The session will feature an International Conference on "Standards for the SDGs". It will review the contributions made by the Working Party over the last year to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Areas of particular focus will be: standards for the empowerment of women and girls (Goal 5), standards to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (SDG Goal 12) and standards for the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" (SDG Goal 14).

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in/from English, French and Russian. Participation is free of charge but participants and speakers are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The Working Party does not have a budget for supporting the travel expenses of any of its delegates, including speakers.

To facilitate your access to the Palais des Nations we encourage you to register on-line as soon as possible. Please register if you wish to participate in the Session.

Because hotels are often fully booked around the dates of the meeting, we encourage you to do your bookings well in advance. You can find practical information for attending the Session at a UNECE designated website.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 Working Party Session.
International Conference on «Standards for the SDGs»

28th November afternoon – 29th November morning

• What role for standards in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• Opening with addresses by:
  • ISO Secretary-General
  • IEC General Secretary and CEO
  • WWF Director General
  • ISEAL Executive Director

• Panels on:
  • Standards for gender equality
  • Standards for sustainable production and consumption in particular textile
  • Standards for SDG 14
Opening panel

- Each of these organizations have thought on their own about their contribution to the SDGs
- Are there any synergies to them working more cohesively?
- In which sectors?
- Under which banner?
- How?
- Does UNECE WP 6 have a role and what role can it play?
Gender responsive standards

- Best practice on how to promote gender balance in the standards development process,
- Guidance on how to identify and correct – if present – any gender bias in existing standards, and how to ensure that standards under development are gender responsive.
- Charter of Gender Responsive Standards Bodies and a network of gender experts to support technical committees in understanding, exploring & resolving issues of gender bias in standards
- Database with sex-disaggregated data on women participation in standardization activities
- Pilot project for the development of a gendered standard
Discussion on ways how UNECE can help consolidate diverging VSS requirements

- Brainstorming session organized in Brussels at European Development Days
- Discussion on how national and international platform can consolidate diverging VSS requirements
- Avoid the need for multiple inspections and audits while providing assurance to consumers and international supply chains that requirements are met.
GRM managing risks in the fisheries sector

• Report on GRM workshop in Germany
• Report by UN/CEFACT on Flux Standard
• Report by ARSO on the workshops held in Namibia and Uganda
Discussion on proposal for changing the WP. 6 name and re-organizing its activities

- Working Party on Inclusive Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development
- 3 strands of work:
  - Standards for Agenda 2030
  - Coherent regulatory frameworks for the SDGs
  - Quality infrastructure for sustainable development
GRM

- Report on plans on how to replicate the experience of goal 14 to different goals
- Work on DRR
- Tabling of Recommendation T
Recommendation T

T. Standards and regulations for sustainable development

- Regulatory authorities should use risk management tools, including voluntary standards, to build the regulatory frameworks that are needed to operationalize the SDGs;
- All SDG targets should be considered as objectives of a regulatory system;
- GRM risk management framework, in combination with other tools and methodologies, can be applied to design processes required by societal stakeholders who will be involved in managing the risks related to the achievement of the SDG targets.
Panel 3: Regulatory cooperation, the experience of members

- Presentations of experience of members on regional integration
- Reports of 3 sectoral initiatives
- Proposal for a new sectoral initiative on Cybersecurity
- Report on OECD project on «Regulatory cooperation in international organizations»
MARS Group

- Presentation on MARS meeting in Stockholm
- Discussion on early efforts implementing Recommendation S
- Presentation of training materials on market surveillance
Other standing items on the agenda

- Recent developments in standardization
  - Presentation of the European Commission on its Joint Initiative
- Education on Standards and Standards-related issues
- Recent developments on Conformity Assessment and Accreditation
  - Presentation by ILAC and IAF
- Capacity-building activities by the Working Party and the Committee
Thank you

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