

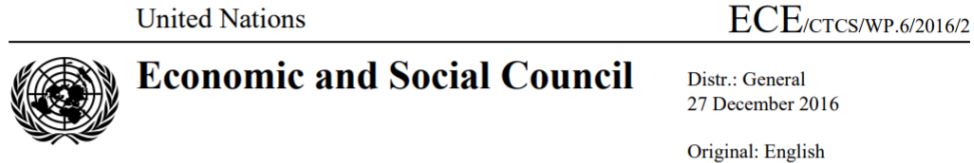
Report of the past session and intersessional developments

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Overview of presentation



Economic Commission for Europe
Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards
**Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation
and Standardization Policies session**
Twenty-sixth session
Geneva, 30 November - 2 December 2016

**Report of Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and
Standardization Policies on its twenty-sixth session**

- **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"



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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



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Other intersessional activities



EFDRR
EUROPEAN FORUM
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Turkish Chairmanship



Euroasian Interstate council
for standardization, metrology and certification

OFFICIAL SITE

- **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 certification (EASC) – Baku (June 2017)**



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Engagement with OECD & WTO



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

- 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



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Old and new partners in 2017

DIPLO

- Webinar on Standards for the SDGs



International Centre for Trade
and Sustainable Development

- ICTSD Talking Disputes event

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

Joint definition of
«quality infrastructure»





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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





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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**
- 2. “Working Party on Standards for Sustainable Development”. Or “Working Party on Standards and Regulatory Cooperation for Sustainable Development”?**
- 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



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