

# 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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## Outreach

The Declaration for Gender Responsive Standards signed by:

- 77 countries and international standards setting organizations for all regions of the world
- Further countries have shown interest in signing the declaration



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## Capacity-building

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

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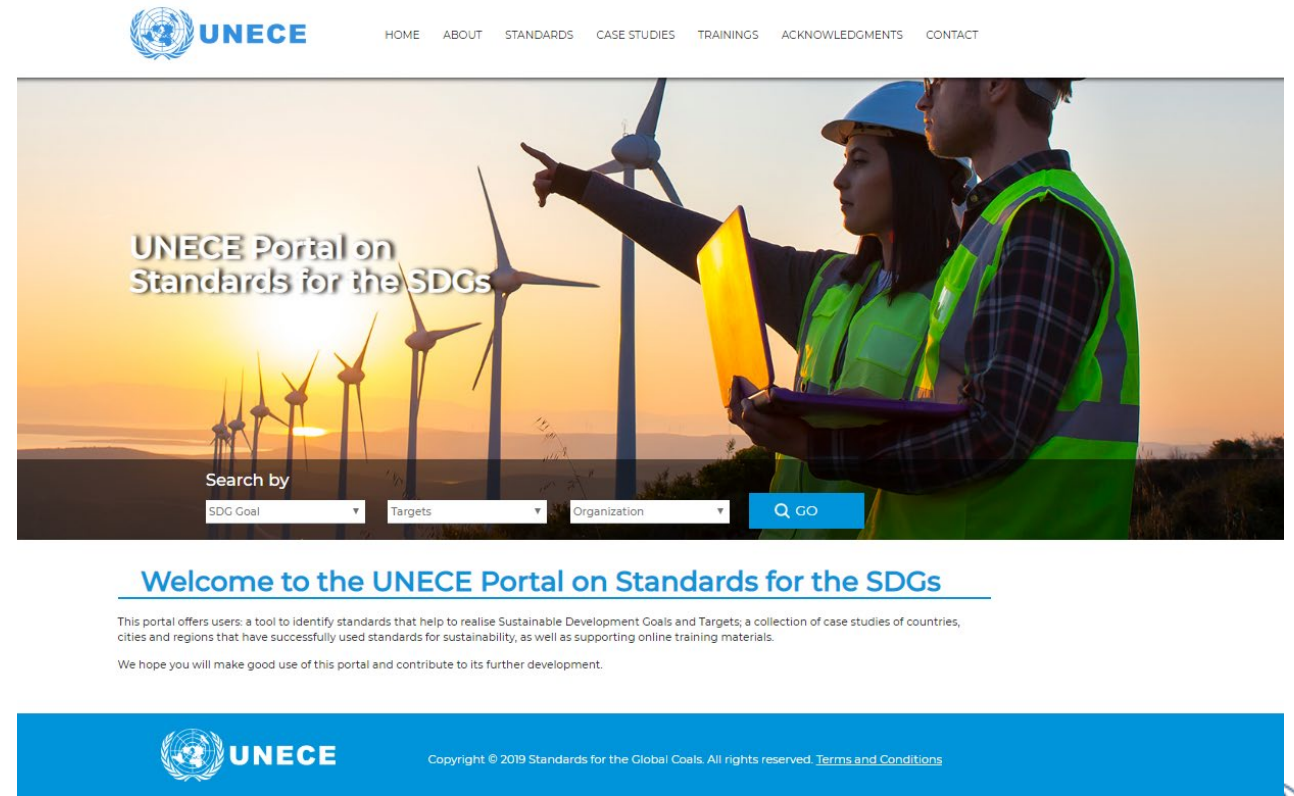
## Technical cooperation

### 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
- More case studies, now 32
- Easy to use, easy to update:
- Goal to cover all SDGs, and many more standards organizations



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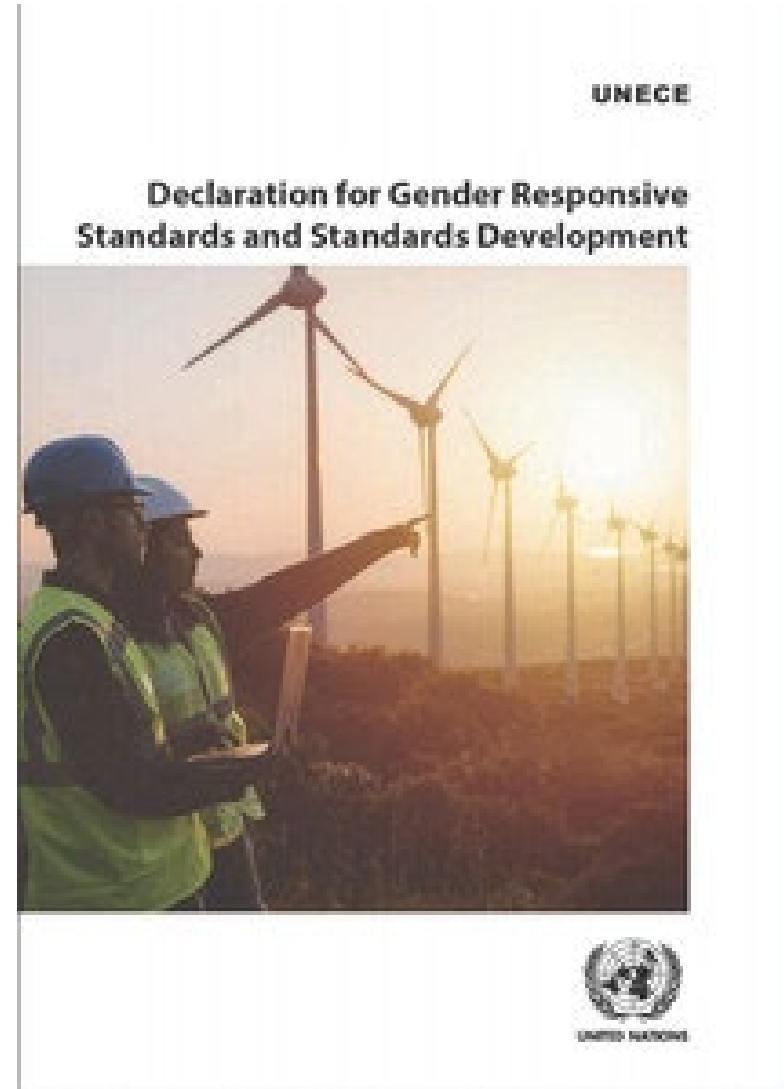


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## Work continued in the groups

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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

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- 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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# Circular Economy

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- 69th UNECE Commission Session – ECE MS commit to step up efforts to promote circular economy
- Trade fostering a circular economy transition
- Request that the MARS group consider circular economy in its current and future work.





# Preparation for the WP.6 Plenary Programme of Work 2022

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- Deadline beginning August 2021
- Propose to have a brief text from each WP.6 Group & Thematic Area
  - One paragraph on context (background, importance of topic...)
  - One paragraph on planned activities in 2022 (preferably as bullet points)
  - Number of planned meetings, webinars, documents



# Upcoming events



## WP.6 PLENARY

Regulatory Cooperation  
and Standardization

Geneva & online | 24-26 November 2021



### WP.7 PLENARY

Agriculture Quality Standards

Geneva & online | 15-17 November 2021



### WP.6 GRSI

Gender Responsive Standards Initiative

Geneva & online | 24 November 2021



### UN/CEFACT FORUM

Virtual event | 4 – 15 October 2021



# Thank You!

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