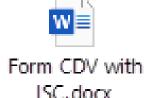


### A.3: IEC Forms - modifications

To reflect the "concerns for local regulations or technical differences" ahG 93 recommends that the IEC Forms for NWIP, CD, CD for TS, CDV, FDIS and RR are modified to recognize / identify any relevant "In some countries" clauses to be included in the draft standards.













## A.4: Create GRT Training Program





Supporting National Committees, IEC Regional Centres and other IEC Departments to build knowledge, skills and enthusiasm within the IEC community and beyond

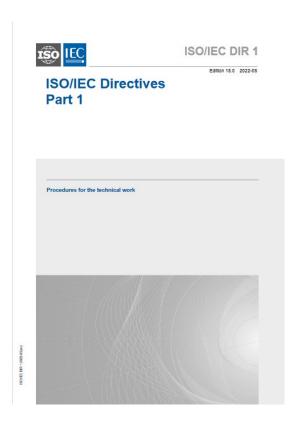


### Support for National Committees

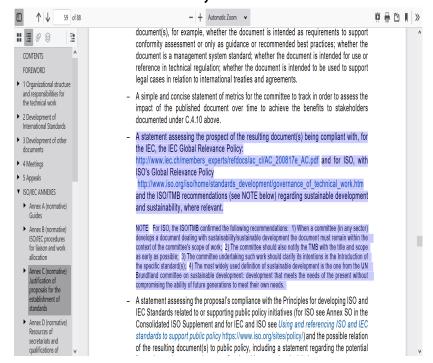
Offering NCs support with capacity building and training activities

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## A.5: Update ISO/IEC Directives



### Part 1 Annex C, Clause C4.13.3



### A.6: Request to IB



International Electrotechnical Commission International Organization for Standardization National Adoptions Reference Database xc-pjl | Access level: Reader | Logout
Home By International Std By country By TC/SC

Search

ISO and IEC have been collecting data on national adoptions of international standards. The purpose is to provide the market with greater transparency regarding the use of international standards in member countries.

The database has currently some 230,000 records on national adoptions of ISO and IEC standards.

There is a search function based on the reference of the International Standard or the national adoption.

You may also browse the database by clicking on the the buttons above and selecting among the following views:

- By International Standard
- By country
- By TC/SC

#### **Maintenance**

Users who have been assigned a maintenance role can click <a href="here">here</a> for accessing the maintenance area in order to modify existing records or add new ones.

#### Queries

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Recommend that the IEC Board consider setting up a project on IEC Adoptions data to increase transparency and demonstrate the global relevance of IEC standards.

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### Thank you!



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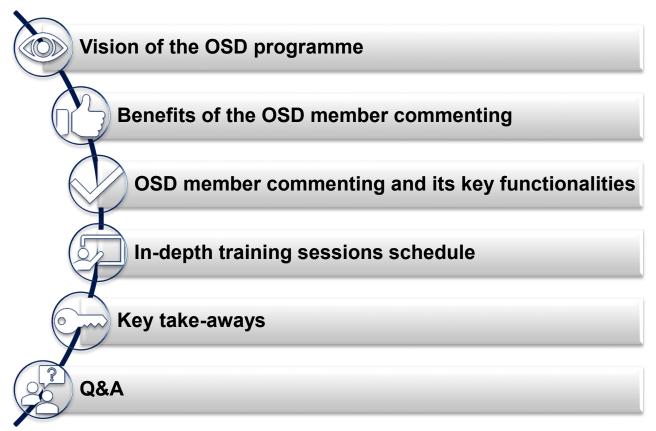


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## **Agenda**





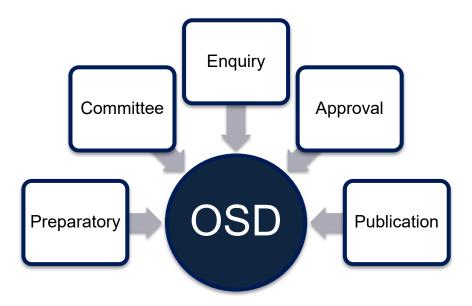
## Vision of the OSD programme





Creating an online environment for standards developers in which they can work efficiently and collaboratively, and lay the foundation for new value-added products and services for the world of tomorrow.

