

Proposed insertion of text for GRS in the WP.6 PoW 2024:

Original text from ECE/ECTD/WP.6/2022/12 in black; *proposed updates in red*

D. Gender-responsive standardization

The lack of gender-responsive standards and awareness of their importance has resulted in unnecessary health and safety risks for women and girls and led to standards having unequal impacts in other areas. *As standards-setting bodies progressively develop* ~~Many standard-setting bodies operate without a policies~~ for mainstreaming gender in their activities and in the management of their organizations, *there is a growing need for further guidance and implementation tools.* In 2016, WP.6 launched the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative ~~(GRSI)~~ *and in 2022, the Team of Specialists on Gender-Responsive Standards (GRS) was approved.* This is an important contribution to SDG 5, “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”. This has resulted in the publication in 2018 of the *Recommendation U on Gender-Responsive Standards* and the *Declaration for Gender-Responsive Standards and Standards Development* which has to date *eighty-two* signatories.

In the area of gender-responsive standardization, WP.6 plans to conduct the following activities:

- (a) Enhance the implementation of the Recommendation U and encourage national standards bodies and relevant standards developers to sign the Declaration
- (b) Develop a model best practice for a gender action plan for a standards development body
- (c) Develop materials ~~(presentation slide deck, resources, media content~~ materials catered to different types of audience, materials that highlight the impact of gender-responsive standards in daily life, resources on how to implement the Guidelines on Developing Gender-Responsive Standards) that can be used to ~~promote the work of GRSI~~ further raise awareness
- (d) Develop training on gender-responsive standards and ensure its translation into other languages such as French, Russian and/or other official United Nations languages
- ~~(e)~~ Act as a focal point for information-sharing, collaboration and developing relevant solutions such as national gender action plans, ~~essentially through two action areas of GRSI:~~
 - ~~i. — Knowledge sharing and best practices~~
 - ~~ii. — Gender responsive standards methodology~~
- (f) Explore further areas that GRS could add guidance