



One Great Step toward 2008 – ISO/SR 2nd meeting in Bangkok

The 2nd meeting of the ISO Working Group on Social Responsibility was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 26th to 30th September 2005, hosted by TISI (the Thai Industrial Standards Institute) and JISC (Japanese Industrial Standards Committee). About 350 people from 54 ISO member countries and 24 liaison organizations participated. (45 of these countries were participants and 9 of them observers.) Compared to the first meeting in March 2005 in Brazil, there was a significant increase in the number of participants from developing countries.

The next meeting will be held in May or June 2006 in Lisbon, Portugal, at the invitation of the Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ).

Principal achievements of the Bangkok meeting



- **The Structure of Design Specification of ISO 26000**

0 Introduction

The introduction should give information or commentary about the content of the guidance standard and the reasons prompting its preparation. The introduction should describe the purpose of the guidance standard in informative terms.

1 Scope

This section shall define the subject of the guidance standard, its coverage and the limits of its applicability.

2 Normative references

This section is for a list of documents, if any, which must be read in conjunction with the guidance standard.

3 Terms and definitions

This section will identify terms used in the guidance standard that require definition and provide such definitions.

4 The SR context in which all organizations operate

This section will provide the historical and contemporary contexts for SR. The section will also address questions arising out of the nature of the concept of SR. Relevant stakeholder issues should be addressed in this section.

5 SR principles relevant to organizations

This section will identify a set of SR principles drawn from a variety of sources and provide guidance on these principles. Relevant stakeholder issues should be addressed in this section.

6 Guidance on core SR subjects/issues

This section will provide separate guidance on a range of core subjects/issues and relate them to organizations. Relevant stakeholder issues should be addressed in this section.

7 Guidance for organizations on implementing SR

This section will provide practical guidance on implementing and integrating SR in the organization, including, for example, on policies, practices, approaches, issue identification, performance assessment, reporting and communication. Relevant stakeholder issues should be addressed in this section.

8 Guidance annexes

The guidance standard may include annexes if so desired.

Bibliography

- **Project plan**

- a first working draft will be available in the spring of 2006
- a draft ISO 26000 in November-December 2006
- a final draft in September 2008
- International Standard in October 2008

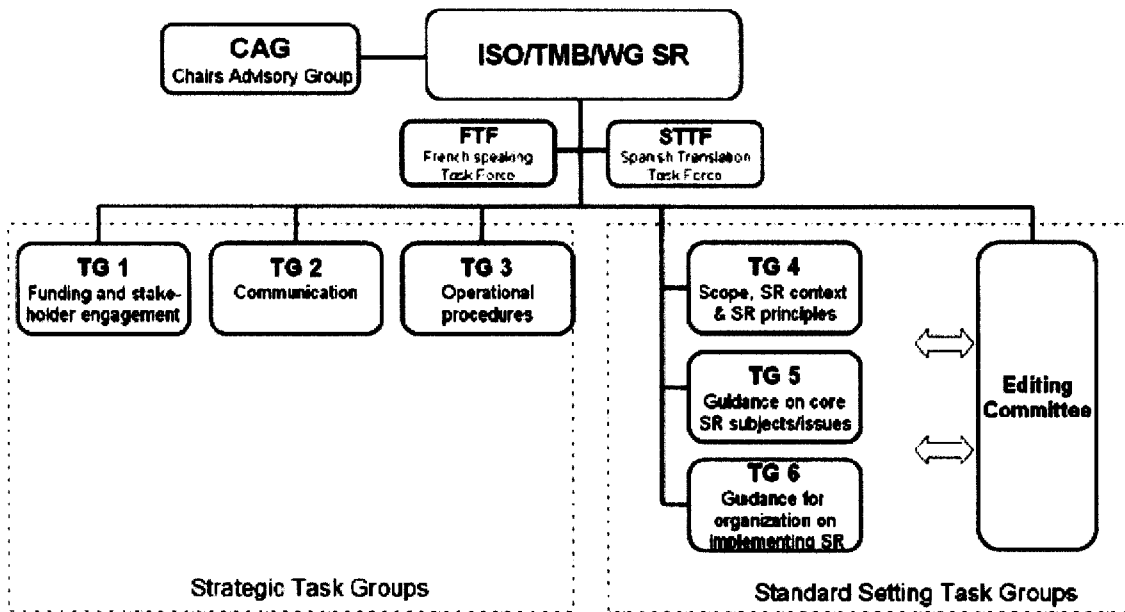


- **Stakeholder Definition**

The experts of the working group, who are appointed by the ISO members and D-liaison organizations, represent 6 main stakeholder categories. The categories are newly defined as Industry, Government, Consumer, Labour, Non Governmental Organizations, and Service, support, research and others.