The full international standards development process in one platform



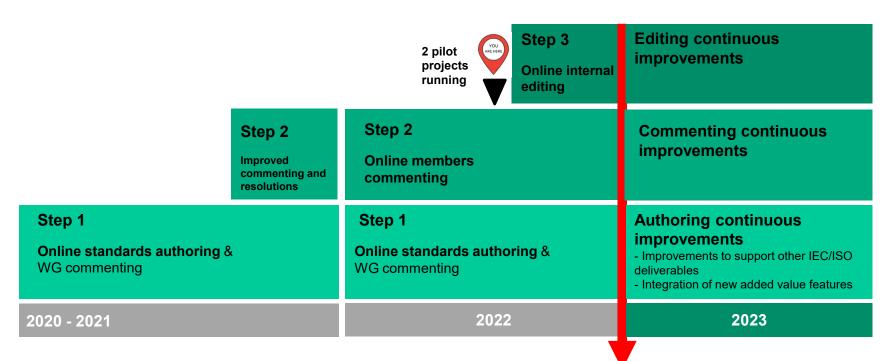


## **OSD** programme

- Online Standards Development programme
- Collaboration of IEC/ISO
- Based on editing tool (Fonto), intuitively and easy to use
- Integrated with IEC systems & processes
- Collaborative platform
- Tailored to the needs of people involved in standards development & consensus building
- Facilitating commenting & comment resolution
- Preparing the ground for new products & services
  - flexibly publishing to different platforms
  - making standards easier to use



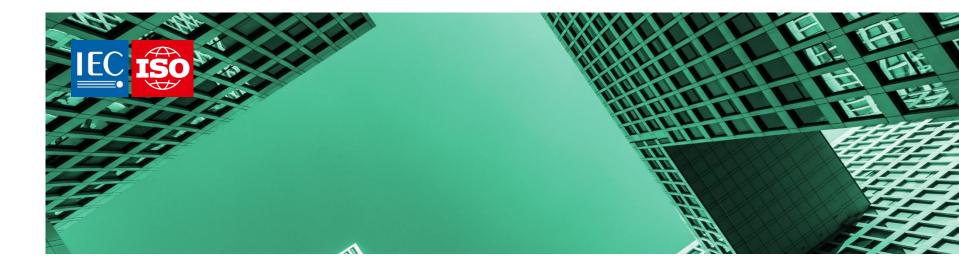
## Programme timeline



Roll out to IEC/ISO community on a voluntary basis

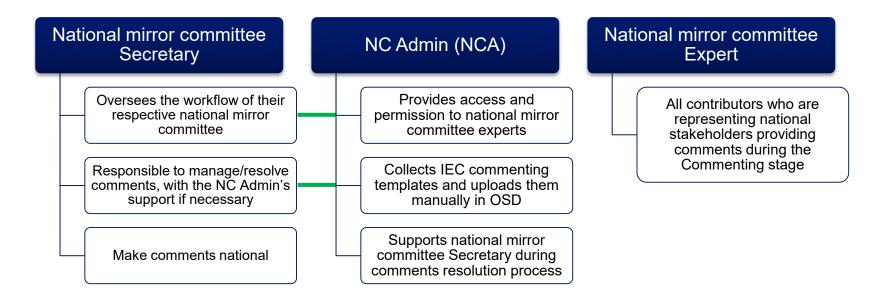


# Benefits of the OSD member commenting





### Roles







### Facilitate your national contribution

The OSD member commenting features have been designed to facilitate the process of your national contribution during the Commenting stages:



Improved and simplified commenting practice for national mirror committee experts



More collaborative work and consensus building for an efficient consolidation format for the NCA & easier resolution process for the national mirror committee Secretary



Facilitated submission of national position for NCA and national mirror committee Secretary



## Main goal

Provide a secure environment for experts to make their comments directly in the context of the draft

No more need to work with two separate documents (draft document + commenting template)!



### **Major considerations**

- Access to the online document fully secured:
  - Each national contributor will have access with an IEC credential or through a joint IEC/ISO authentication system (PingOne)
  - NCAs serve as gatekeepers to the online draft
  - NCAs can identify each contributor and their comments
  - Other NCs cannot read/view your NC's internal comments until they are submitted as a national position to the IEC
- PDF and extract of comments downloadable for reference/archive



# OSD member commenting and key functionalities





## **Commenting stages**

**Ballot opens** 

Permissions set by NCAs

Commenting

Consolidation and submission of national position

**Ballot closes** 



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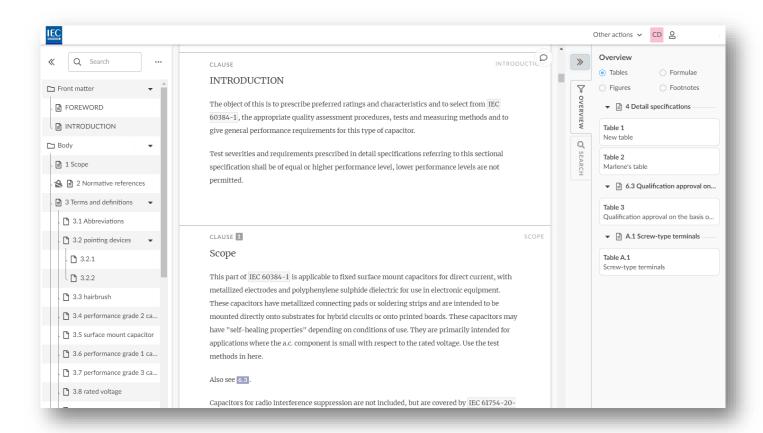
Consolidation and submission of national position

