Report of the past session and intersessional developments

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Overview of presentation

- Highlights of WP. 6 2016 report
- Intersessional activities under the regular budget
- Follow up to the Conference
- Planned activities
Highlights of 26th session of WP.6

• Revision of Recommendations F & G approved
• Recommendation S on “risk management tools for the identification of non-compliant products and businesses”
• New initiative on "Mainstreaming a gender perspective in standards and technical regulations"
Intersessional activities

- GRM Group meeting (20 - 22 February 2017), Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht (HZG), Germany
- Meeting of the initiative for gender-responsive standards (4 April 2017),
  - The Emperor's New Clothes @ EDD June 2017
  - "MARS" Group Meeting (11 - 12 September 2017), Stockholm, Sweden
Other intersessional activities

- 8th European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) Istanbul Presentation on standards for DRR (March 2017)

- IECEx International Conference – Shanghai (April 2017)

- 49th meeting of the Euroasian Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (EASC) Baku (June 2017)
Engagement with OECD & WTO

- Completed UNECE case study
- Leading a group that looks into the variety of international rules
- Participate in all WTO TBT Meetings
- Offered updates on completed and planned activities
Old and new partners in 2017

• Webinar on Standards for the SDGs
• ICTSD Talking Disputes event

Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries (DCMAS network)

Joint definition of «quality infrastructure»
Follow up to the Conference

- What are the synergies among the different SDOs?
- Does UNECE WP 6 have a potential role and what role can it play?
- In which sectors?
- Gender-responsive standards: participation and gender responsiveness
Follow up to the Conference

1. changing the name of the Working Party and aligning its activities to the Agenda 2030 and other international mandates


3. to create an Advisory Board that will work with the Bureau to support and monitor the activities of the Working Party

4. 3 work streams: to be named: “Standards for Agenda 2030”, “Coherent regulatory frameworks for the SDGs”, and “Quality infrastructure for sustainable development”.
Gender responsive standards

- Best practice on how to promote gender balance in the standards development process,
- Guidance on how to identify and correct – if present – any gender bias in existing standards, and how to ensure that standards under development are gender responsive.
- Charter of Gender Responsive Standards Bodies and a network of gender experts to support technical committees in understanding, exploring & resolving issues of gender bias in standards
- Database with sex-disaggregated data on women participation in standardization activities
- Pilot project for the development of a gendered standard
Thank you