



## Objectives of Breakout Session

The breakout session aims to:

- A. Provide a forum for discussion where standards organizations and policymakers can collaborate with their peers and other relevant stakeholders to share experiences, propose solutions to identified problems and present recommendations for future cooperation in standards for the SDGs.
- B. Review a set of key standards, action areas and good practices that can be shared with a broader audience;
- C. Identify ways standards can support greater resilience, adaptation and mitigation to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries, paying special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, (e.g., women and girls).

## Breakout Format

The breakout session offers attendees a unique opportunity to engage global stakeholders in a dynamic and interactive discussion to examine issues as they relate to Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action). The dialogue will explore how standards can help realize the targets of SDG 13, promote greater collaboration across all sectors and encourage the adoption and integration of new standards and mechanisms aimed at raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management. All conference participants are encouraged to share their knowledge, expertise and recommendations on the topic. A selection of case studies will be presented for discussion, with additional studies available in an online catalogue.

## Topics for Discussion

The breakout session will present thought-provoking case studies, which have implications for the successful implementation of standards for the SDGs. During this session, participants will be presented with the opportunity to actively engage in critical discussion and address specific questions to the panel.

The session will consider the role of standards for the achievement of SDG 13 and promote discussion on the following key talking points:

- A. How can standards facilitate the practical processes for multi-stakeholder engagement across all stages of climate adaptation and mitigation that build consensus, inclusion, resilience and sustainability?
- B. How can standards bodies further support the mainstreaming of women's empowerment and gender equality in planning and implementing climate resilience and disaster risk reduction?
- C. What role can environmental standards play in mobilizing responsible corporate entities and consumers demand for sustainable business practice? How can standards support companies to adopt consistent metrics (GHG emission data, material climate risk information and setting an internal price for carbon) to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
- D. How can the various standards mapping tools being developed be scaled to enable greater engagement of the corporate entities to identify innovative and cost-effective solutions to complex, cross-cutting climate change problems? How can the tools support stakeholders to identify critical economic, environmental and social issues, and make effective improvements to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity?

# STANDARDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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The respective targets, indicators and 2017 progress information on Sustainable Development Goal 13 is available on the [UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform](#).

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