Ballot closes

- TC/SC Officers inform the IEC Secretariat that the draft is ready for circulation to NCs.
  - ✓ IEC Secretariat will publish the link to the draft
- 2. Dissemination of Committee Draft (CD):
  - ✓ Working document is "frozen" to WG experts from the moment it is published and disseminated to the NCs



## **Online CD document**





## **Commenting stages**

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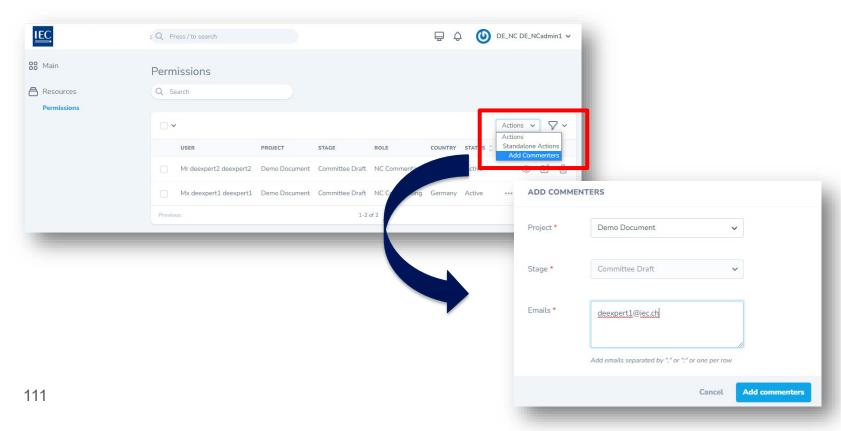
Consolidation and submission of national position

Ballot closes

- 1. NCA receives notification of the CD document (document seen in previous slide)
- 2. NCA gives access and permissions to relevant national mirror committee experts via a new interface

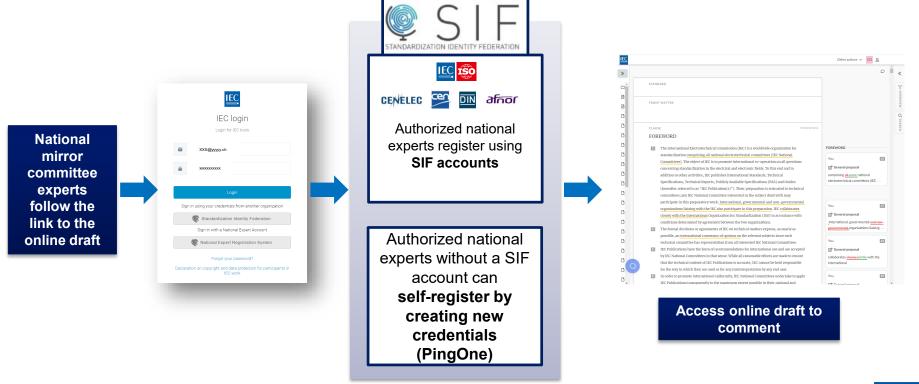


# NCAs providing access





# National mirror committee experts authentication





# **Commenting stages**

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National mirror committee experts submit their comments on draft

Two commenting methods

1. Directly through OSD

(future-oriented solution)

2. Using the IEC commenting template within OSD

(temporary solution)



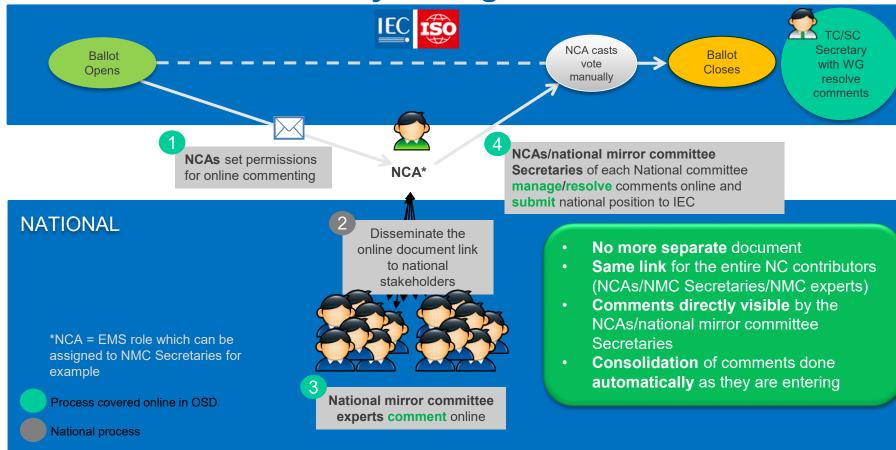
## Visibility of comments







### **Future-oriented commenting method Directly through OSD**





### Features – Commenting directly through OSD

- Set up view of the online document
- Different types of contributions:
  - Global comments: applies to the whole document (general, editorial, technical)
  - **Specific comments**: applies to a piece of content (general, editorial, technical)
  - Proposal: applies to any suggestions for modifications (general, editorial, technical)
- Edit / remove a comment or a proposal
- Navigate by elements (tables, formulae, figures, footnotes)
- Filter comments or proposals
- Notification for unsaved contribution
- Filter in selected document zone
- Information in the comment card
- View out of context comments or proposals

