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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. ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) Meeting in Sydney, Australia, March 2026

The recent ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) meetings hosted by Standards Australia in Sydney, brought together international National Body representatives to discuss and review ISO's ongoing standards development work, identify gaps, and explore how new areas to be incorporated into ISO's program. Discussions focused on alignment of the ISO/IEC directives expected for publication this year, policy to approval of liaison organisation requests, review of the pilot open Consultation review mechanism, digital transformation, and standardization priorities in key technological fields.

Alongside the hosting of ISO TMB, Standards Australia hosted a Chairs and Convenors workshop which brought together Australian committee leaders and international TMB members to explore how standards development can better respond to emerging global needs. The session highlighted ISO's initiatives to integrate AI into standards development, reviewed updates to the harmonised ISO/IEC directives, and examined the performance-management framework for ISO committee leadership. Participants also focused on priorities for the ISO TMB 2026 Work Program and engaged directly with TMB representatives from around the world, strengthening collaboration and understanding of how new areas of work are identified, assessed, and incorporated into ISO's global programme.

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## 2. IEC Standardization Management Board (SMB) Meeting in Torre Canne, Italy, February 2026

The IEC Standardization Management Board (SMB) convened its 185th meeting in Torre Canne, Italy, bringing together National Body representatives to discuss and advance strategic priorities for the future of international electrotechnical standardization. Discussions focused heavily on the IEC 2040 Deep Dive, exploring how the organisation must evolve to become the global authority for electricity, electronics and digital technologies by 2040, while also launching substantive conversations on the responsible use of AI and the future structure of technical committees to

accelerate and strengthen standards development. The event, hosted by the Italian Electrotechnical Committee (CEI), combined technical sessions with collaborative workshops, cultural activities and opportunities for global coordination, reinforcing international cooperation in shaping safe, sustainable and interoperable technologies.

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## ISO Technical Update for March 2026

### 1. New proposal to establish an ISO Technical Committee on Wound dressings and compresses (TS/P 322)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee on "Wound dressings and compresses" has been submitted by SASO (Saudi Arabia).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

Standardization of particular aspects related to wound dressings and wound compresses, including but not limited to, design, safety and performance requirements and associated test methods for adhesiveness, absorption, waterproofness and skin-fitting. In addition to standardization of safety controls and terminologies for these products.

Excluded:

- aspects related to biological and clinical evaluation, covered by ISO/TC 194;
- quality management and corresponding general aspects, covered by ISO/TC 210.

Voting on this proposal closes on 12 June 2026. If you have any questions related to the update above, please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au)

### 2. New proposal to establish an ISO Technical Committee on Artificial ice and snow landscape (TS/P 333)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee on "Artificial ice and snow landscape" has been submitted by SAC (China).

The scope of the proposal is the following:

Responsible for the standardization of safety, design, construction, operation, maintenance and sustainable development of artificial ice and snow landscape constructions (both indoor and outdoor), excluding the standardization in permanent buildings with residential functions (ISO/TC 59), ice and snow sports and recreational facilities (ISO/TC 83), bases for design of structures (ISO/TC 98) and tourism and related services (ISO/TC 228).

Voting on this proposal closes on 16 June 2026. If you have any questions related to the update above, please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au)

## IEC Technical Update for March 2026

### 1. IEC Young Professional Program 2026 – Call for applications

The [IEC Young Professionals \(YP\) Programme](#) supports early career professionals who want to get involved in international standards work. Each year, Standards Australia selects two Australian representatives to join this global initiative, giving emerging leaders the chance to collaborate with experts, build professional skills and contribute to the future of international standardisation.

The selected participants will attend the IEC Young Professionals workshop, held alongside the IEC General Meeting from 16–20 November 2026 in Hamburg, Germany. Following the workshop, they'll also take part in ongoing activities aimed at deepening their engagement, expanding industry networks and encouraging continued knowledge sharing.

This programme offers a unique opportunity to gain real-world experience in the international standards community, work with peers from around the world and develop the capabilities needed to become influential contributors to global standards development.

For further details about how to apply, visit the Standards Australia website here [IEC Young Professionals Programme](#)

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### 2. Draft IEC Guide 124, Drafting of publications on electromagnetic field exposure assessment methods

IEC Guide 124 Drafting of publications on electromagnetic field exposure assessment methods was prepared by ACEC, Advisory committee on electromagnetic compatibility. The draft guide is currently under review until 24 April 2026.

If you would like to review the proposal and provide feedback. Please contact us at [intsect@standards.org.au](mailto:intsect@standards.org.au)