Standards for Progress – Helping Developing Countries Get Standards to work for them

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Presentation Overview

- Policy aspects
- Institutional changes
- Twinning initiatives
- Other new initiatives

Objectives of the ISO Five-Year Plan

- Improve awareness
- Develop capacity
- Increase national and regional cooperation
- Develop electronic communication and expertise in IT tools
- Increase participation in governance and technical work of ISO

DEVCO Institutional Changes

- Extension of DEVCO Terms of Reference to include a monitoring function
- Establishment of DEVCO Chairs' Advisory Group (CAG)
- DEVCO Annual meeting format

DEVCO Chair's Advisory Group

- Consists of 9 members
  - 6 from developing countries
  - 3 from developed countries
- Term of office 2 years renewable once
- Meets twice a year
- Chaired by DEVCO Chair

DEVCO Chair's Advisory Group Functions

- To assist DEVCO in monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan for developing countries
- To work with DEVCO Secretariat in preparing agenda for the DEVCO plenary meetings
- To carry out specific tasks defined by ISO DEVCO

39th DEVCO Plenary Meeting

- To be held 19-20 September 2005
- Discussion topics
  - ⇨ Group 1 : Establishing an effective national quality infrastructure – Focus on LDCs
  - ⇨ Group 2 : Enhancing developing country participation in the standardization process – New initiatives
  - ⇨ Group 3 : Good regulatory practice – International standards for technical regulations

Involvement in Technical Work

TWINNING

- A mechanism that improves participation of developing countries
- Need for flexibility
- Engagement of stakeholders in the standardization process

Acquainting Industry Experts with Technical Work

TEST DRIVE

- Raising awareness of stakeholders in developing countries
- Providing experts from developing countries with training and education
- Pilot phase of the project
- 3 phases in test drive programme
  - ⇨ Training
  - ⇨ Attendance
  - ⇨ Dissemination

Assessing Priorities for Standardization

E-LEARNING

- E-learning module 1
- Training modules
  - ⇨ Assessing priorities for standardization
  - ⇨ Managing participation in international standardization
  - ⇨ Implementing international standards
- Developing countries face many challenges related to accessibility, understanding and in some cases acceptance of electronic communications technology
- E-learning offers viable solutions
- “Learn by-doing” approach

Enhancing Participation in International Standardization

NEW TRAINING COURSE

- Training course/ module
- Increase efficiency of national standardization activities
- Increase member participation in international standardization
- Delegates will be able to contribute better to the work of Technical Committees (TCs)

Conclusion

- Wide spectrum of concepts and mechanisms designed to increase participation of developing countries in ISO work
- ISO is committed to addressing developing countries' needs
- ISO is not just about developing concepts and mechanisms
- ISO is much about making things happen
- IT BOILS DOWN TO PEOPLE TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN – YOU! YOU! AND ME

I thank you for your attention!

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