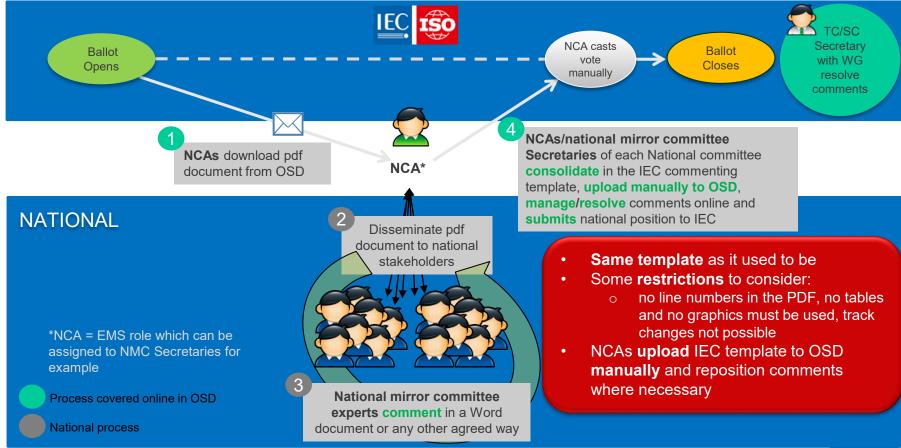


## **Demo – Commenting directly through OSD**





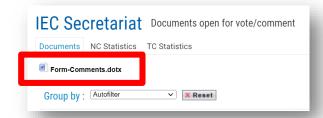
# Temporary commenting methods Using the IEC commenting template within OSD





# Features – Using IEC comment form within OSD

- Commenting with the IEC comment form:
  - https://iecvotes.iec.ch/ords/f?p=203:58:303106588468786:::::



- Restrictions to consider:
  - No line numbers in the PDF
  - No tables and no graphics must be used
  - "Paragraph/figure/tables" column will be ignored on import, but important for NCA who will need to reposition the expert's comment
  - Track changes will be disregarded
  - Empty rows must be avoided



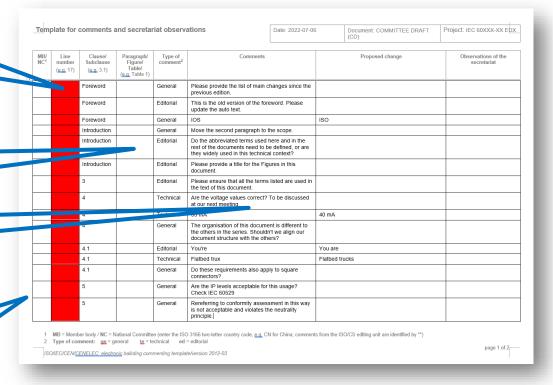
# How to fill in the IEC comment form to integrate in the OSD?

Line number column: must be empty!

Paragraph/Figure/Table column: should be filled in

Comments column: always filled in

Each row must be filled in



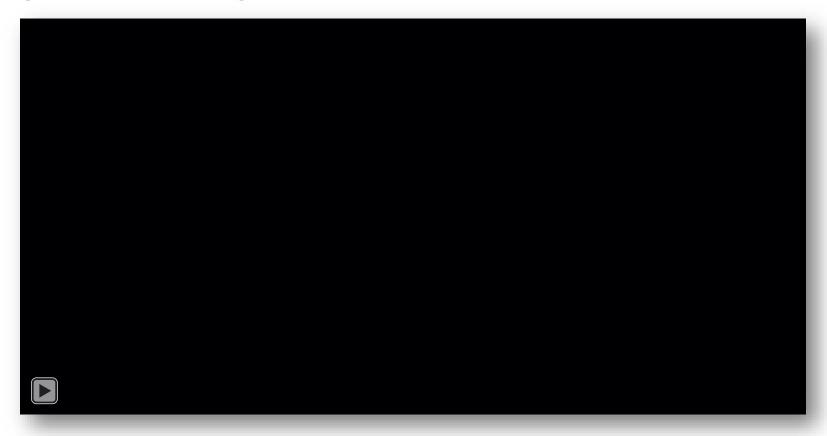


## **Demo – Using IEC comment form within OSD**





# Demo – Using IEC comment form within OSD (with errors)





## **Commenting stages**



- Overview of all the online comments (and consolidation of comments from IEC commenting template) by NCAs/National Mirror Committee Secretary
- 2. Resolution of comments by NCAs/National Mirror Committee Secretary
- 3. Make comments national and submission of the national position to the IEC Secretariat by NCAs



### National comments submission

Each NC/NCA/national mirror committee Secretary submits the national position before the ballot closure.



