

**Working Party
on Regulatory Cooperation
and Standardization Policies**

**Team of Specialists on
Gender-Responsive
Standards (ToS-GRS)**

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ToS-GRS – Reporting

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- Appointment of officers on 3 April 2024:
 - Chair: Michelle Parkouda (Canada)
 - Vice-Chair: Stephanie Eynon (UK)
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15. 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 policies for mainstreaming gender in their activities and in the management of their organizations, there is an evolving need for further guidance and implementation tools. In 2016, WP.6 launched the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative and in 2022 the Team of Specialists on Gender-Responsive Standards (ToS-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.

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

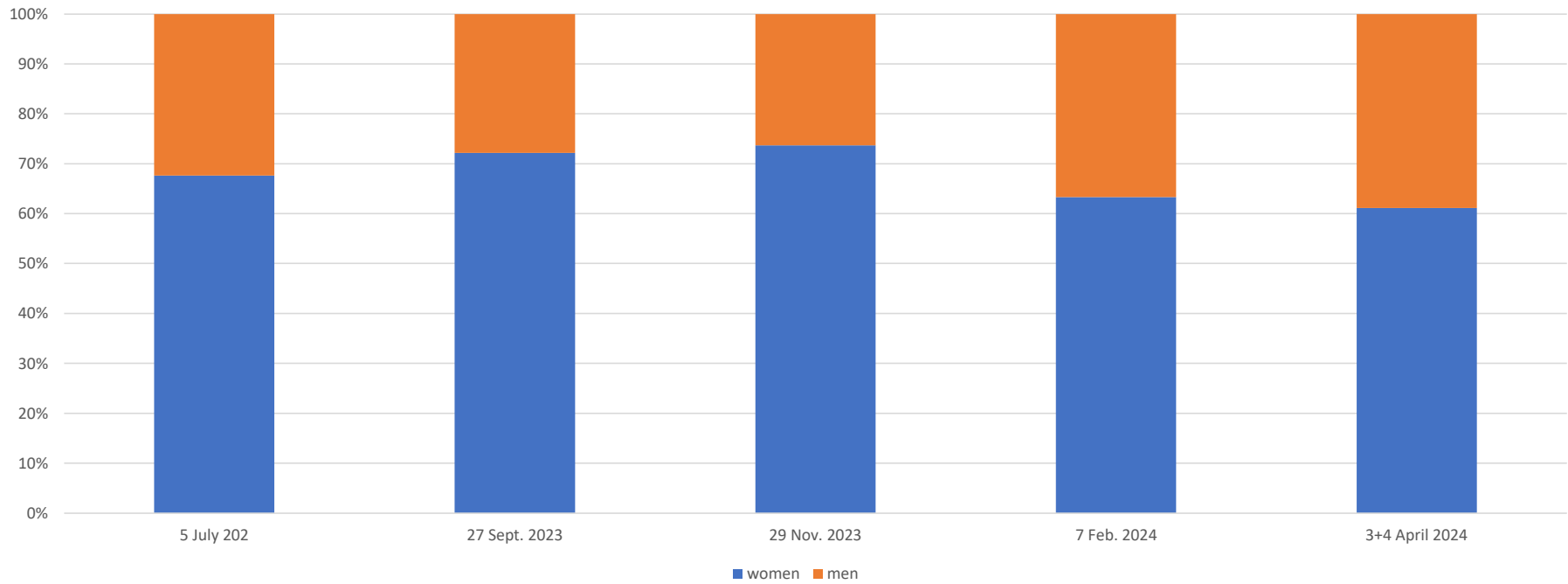
- a) Enhance the implementation of the Recommendation U and encourage national standards bodies and relevant standards developers to sign the Declaration and report on impact
- b) Develop a model best practice for a gender action plan for a standards development body
- c) Develop materials (e.g. materials 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) to further raise awareness
- d) Develop training material 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
- f) Explore further areas that GRS could add guidance

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Gender Balance in ToS-GRS Meetings



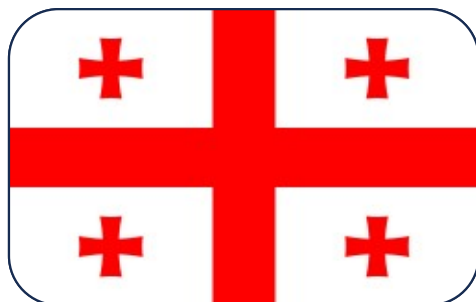
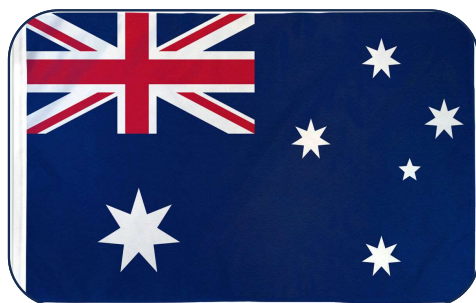
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