

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKSHOP ON STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES¹

Objectives of the workshop

1. To establish a prioritised list of standards and guidelines, with reference sources, that will be required to support the implementation of the exploitation regulations.
2. To develop a process for the development of the standards and guidelines.

Terms of reference

1. Standards and Guidelines

The workshop is requested to:

- Examine the draft list of documents (see the annex to ISBA/25/C/3) and identify those which lend themselves to the development of standards;
- Suggest additions or deletions to the list, with a particular focus on “environmental standards”;
- Indicate/suggest relevant reference sources for each suggested standard and guideline;
- Indicate which standards and/or guidelines should be prioritised for development; and
- Suggest indicative timelines for the prioritised documents.

The workshop will draw on and share experiences from national regulatory approaches, other international organisations and accreditation bodies. Council members also suggested certain considerations for prioritisation.

2. Process for development

The workshop is requested to outline a process for the development of standards and guidelines, and address the following questions:

- Who initiates the process?
- Who develops the content of the standards and guidelines?

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- What could be the recommended content of such standards and guidelines (can a template be developed)?
- Who reviews the content (including the process for review)? and
- Who approves the content?