**National mirror** committee expert 1, 2, 3, n... individual comments within their respective NC

NCA/national mirror committee Secretary make comment national

National comments are shared automatically with IEC at the end of the commenting phase

TC/SC Secretaries can view comments from all NCs in the online document

Comments are identified by the NCs' country code. TC/SC Secretaries cannot view or access national information such as expert names.



# **Commenting stages**

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Ballot closes

- 1. All IEC National Committees have submitted their national position
- 2. TC/SC resolves comments (national positions)



## In-depth training sessions schedule





#### Training 1

How can NCAs provide access to national mirror committee experts?

- Tuesday 20 Sept 2022 9:00-10:00 CEST
- Tuesday 20 Sept 2022 16:00-17:00 CEST

### • Training 2

•How can national mirror committee experts comment?

- Wednesday 21 Sept 2022 9:00-9:50 CEST
- Wednesday 21 Sept 2022 16:00-16:50 CEST

### • Training 3

 How can NCAs/national mirror committee Secretaries manage and resolve comments, and submit their national position to the IEC?

- Wednesday 21 Sept 2022 10:00-11:00 CEST
- Wednesday 21 Sept 2022 17:00-18:00 CEST



## Pilot projects on-going

 Two IEC projects volunteered for the OSD Member commenting pilot at the CD stage



- Identify your NC Admins/national mirror committee Secretary for the pilot projects
- Identify your national mirror committee experts who will provide national comments

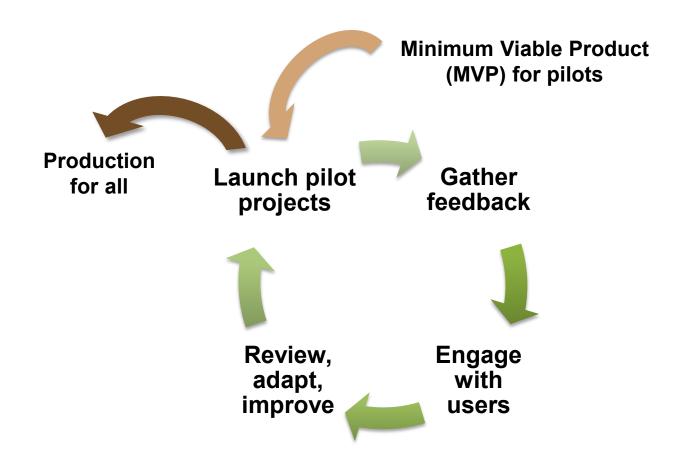


# **Key take-aways**





## Going from 'pilot' to 'production'





# Your participation is key!

- The Committee stage process remains the same with less manual work (commenting directly through OSD)
- Facilitate the work of national mirror committee experts (provide comments directly in the context of the draft, in one platform)
- Join us for the training sessions to obtain detailed insight into the OSD platform (member commenting)
- Your participation and your feedback are essential to make us aware of your NC's needs and help us further develop OSD member commenting
- The earlier, the better: be one of our early users!







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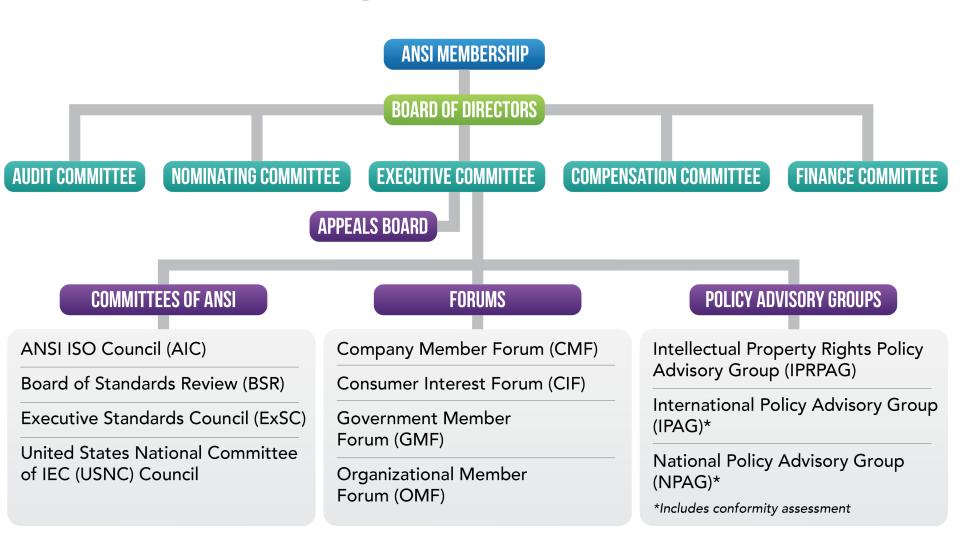


