Regional and international standards

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We are an independent, non-governmental organization.

We are a global network of national standards bodies with one member per country.

Our job is to make International Standards.

We are coordinated by a Central Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland.
We are not for profit: selling our standards allows us to finance their development in a neutral environment, to maintain them and to make new ones.

ISO provides a platform for developing practical tools through common understanding and cooperation with all stakeholders.
161 members
22000+ International Standards
300+ technical committees
100 new standards each month
The ISO system

- Experts Around the world
  Write the standards

- ISO Members
  National standards bodies
  Represent ISO in their country

- ISO/CS
  Full-time staff
  Coordinates system
What experts do

- Write the standards
- Nominated by members but can also come from partner organizations like the United Nations and other key players
What members do

• Represent ISO in their country
• Approve standards by voting
• Enable national experts and stakeholders to participate in standards development
• Propose new standards
What ISO/CS does

- Facilitates participation in standardization
- Provides a neutral platform for the experts to get together and achieve consensus
- Coordinates the standards development process
Harmonized regional and international standards
Regional standards

Adapt world best practice into the local market
Promote local products and technologies to the international market
International Standards

- Fulfil WTO TBT agreement, reduce barriers to trade
- Trusted consensus system
- Technological advancement and international best practice
Benefits for business

• Cut costs
• Increase customer satisfaction
• Access new markets
• Reduce their impact on the environment
Supporting members
THANK YOU!