ISO Standards and public policy regional workshop

DRAFT Agenda

Pretoria, South Africa

Overall Objective: To increase the awareness of stakeholders on the role of international standards in support of trade policy objectives and to enable greater regulatory convergence, including on the environment and climate (other).

* Virtual session – 08 May 2024 (tbc)
* 3-day in person training
  + Day 1 - 10 June 2024
  + Day 2 - 11 June 2024
  + Day 3 - 12 June 2024
* Virtual session – July (tbc)

**Virtual session – 08 May 2024 (tbc)**

**Target audience:** 40 delegates from 10 African countries, including representatives from NSBs, Ministries of Trade and Ministries of Environment (or regulator)

**Learning outcomes:**

Participants will:

* Have an overview of the ISO policy toolkit
* Familiarize themselves with the proposed agenda for the workshop
* Understand the expectations
* Provide feedback on the survey

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|  | **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Responsible** |
| 1 | 09:00 | Introductions |  |
| 2 | 09:30 | Present the proposed agenda and objectives |  |
| 3 | 10:00 | Overview of the ISO policy toolkit |  |
| 4 | 10:30 | Agenda items at the WTO on this topic |  |
| 5 | 11:00 | Feedback on the survey |  |
| 6 | 12:00 | AoB |  |

**3-day in person training**

**Day 1 - 10 June 2024**

**Target audience:** 10 – 20 NSB representatives from 10 African countries

**Learning outcomes:**

NSBs understand:

* The trade landscape (WTO and regional trade agreements, the role of standards and QI)
* How they can support policymakers and overcome some existing challenges
* The principles of engaging with policymakers
* Their role for the policy workshop

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|  | **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Responsible** |
| 1 | 09:00 | Opening of workshop | SABS and ISO |
| 2 | 09:30 | WTO TBT Agreement and Good Regulatory Practices | WTO |
| 3 | 10:00 | An introduction to ISO Policy Toolkit and Policy briefs | ISO |
| 4 | 10:30 | Coffee break |  |
| 5 | 11:00 | A more systematic approach to working with regulators based on international good practice and alignment with national context and priorities | ISO and WTO |
| 6 | 12:00 | Practical exercise and discussion:  Contextualizing how NSBs should support policymakers | All |
| 7 | 13:00 | Lunch break |  |
| 8 | 14:00 | Some examples of standards and conformity assessment processes being referenced in regulation | ISO and WTO |
| 9 | 15:00 | Implementing Good Regulatory Practice (GRP): The role of an NSB | All |
| 10 | 16:00 | Preparation for policy roundtable: Clarifying roles and responsibilities and prepare key messages to convey on 11 and 12 June | All |
| 11 | 16:30 | **Closing remarks** |  |

**Day 2 - 11 June 2024**

**Target audience:** 40 delegates from 10 African countries, including representatives from NSBs, Ministries of Trade and Ministries of Environment (or regulator).

**Learning outcomes:**

Stakeholders will understand:

* how international standards are an additional tool that can help achieve policy objectives, at the national and international level
* Understand how their NSB is a valuable partner to achieving trade and climate policy objectives

Expected outcome: increased willingness to collaborate between parties – how to institutionalize those relationships.

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|  | **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Responsible** |
| 1 | 08:30 | Coffee and refreshments |  |
| 2 | 09:00 | Opening remarks by The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa | DTIC |
| 3 | 09:05 | Keynote speech on importance of cooperation and engagement with public authorities | ISO |
| 4 | 09:10 | Welcome remarks by SABS | SABS |
| 5 | 09:20 | Introduction by each delegation | All |
| 6 | 09:45 | Scene setting | ISO |
| 7 | 10:00 | Session 1: Benefits of using international standards in support of trade and climate related policies | ISO and WTO |
| 8 | 10:30 | Coffee Break |  |
| 9 | 11:00 | Session 2: The ISO Policy Toolkit | ISO |
| 10 | 11:30 | Session 3: Enabling better regulatory cooperation through the use of international standards | WTO |
| 11 | 12:30 | Session 4: Regulatory Cooperation in Africa | AU and AfCFTA |
| 12 | 13:00 | Lunch break |  |
| 13 | 14:00 | Session 5: the use of standards in regulation in the African Context | ARSO |
| 14 | 14:30 | Group Exercise: Practical steps towards enhanced regulatory cooperation through the use of international standards | All |
| 16 | 15:30 | Feedback on session 14 by participants | All |
| 17 | 17:00 | END of Day + coffee | All |
| 18 | 18:00 | Networking Dinner | All |

**Day 3 - 12 June 2024**

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|  | **Time** | **Agenda Item** | **Responsible** |
| 1 | 08:30 | Coffee and refreshments |  |
| 2 | 09:00 | Recap & Quiz | ISO and WTO |
| 3 | 09:30 | Roundtable discussion and feedback: how should GRP and GSP practices be applied in the African context | ISO |
| 4 | 11:00 | Panel session: How can international standards facilitate green trade | WTO, AfCFTA, ISO, SABS |
| 5 | 12:00 | Session 2: National Delegation Group Exercise | All |
| 6 | 13:00 | Lunch |  |
| 7 | 14:00 | Session 2 continued | All |
| 8 | 15:00 | Feedback on group exercise | ISO and WTO |
| 9 | 16:00 | Conclusion and wrap up | ISO |
| 10 |  | End & Coffee |  |

**Virtual session – July 2024 (tbc)**

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Learning outcomes: Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback and obtain guidance on developing the national collaboration plan, as well as implementing it.

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| 1 | 09:00 | Welcome |  |
| 2 | 09:30 | Feedback on National Collaboration Plan |  |
| 3 | 11:00 | Guidance and next steps |  |
| 4 | 11:30 | AoB |  |
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