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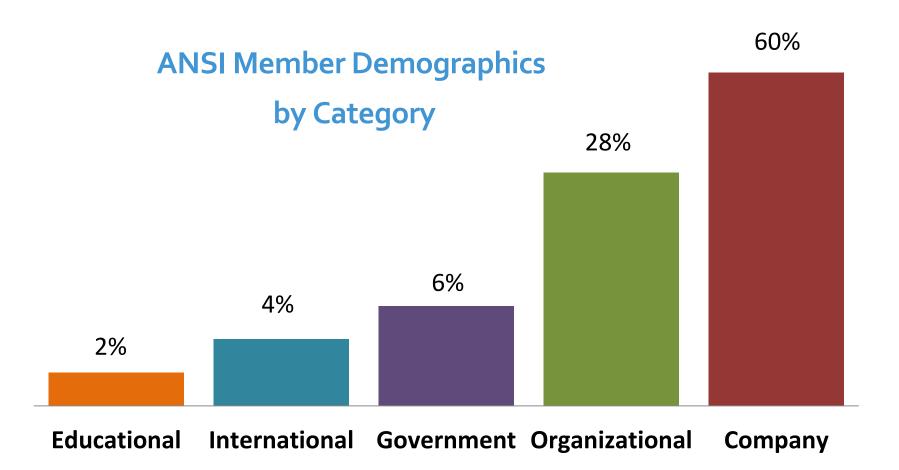
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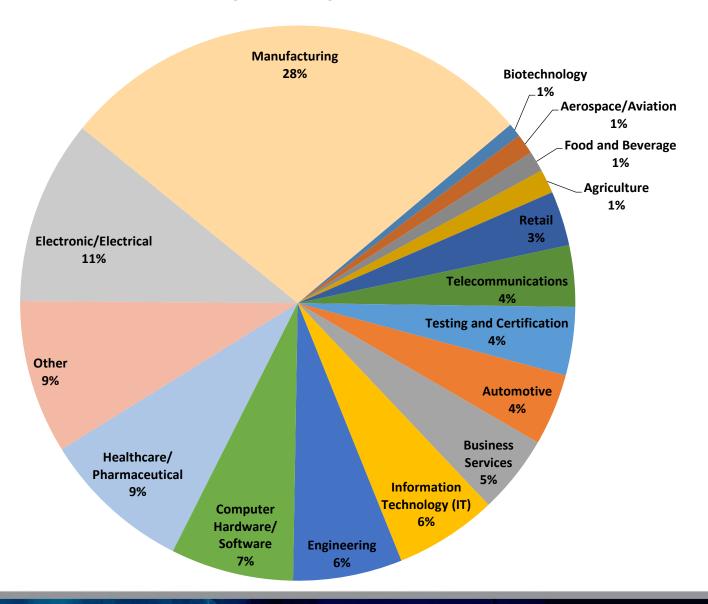


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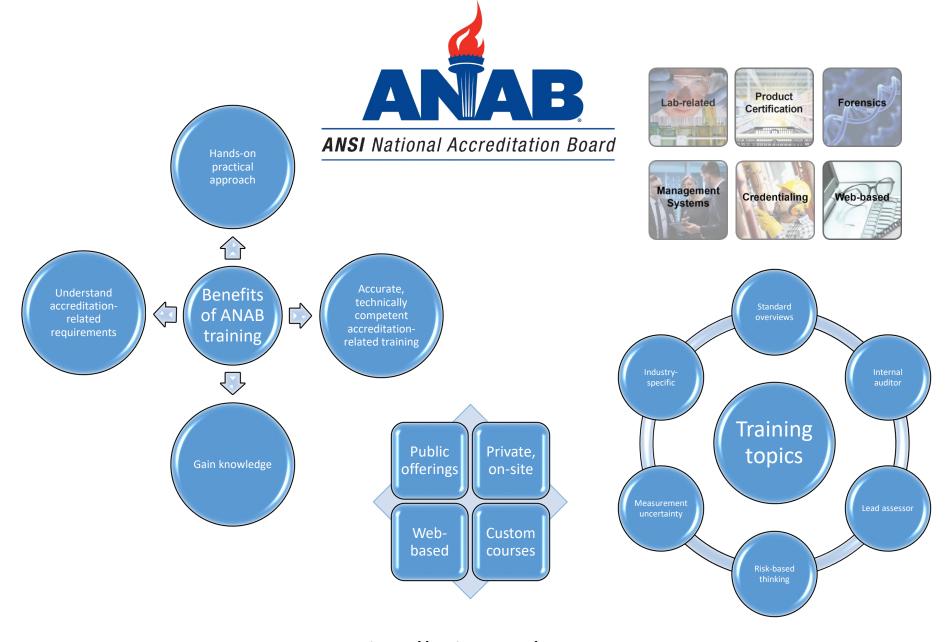
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#### **Active Workshops:**



