Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

TOPICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Gender Responsive Standards Initiative (GRSI)
Declaration on Gender Responsive Standards & Standards Development
Declaration Signatories
GRSI Expert Working Groups
Awareness - Raising Resources & Sessions
The Gender Responsive Standards Initiative aims to strengthen the use of standards and technical regulations as powerful tools to attain SDG 5 (Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls), integrate a gender lens in the development of both standards and technical regulations, as well as elaborate gender indicators and criteria that could be used in standards development. The Initiative was developed under UNECE’s Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6).

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DECLARATION ON GENDER RESPONSIVE STANDARDS

By signing the Declaration, developed at UNECE, standards bodies pledge to create and implement gender action plans. The objective is to support more gender-balanced and inclusive standards development processes, and to strengthen the gender-responsiveness of standards themselves, including by conducting gender-based analysis for the development or revision of all standards.

Signatories also commit to tracking progress, collecting and disseminating relevant data, success stories and good practice.
Women are widely under-represented in shaping the standards that affect so many areas of our lives. Many standards do not account for the ways in which they may impact women and men differently.

This animation was developed to celebrate the opening of the UNECE Declaration on Gender Responsive Standards and Standards Development on May 14, 2019.
The Declaration invites all standards bodies, whatever their business model and operations modality, to pledge to make the standards they develop and the standards development process they use gender-responsive.


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GENDER RESPONSIVE STANDARDS

DECLARATION SIGNATORIES

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
European Committee for Standardization (CEN) &
European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)
African Organization for Standardization (ARSO)
ASTM International
European Environmental Citizens' Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS)
AMFORI
The Gold Standard
Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS)
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Albania - General Directorate of Standardization

Austria - Austrian Standards International
Bolivia - Instituto Boliviano de Normalización y Calidad
Canada - Standards Council of Canada
Colombia - Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación
Congo - Office Congolais de Contrôle
Cyprus - Organisation for Standardisation
Denmark - Danish Standards
Dominican Republic - Instituto Dominicano para la Calidad
Ecuador - Servicio Ecuatoriano de Normalización
Gambia - The Gambia Standards Bureau
Germany - Deutsches Institut für Normung
Honduras - Organismo Hondureño de Normalización

Iceland - Icelandic Standards
India - Bureau of Indian Standards
Ireland - National Standards Authority of Ireland
Italy - Comitato Elettrotecnico Italiano
Italy - Ente Italiano di Normazione
Latvia - Latvian Standard
Lithuania - Lithuanian Standards Board
Luxembourg - Institut Luxembourgeois de la Normalisation, de l'Accréditation, de la Sécurité et qualité des produits et services
Malta - Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority
Mauritius - Mauritian Standards Bureau
Mexico - Dirección General de Normas
Moldova - Institute for Standardization of Moldova
New Zealand - New Zealand Standards Organisation
Norway - Standards Norway
Portugal - Instituto Português da Qualidade
Senegal - Association Sénégalaise de Normalisation
Spain - Asociación Española de Normalización
Sweden - Swedish Institute for Standards
Switzerland - Swiss Association for Standardization
Thailand - Thai Industrial Standards Institute
Togo - Agence Togolaise de Normalisation
Trinidad and Tobago - Bureau of Standards

Turkey - Türk Standardları Enstitüsü
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - British Standards Institution
Uruguay - Instituto Uruguayo de Normas Técnicas

2020 Signatories
The Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC)
Argentina - Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación - IRAM
Bosnia & Herzegovina - Institut for Standardization of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil - Associação Brasileira de Normas Técnicas (ABNT)
Cuba - Cuban National Bureau of Standards (NC)
Costa Rica – Technical Standards Institute of Costa Rica (INTECO)
Fairtrade International
Georgia - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)

Israel - Standards Institute of Israel (SII)
Kazakhstan - Kazakhstan Institute of Standardization and Certification
Mali - Agence Malienne de Normalisation et de Promotion de la Qualité (AMANORM)
Madagascar - Bureau des Normes de Madagascar
Mauritius – Mauritius Standards bureau
Papua New Guinea - National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology
The Rainforest Alliance
Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC)
Rwanda - Rwandan Standards Board (RSB)
Saint Lucia – Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards
Serbia – Institute for Standardization of Serbia (ISS)
Slovakia - Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing
WOCAN (Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture & Natural Resource Management)
GRSI EXPERT WORKING GROUPS

1. Training & Best Practice

**Group lead:** Lucy He (Worksafe New Zealand)

The working group intends on developing training and best practice on gender responsive standards.

2. Gender Responsive Standards Methodology

**Group lead:** Gabrielle White & Michelle Parkouda (Standards Council of Canada)

The working group intends on developing a methodology to examine the gender-responsivity of standards. Consideration will be given to assessing existing standards and those under development.

3. Network Development

**Group lead:** Ray Walshe (Dublin City University, DCU)

The working group intends on developing the Declaration signatory network. The working group will strengthen participation amongst standards bodies and build the grouping of gender focal points.
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AWARENESS-RAISING RESOURCES & SESSIONS

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Open platform which hosts panel presentations, meeting notes, and gender action plans.

This portal offers users:

- A standards mapping tool;
- A collection of case studies on the successful use of standards for sustainability;
- Online training materials.
2020 MEETINGS
GENDER RESPONSIVE STANDARDS INITIATIVE

FEBRUARY 2020
UNECE WP.6 Secretary, GRSI Chair

APRIL 2020
IEC, amfori, Fairtrade International

MAY 2020
WP.6 Secretary, Working Group Experts

JULY 2020
Rwanda Standard Board (RSB), Working Group Experts

SEPTEMBER 2020
Women in AI, Data2x, Cloudflight, University of Western Australia

NOVEMBER 2020
Women in Standards, Oxford University, Catalyst, United Nations University
In the Pipeline

1. **Online training**
   - Launch of UNECE’s e-learning training platform.
   - WG 1 develops GRS training sessions.

2. **Mapping standards**
   - The mapping of standards to Sustainable Development Goal 5: Empowerment of Women & Girls

3. **Standards Body Gender Focal Points**
   - Build continuity and understanding on the activities of the GRSI

4. **GRS Training**
   - Strengthen understanding of gender-responsivity & development of gender action plans
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