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Australia holds positions on several key international governance groups, including **ISO's Technical Management Board (TMB)** and **IEC's Standardization Management Board (SMB), Conformity Assessment Board (CAB), Business Advisory Committee (BAC)** and **IEC Board (IB)**. These positions give Australia a voice on the policy, operational and strategic direction of ISO and IEC.

1. IEC General Meeting recap

The 89th IEC General Meeting was hosted by the Bureau of Indian Standards in New Delhi from 15-19 September 2025.

The week began with the Asia-Pacific Cooperation Forum supporting all IEC Members as well as Affiliates.

Standards Australia was proud to have fantastic representation on several panels including

- ◆ Building a Smarter Future – with Kareen Riley-Takos and Adam Stingemore
- ◆ AI: Shaping the Future with Innovation – with George Sfinas
- ◆ Building a More Inclusive World Through Standards – with Adam Stingemore

Other highlights for Standards Australia include supporting colleagues in the Pacific and Timor -Leste to attend and gain great value in their active participation, support for our Australian representatives at the IEC Young Professionals events, and joining our New Zealand colleagues for our annual dinner.

Standards Australia is very pleased to share that Adam Stingemore was successful in his re-election to IEC Business Advisory Committee (BAC) and Mike Wood, and George Sfinas as alternate, were successful in their re-election to the IEC Standardization Management Board (SMB).

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2. Feedback session - Online Standards Development - SA led

Starting January 2025, the ISO/IEC Online Standards Development (OSD) tool will be used for all new, eligible ISO and IEC projects. This includes document authoring and the submission of comments, which must all be done through the tool.

The purpose of this session is to give national mirror committee experts a chance to provide feedback on the tool, so we can share their insights with the ISO and IEC developers to help improve the platform.

[Register here](#)

To express interest in future sessions or if you have any questions about the OSD tool, please contact your Standards Australia Project Manager or email the international team at intsect@standards.org.au

3. ISO OSD - Virtual Resource Orientation Sessions – ISO led

Check out the quick start guides from ISO available here [Quick Start Guides - ISO helpdesk knowledge base](#)

Resource orientation sessions guide you through all the resources available on Online Standards Development (OSD). The session run once a month. Please select one of the below date and register. Note: all times are given in CEST.

If you can't attend any of the below sessions [watch the video here!](#)

Date	Times	Registration
Tuesday Oct 7, 2025	10:00am - 10:30am CEST 7:00pm – 7:30pm AEDT	Register
Tuesday Oct 7, 2025	5:00pm – 5:30pm CEST 2:00am – 2:30am AEDT	Register
Tuesday Nov 4, 2025	10:00am - 10:30am CEST 7:00pm – 7:30pm AEDT	Register
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ISO Technical Update

1. New Proposal to establish a Joint ISO and IEC Technical Committee on Digital Product Passport (TS/P 330)

A proposal to establish a new ISO/IEC joint technical committee on “Digital Product Passport” has been submitted by DIN and DKE (Germany).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

Standardization in the field of Digital Product Passport.

Development of deliverables for the deployment of Digital Product Passports (DPP) ensuring cross sectoral and cross system interoperability enabling the supply chain information flow. This includes the framework of the DPP System and the DPP Ecosystem as well as the basics for both.

The new JTC does not develop sector specific standards and standards to be used for DPP-system or DPP-data which are already covered by the scope of other ISO and IEC TCs.

Standards Australia will be hosting two information sessions held on Thursday 16th October (2pm AEST) and Friday 17th October (10am AEST). More details on registration for this session will be available shortly. Please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au if you are interested.

Voting on this proposal closes on 28 November 2025.

If you would like to review the proposal and provide feedback. Please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au

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2. New proposal to establish an ISO Technical Committee on Pet products (TS/P 328)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee on "Pet products" has been submitted by SAC (China).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

Standardization of safety requirements and test methods for pet products which are designed or obviously intended to facilitate seating, bathing, feeding, mouthing, sleeping, playing, transportation, activity and protection for pets.

Excluded:

- Pet food covered by ISO/TC 34/SC 10.
- Pet toys covered by ISO/TC 181.
- Drugs and health related products.
- All electrical aspects which are dealt with by IEC.

Voting on this proposal closes on 2 October 2025.

If you would like to review the proposal and provide feedback. Please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au

3. New proposal to establish an ISO Technical Committee on Fundamentals of Services (TS/P 329)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee on "Fundamentals of Services " has been submitted by BIS (India).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

Standardization of generic and fundamental aspects of services including, but not limited to, terminology, classification, human skills, planning, contracts, agreement, delivery modes, performance, measurements, monitoring, analytics, security, customer expectation and other related aspects of services.

Excluded:

1. *Standardization in the field of excellence in service covered by ISO/TC 312 - Excellence in Service.*
2. *Standardization of specific aspects covered by sectorial services standards within the scope of other committees including TC's (68, 159, 176/SC3, 225, 228, 232, 304, 314, 315, 321, 342, 344, JTC 1/SC 40)*

If you would like to review the proposal and provide feedback. Please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au

4. Invitation to an international workshop (IWA 50) on "Hydrological Risks – Guidelines and relevant potential standards

Following approval by the Technical Management Board of a proposal from the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JISC), ISO are holding a workshop to develop an International Workshop Agreement (IWA 50) on Hydrological Risks – Guidelines and relevant potential standards.

Meeting information of the Workshop

- Date: 7th October 2025, 12:00–14:00 UTC
- Venue: Fully Virtual (MS Teams)

A detailed agenda and meeting link will be provided to registered participants in advance.

To participate

Please register using the online registration form no later than 5th September 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fuJ6KuYWR9>

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IEC Technical Update

1. Draft ISO/IEC Guide on Gender Responsive Standards

The draft guide on Gender Responsive Standards is currently under review. The purpose of the Guide on Gender Responsive Standards is to translate the existing guidance into a formal ISO/IEC Guide, providing technical committees with practical tools and frameworks to identify and assess gender differences. This ensures that standards are inclusive, relevant, and effective for all users.

If you have an interest in reviewing the draft Guide and providing feedback, please contact us at intest@standards.org.au

2. IEC Young Professionals Programme welcomes new leaders

The three new leaders of the IEC Young Professionals (YPs) Programme have been announced at the IEC General Meeting in New Delhi, India. They were elected by their cohorts to represent YP participants over the next 12 months.

The election took place after 95 YPs, representing 46 IEC National Committees, spent a week learning about IEC work. They also worked on projects designed to contribute to the future of international standardization and conformity assessment.

The IEC YP Leaders for 2025 are **Al Hanoof Yousuf Mohammed Al Maamari (Australia)**, Maha Moutaabbid (France) and Shendong Chang (China).

The YP leaders will coordinate work on different aspects of standardization, based on three projects identified during the YP workshop held this week. For more information visit [here](#)

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3. The need for medium voltage direct current standards

The growing interest in medium-voltage direct current (MVDC) systems highlights an urgent need for standardized approaches to ensure safety, interoperability, and reliability across applications. As industries increasingly adopt MVDC for energy-efficient power distribution, especially in sectors like transportation, renewable energy, and data centres, international standards become essential to harmonize design, testing, and implementation practices. The IEC's work in developing MVDC standards plays a critical role in enabling global collaboration, reducing technical barriers, and fostering innovation while ensuring that systems meet consistent performance and safety benchmarks. For more information visit [here](#)

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