**2022:** Global Supply Chain Security for Microelectronics



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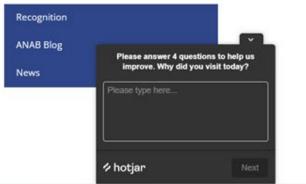
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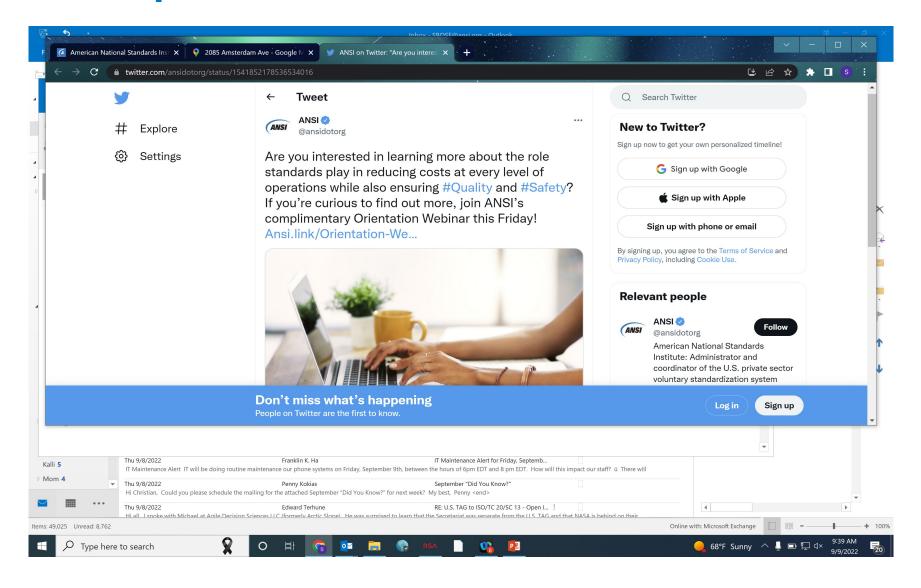
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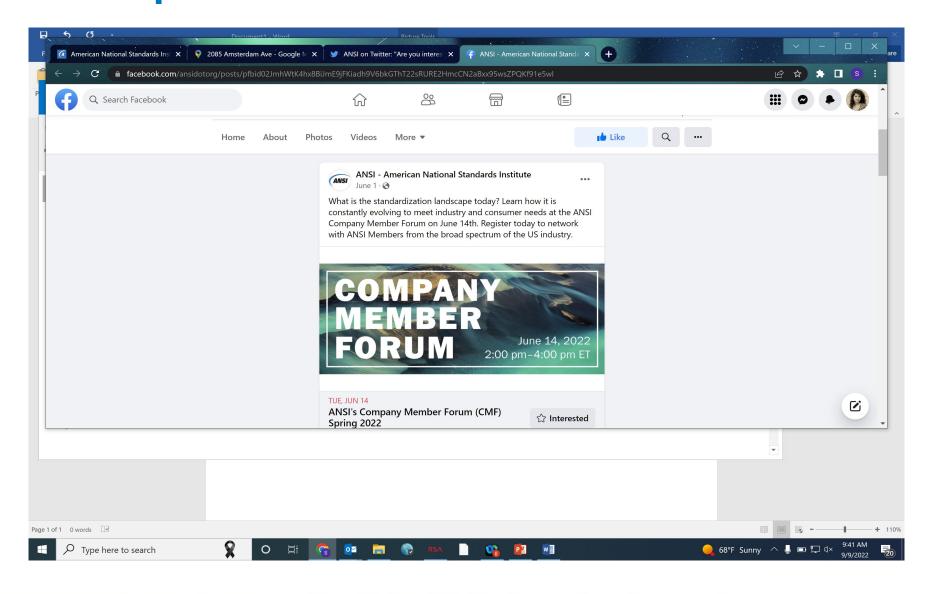


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#### Introduction

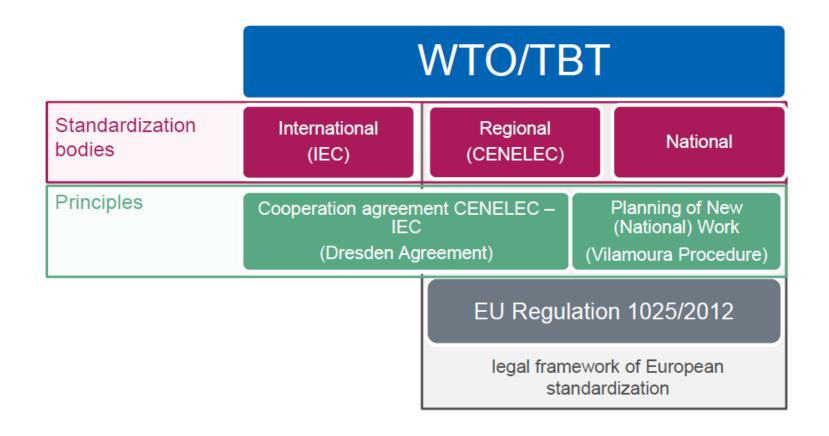
- Today we will cover
  - Why the Frankfurt Agreement (FA) is important
  - What is the FA
  - What are the objectives of the FA
  - How are those objectives met
  - How to use and invoke the FA

