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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. New aligned ISO/IEC Directives now in force

The new harmonised ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1:2026 came into effect on 5 October 2026, introducing a common set of rules for the development of International Standards across ISO and IEC. The new edition replaces the previous separate ISO, IEC and JTC 1 supplements with a single framework intended to provide greater consistency and clarity for international technical committees.

The updated Directives introduce a number of changes to the way international standards work is managed. These include a common 36-month development timeframe for projects, revised arrangements for committee leadership and Working Groups, an optional Project Editor role, updated meeting requirements, and greater alignment between new work and committee strategic business plans. New Work Item Proposals must also now include an assessment of gender responsiveness.

For Australian experts participating in ISO and IEC committees, the changes provide a more consistent framework for working across the two international standards organisations.

If you have any questions related to the update above, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au

2. Wrap-up of the ISO and IEC Annual Consultation Event

Thank you to everyone who joined Standards Australia for our 2026 ISO and IEC Annual Consultation Event in October.

The annual event brought together members of Australia's international standards community to connect, share insights and hear updates on developments across ISO and IEC. This year's discussions included international technical governance, greater collaboration between ISO and IEC,

the newly harmonised ISO/IEC Directives, and the ongoing transition towards more digital and accessible standards.

The event also provided an opportunity to recognise the important contribution Australian experts make to international standardisation and to exchange perspectives on the opportunities and challenges shaping the international standards system.

Thank you to our speakers, panellists and contributors, and to everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

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ISO Technical Update for September/October 2026

1. New proposal for an ISO technical committee on Positioning, Navigation and Timing services (TS/P 339)

A proposal to establish a new ISO technical committee covering Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) services has been submitted by KATS, the Republic of Korea's national standards body. ISO's Technical Management Board has approved the proposal for circulation to ISO members.

The proposed committee would focus on PNT services at the service and application level, including architectures, terminology, service frameworks, data structures, interfaces and service-level performance and assurance requirements. The proposal aims to support interoperable, reliable, secure and resilient PNT services across multiple sectors, while excluding sector-specific work already being undertaken by existing ISO and IEC committees.

PNT services underpin a wide range of modern applications and technologies, including navigation, transport, telecommunications, infrastructure and other systems that depend on accurate positioning or timing information.

As part of the consultation, ISO members are also being asked to consider whether the proposed field warrants establishment of a new technical committee or whether the work would be more appropriately addressed through existing committees, particularly ISO/TC 211, Geographic information/Geomatics, or ISO/TC 20/SC 14, Space systems and operations.

Australian stakeholders with an interest in this area are encouraged to contact Standards Australia at intsect@standards.org.au to provide feedback.

IEC Technical Update for September/October 2026

1. Call for Experts: Standardization Evaluation Group 18 (SEG 18): Grid Interactive and Sustainable Data

The IEC is inviting Australian experts to contribute to Strategic Evaluation Group 18 (SEG 18), Grid Interactive and Sustainable Data Centres.

SEG 18 will examine how international standards can support the development and operation of cleaner, more sustainable data centres. Its work will include reviewing existing standards, identifying gaps and considering future standardisation needs, as well as working with organisations such as ISO and IEEE.

The group is seeking experts with knowledge and experience in grid interactivity and sustainable data centres. Participation is open beyond the existing IEC community, providing an opportunity for Australian industry, government, academia and other interested organisations to contribute their expertise to this emerging area of international work.

If you have any questions related to the update above or wish to participate in the work, please contact us at intsect@standards.org.au