

# Intersessional Developments 2020-2021

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# Highlights of UNECE's WP.6 intersessional activities

## Normative work

### Finalization of new Recommendation V

- Risk of product non-compliance in international trade
- Outlines options for cost-effective management of non-compliance risk
- Cooperation among product regulators and Customs:
  - IT infrastructure
  - Data integration

**Economic Commission for Europe**  
Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards  
**Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation  
and Standardization Policies (WP.6)**

**Twenty-ninth session**  
Geneva, 20–22 November 2019  
Item 8(b) of the provisional agenda  
**Discussion on draft Recommendation V on  
“Addressing product non-compliance risk in international trade”**

#### **Draft Recommendation V on “Addressing product non-compliance risk in international trade”**

Submitted by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

This document contains a draft proposal for a new recommendation. It is hereby submitted for discussion by the Working Party. This first discussion will seek the opinion of delegates on the direction taken and the overall approach being designed. If their opinion is favourable, a final proposal will be submitted for the Working Party 6 annual meeting in 2020.

#### *Proposed decision:*

Member States expressed overall support for the draft Recommendation V on “Addressing product non-compliance risk in international trade”. They mandate the secretariat to further refine the text of the recommendation in order to present it for adoption it on the thirtieth session in 2020.

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## Normative work (cont'd)

### Revision of Recommendation P

- The current crisis has reiterated the importance of integrating continuity management in every regulatory system, from education, to health, to trade, to urban areas...
- Recommendation P developed in 2011 retains its urgency as every US\$1 invested in risk reduction and prevention can save up to US\$15 in post-disaster recovery.
- The revision is submitted for approval at the November 2021 session

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### P Crisis Management within a Regulatory Framework<sup>1</sup>

#### The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies,

**Recognizing** the role of technical regulation, conformity assessment and market surveillance in preventing and addressing crises in various fields,

**Noting** that some risks are almost impossible to identify, and that all risks, even if identified, cannot be totally mitigated,

**Recognizing** the common interest of all regulatory stakeholders, including economic operators and consumers, in developing and applying tools that allow to effectively anticipate, and if necessary, resolve situations of crises,

**Stressing** that in many cases crises have led to imposing disproportionate regulations,

**Underlining** that risks that are identified and accepted within a regulatory system require developing or updating contingency plans that can be applied by regulators and other stakeholders,

**Stressing** that "crisis management" is an integral function of the risk management process of any regulatory framework<sup>2</sup>, and that effective preparedness and/or response to crises requires systemic management of risks, and vice versa,

**Taking** into account international and national standards related to risk management, such as, for example, ISO 31000:2009, AS/NZS 5050:2010, ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 27001:2005,

**And with the objective of promoting** a culture of responsible management of risks and increased preparedness for crises, including more effective coordination among all parties that can be involved in crises.



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## Outreach

The Declaration for Gender Responsive Standards signed by:

- 77 countries and international standards setting organizations for all regions of the world



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## Capacity-building

- Operationalization of online courses on:
  - risk management
  - conformity assessment
  - market surveillance

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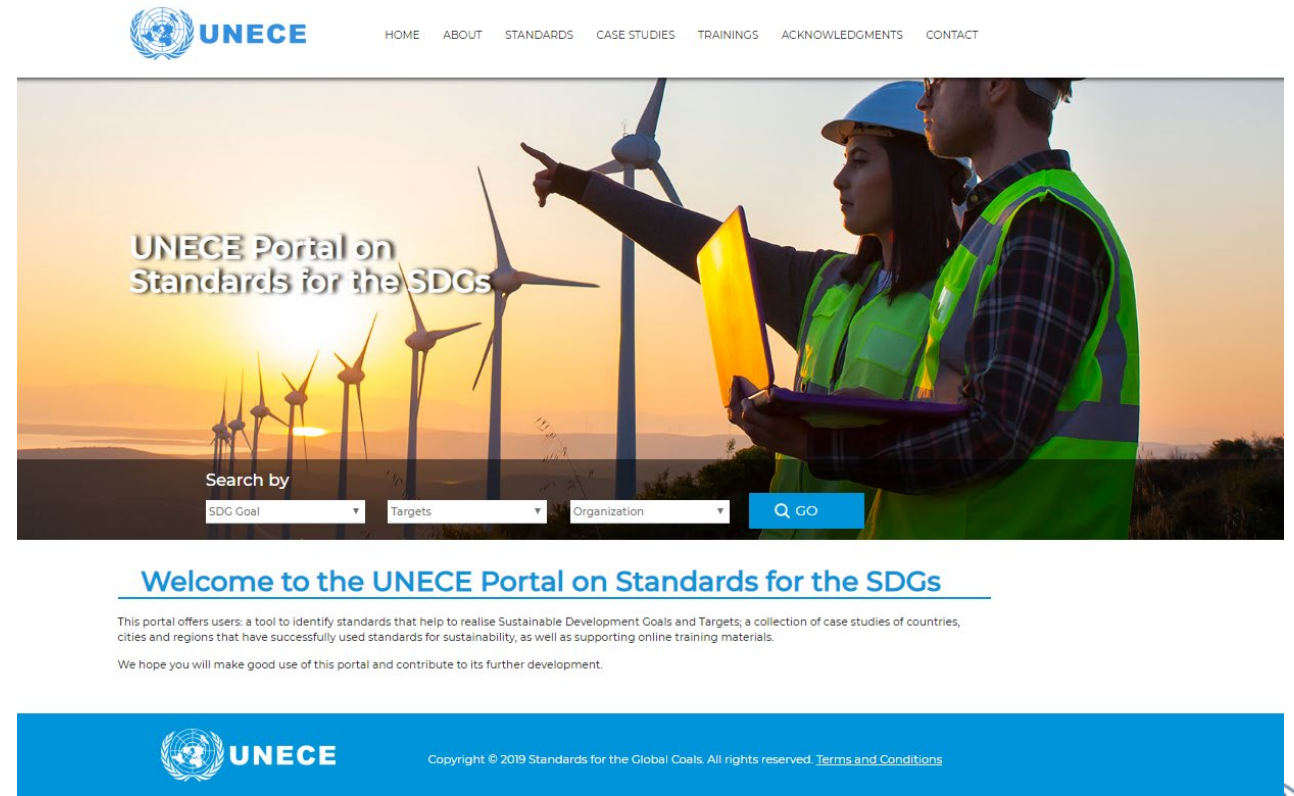
## Technical cooperation