For ISO lead JWG, what is the Vienna Agreement





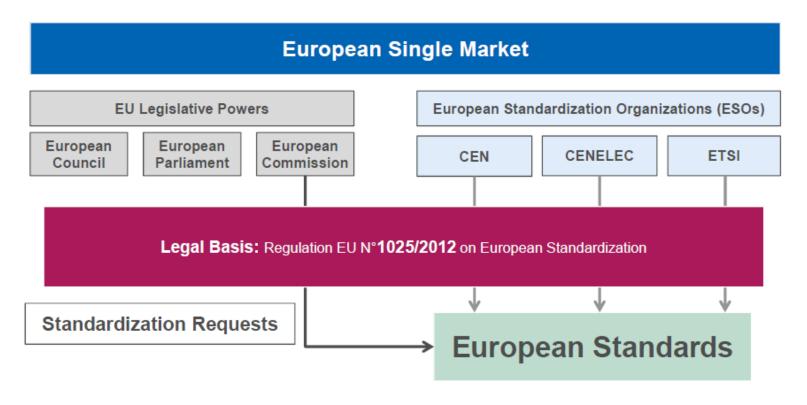
#### The Big Picture





### The Challenge

 International Standards should be taken into account, but EC is focused on "European Standards" that address European strategic interests and European values



#### What is the Goal?

 US standards policy is to work toward one standard for the whole world, where practicable

#### One Standard, One Test, Worldwide Access

 Unnecessarily having different standards in different countries or regions are trade barriers and add cost



### What is the Frankfurt Agreement?

- Between IEC and CENELEC (CLC) in 2016
  - Replaces the Dresden Agreement of 1991
  - And its 1996 amendment
- The FA is really the second edition of agreement
  - Introduces changes reflecting the evolution of both organizations over 25 years
- Fundamentally intended to avoid duplication of standardization work and having an international priority



## Objectives of the Frankfurt Agreement

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  - Commits both to primarily undertake work at the IEC level
  - Expedites the publication and common adoption of international standards in Europe
  - Optimize use of available resources
  - Ensure European interests are fully considered at the international level by IEC
  - Accelerate the standards preparation process in response to market demands



#### How are the objectives achieved?

- There are four methods
  - Offering New Work items of CENELEC to IEC
    - i. CLC NPs must be offered to relevant IEC TC/SC
  - Parallel voting on draft international standards
    - i. Automatically simultaneous at CDV and FDIS stages
  - Publication Requirements- mechanics
    - i. IEC 6xxxxx becomes EN IEC 6xxxxx
  - Conversion of European standards into international standards
    - i. CLC will renumber an EN to the IEC number when an EN is adopted internationally under the FA



#### How is new work started in IEC?

- To start a revision, the IEC Secretariat initiates a project
  - Directly with a Q document that lists the work to be done
  - Indirectly with a DC document that lists the work to be done and asking whether the IEC NCs agree to start the revision
  - In either case, the target date for publication and proposed Project Leader are indicated as well as a call for experts
- To start an amendment, the IEC Secretariat issues
  - An RR document



#### How to offer work under the FA

- Additionally, if the standard was not previously under the FA, the Q or DC can ask the IEC NCs to offer the work to the relevant CLC committee under the FA
- An offer under the FA may also be made via resolution at an IEC Committee meeting

 Maintenance of existing documents under the FA are automatically under the FA (unless a resolution is taken to remove the document from the FA)

### How is an offer accepted?

- Once an IEC committee agrees to offer a project to CLC under the FA, the IEC Secretariat informs the relevant CLC committee
- The CLC committee must decide to accept the offer
  - Once accepted, the project is then under the FA
- Similarly, the CLC committee can ask the IEC committee to place a project under FA with a similar, but opposite process



#### What to do?

- US TAGs are encouraged to support using the FA for the work of their committees
  - This supports the objectives of the FA
  - Having one standard (with the right content) used worldwide is normally in our best interests
- Where the US is the Secretariat, this is straight forward as the TAG directs the Secretariat
- Where another NC hold the Secretariat, the US should be prepared to
  - Raise the issue at a plenary
  - Request the Secretariat to distribute a Q or DC



### What is the Vienna Agreement?

- For those of you with JWGs or doing ISO work
- The Vienna Agreement (VA) is the ISO/CEN analog to the IEC/CLC FA
  - It is very similar to the FA with the same purpose
  - In joint work it is used when ISO has the lead for a project
- It has one huge difference
  - Under the VA, when a project is linked to European legislation, the FDIS ballot must wait for a positive HAS-Consultant assessment before being launched!
  - Effectively a European process veto



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## Hot Button Issues & Questions



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# Hot Button Issues & Questions Panel and Discussion

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## Closing Keynote Address

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## Thank you!

