



# **Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC)**

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# Key issues from the meeting

1. Both bodies agree to work more cooperatively to ensure the combined region has more of a say in international standards.
  - Specifically could we extend the PASC pilot projects on the two ISO and IEC TC's to include COPANT members, and could we identify (say) 4 other ISO TC's to increase the pilot?
  - Could we share COPANT TAG reports – sharing information on key ISO and IEC committees and initiatives – TC176, TC207, Social responsibility, Tourism, etc
  - Could we jointly work on emerging standards issues of interest to the region. Nanotechnology, sustainability, social responsibility, eco-verification to name a few, are all issues to consider?
  - Comparing standards needs in the regions to identify gaps in international standards work



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2. Both bodies ensure they exchange information on candidates for ISO / IEC governance roles
3. Both bodies encourage the coordination and cooperation between ISO and IEC
  - Joint working groups
4. Training and capacity building
  - Survey to determine common needs in the regions
  - Sharing a database of available training courses
  - Holding joint training sessions



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5. Enhancing the use of standards in regulation – sharing best practices, what works and what doesn't, case studies
6. Consumer issues
  - Sharing education materials
  - New issues being raised by consumers
7. Promotion of standards and the value of standards; consider sharing promotional materials