



Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

Lorenza Jachia
UNECE Secretariat

13th MARS Group meeting
24 – 25 June 2015, Prague





Overview of presentation

- Highlights of last year activities
- Intersessional activities
 - Engagement with UNISDR on Standards and DRR – Sendai Conference
 - Recommendation L revision
 - Planned activities until end 2015





Highlights of 24th session of WP.6

- High-Level Segment on "Regulatory Cooperation" on 24 November
- Conference on "Safer products and workplaces, safer communities" on 25 November: discussion on practical ways of addressing the growing concerns of consumers, business and authorities about the proliferation of non-compliant, dangerous and counterfeit goods and equipment on the marketplace and at the workplace
- Election of second Vice-Chair to the Working Party
- Experts illustrated and showcases practical means to promote compliance with standards and regulations, including developing a common terminology and appropriate information systems, and conducting awareness-raising and capacity-building activities.





Progress on MS work

Practical tasks decided on last Plenary:

- Mapping of all other market surveillance networks (global and regional);
 - Developing a template for the request of data or assistance to other authorities or to other stakeholders outside of the jurisdiction;
 - Updating the MARS global database of market surveillance authorities;
 - Connecting to other WP.6 groups and service in order to get advice from them.
-
- Work has started on MS networks updating
 - Two webinars have been held to progress the MARS Group work





Intersessional activities since last MARS meeting

- **24 -26 November 2014: 24th WP.6 Plenary Session**
- **2014 November-December: Engagement with the UNISDR Secretariat:** "Standards and Normative Mechanisms for Disaster Risk Reduction" + 2nd PrepCom for Sendai Conference in Palais des Nations
- **22 January 2015:** UNECE Executive Office and ISO meeting to discuss UN/CEFACT proposal on access to standards
- **January- February:** Standards, Quality, Accreditation and Metrology (SQAM) Project on Building a Risk-based Regulatory Framework in Malawi
- **5 February & 7 May:** GRM and DRR webinars





Intersessional activities (continued)

- **6 March & 28 April:** MARS webinars
- **14 – 18 March: Sendai Conference**
 - **17 March:** WCDRR session 31 - Standards for Disaster Risk Reduction Including Building Codes
- **24 – 28 March:** DCMAS Trade Capacity Building Training Programme for LDSs in Maputo, Mozambique
- **17-19 March and 16–18 June:** TBT meetings at WTO
- **16-19 June:** 47th EASC meeting in Minsk, Belarus





Engagement with UNISDR preparations for Sendai and follow up

- Contributions to the GAR background research by ISO, IEC and PwC: dialogue is continuing, in view of contributing to the preparatory process to the WCDRR
- Organising a session on "Standards for Disaster Risk Reduction Including Building Code" during the Sendai Conference in March 2015
- Following up the decision of establishing a Task Force at ISO/TC 292 level





Standards for DRR, Sendai



Session 31 of WCDRR

- Prepared during DRR webinars
- 4 presenters from Australia, Sweden, ISO/IEC and UNECE
- UNECE Toolkit for DRR presented





Activities (continued)

16 June: START Team meeting discussing Recommendation L revision

- Updating the Recommendation text to be more clear and help users in better understanding the principles behind Common Regulatory Objectives (CROs) and their setup

17 -18 June/3-6 November : WTO/TBT sessions, Geneva

- Regular meetings of the WTO TBT Committee discussing a list of specific trade concerns of member countries and exchanging experiences
- **TBT@20 Anniversary Event will take place on 6 November 2015**





Planned activities

2-3 November: ISO-IEC-UNECE event on "Using and referencing ISO and IEC standards to support public policy", Palais des Nations, Geneva

- Conference and training event will look at how to reference standards in regulations, how standards can help implement policy commitments taken at the global level (e.g. sustainability, resilience and development goals), and much more.





Planned activities

1–2 December: WSC Workshop on Conformity Assessment, Geneva

- To help you find solutions to your conformity assessment (CA) issues
- To draw on the reputation & worldwide reach of the 3 international standards organizations, IEC, ISO, ITU
- To bring together and share different national situations, experience, issues & solutions
- To build awareness of the value & benefits of global CA
- To help solve the issues of product safety, performance, energy efficiency, fake & counterfeit products, and more

2-3 December: 25th Annual session of the Working Party

- Back-to-back with the WSC workshop and including a special session on Conformity Assessment





Questions ?

Thank you!