*Stakeholder definitions are found under "Organization" at <http://www.iso.org/sr>

- **Establishment of the standard-setting Task Groups (TG 4 – 6) and French Speaking Task Force**



-TG 4 “Scope, SR context & SR principles” will draft the following clauses of the Design Specification

1. Scope
4. The SR context in which organizations operate
5. SR principles relevant to organizations

-TG 5 “Guidance on core SR subjects/Issues” will draft the following clauses of the Design Specification

6. Guidance on core SR subjects/issues

-TG 6 “Guidance for organization on implementing SR” will draft the following clauses of the Design Specification

7. Guidance for organizations on implementing SR

**TG 4 will define the term Social Responsibility (SR).*

***WG agreed not to assign the Design Specification clauses 0, 2, 3, 8 or the Bibliography at this time.*

- French Speaking Task Force was established

- to permit/facilitate exchanges in French language between experts, observers and liaison organizations participating in WG SR
- to propose for French translation those working documents that its members consider essential for the effective participation of French speaking experts and observers in the WG SR
- to give information on the work of ISO/TMB/WG SR to French speaking countries and regions through a dedicated network

You will find the resolutions taken at the 2nd WG meeting under “Press and News” at <http://www.iso.org/sr>



Breakthrough in Bangkok!!

Developing country participation now equal to developed countries' in ISO standardization on Social Responsibility

Participation of experts from developing countries in the ISO TMB WG on Social Responsibility is gradually increasing. At the second meeting with the Working Group in Bangkok, 26-30 September, 2005, for the first time the developing countries (23) represented by experts in the WG, outnumbered developed countries (22). Experts from developed countries were more numerous than those from developing countries, though considering that ISO voting rules for adoption of international standards gives one vote to each ISO member, this WG-meeting was a breakthrough for developing countries. In addition to the nominated experts, 9 developing countries were also represented by observers.

As in Salvador-Bahia, where the first meeting of the WG SR was held in March 2005, the WG-meeting in Bangkok was preceded by a workshop on the 24-25 September for experts from developing countries. (This workshop was not part of the WG SR meeting.) The objective, this time, was to share experiences in terms of social responsibility, particularly in relation the processes undertaken to establish national mirror committees. Each participant had in advance submitted a Country Report describing their national situations and experiences. Selected reports from Asia, Africa and the Americas were presented to the workshop as the basis for an exchange of experiences among the participants. As an outcome of these discussions a proposal to create an ad hoc Developing Countries Contact Group was put forward. During the workshop, two representatives, from each of these three regions prepared terms of reference for the ad hoc Contact Group, which were formally accepted later during the WG-meeting.

WG Task Group leaders also gave short reports on what had been achieved after the Salvador meeting. This part of the workshop triggered intense discussions especially on the proposed Design Specification i.e. the content of the standard. The second day of the workshop was focused on stakeholder involvement i.e. how National Standards Bodies can involve representatives of all stakeholder groups in their mirror committees to the ISO WG SR. Stakeholder representatives from the Chair's Advisory Group gave their views on how stakeholder involvement could be improved.

The Bangkok workshop was arranged by ISO Development and Training Programmes in co-operation with SIS, the Swedish Standards Institute and TISI, Thai Industrial Standards Institute as host. 29 of the participants in the workshop and the working group meeting were generously sponsored by Sida, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, JISC, Japanese Industrial Standards Institute, and SECO Switzerland.

ISO/DEVCO information is found at <http://www.iso.org/iso/en/aboutiso/isostructure/DEVCO.html>



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<http://www.iso.org/iso/en/aboutiso/isomembers/index.html>
You will also find organizations participating in the WG under "Organization" at
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