### Standards for SDGs part 2 – Dec. 2019 – June. 2021

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#### Further development of the Portal on “Standards for the SDGs” (launched on 14/10/2019, World Standards Day)

- Showcases the role of standards for the achievement of the SDGs
- Close to 2000 standards
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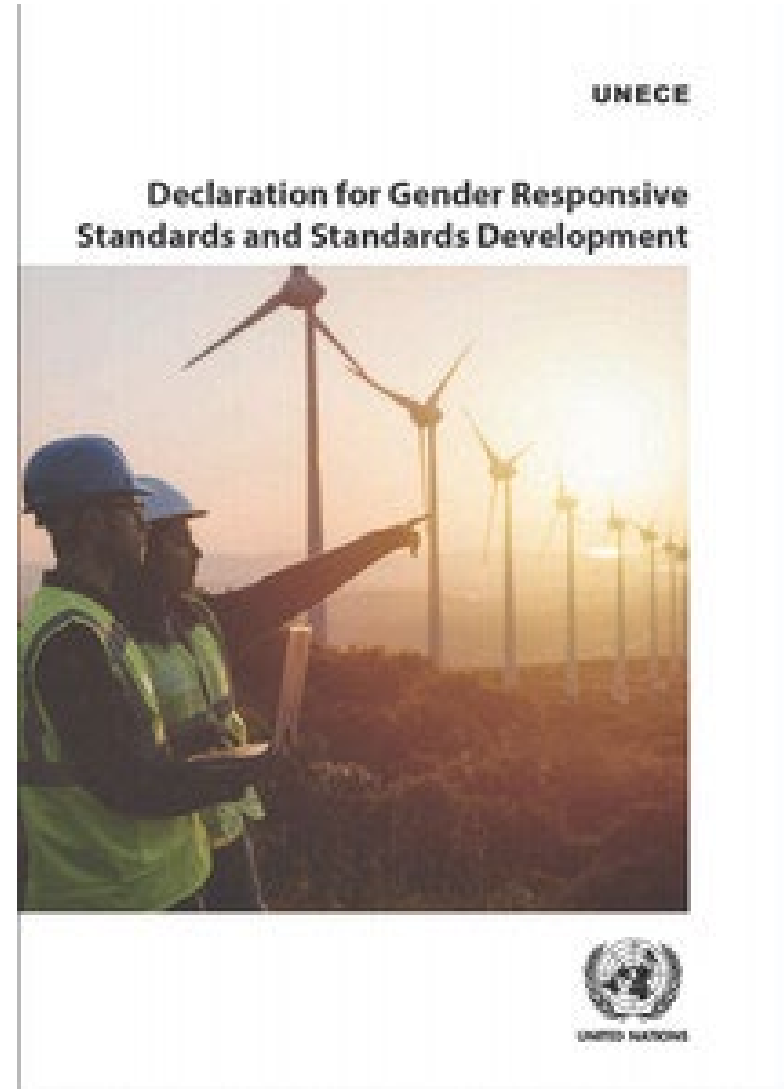


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## Work continued in the groups

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- Number of group online meetings held: 14
- 3 Working Groups under GRSI operationalized to advance on the following topics:
  - i. Knowledge Sharing & Training
  - ii. Methodology for assessing and developing gender responsive standards
  - iii. Network development



# Elections of the Chair

- Call for candidates for **the Chair** of WP.6 now open
- Vice Chair 2020 - 2022: Mr. Miroslav Chloupek, First Deputy President of the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing
- Vice Chair 2019 – 2021: Mr. Valentin Tataritsky, Chairman of the Belarus State Committee for Standardization

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