

ISO 26000

ISO SR Working Group Experts from a range of stakeholder categories announce their support for ISO 26000 Guidance on Social Responsibility

ISO 26000 was designed to be a comprehensive and universally recognized frame of reference that harmonizes language and approach towards social responsibility and sustainable development. This multi-year, multi-stakeholder international effort should be brought to a successful conclusion this year.

Since 2005, hundreds of experts from industry, NGO, labour, governments, academia and consumer organizations have been gathering together at ISO SR working group meetings; seeking to find the precise right wording for a globally accepted guidance standard that would define the scope of social responsibility, for enterprises and other organizations. Many more hundreds have been contributing through their national mirror committees and stakeholder groups.

After five years of working together through consensus, the results are good. We are therefore both surprised and disappointed to learn of last-minute moves to halt the standard moving forward. Concerns have been raised about its length and its readability. Others complain about the standard not being concrete enough. We realize that improvements are always going to be possible. We do not believe however that it is either realistic or desirable to reinvent this standard or that a new effort will result in anything fundamentally different from what we have achieved.

We call on all ISO Member Bodies to support the current Draft International Standard (DIS) to Final Draft International Standard (FDIS). Whilst recognizing that ISO 26000 can still be improved, we the undersigned feel that it is time to let the organizations that will use this standard make their contribution. In common with every other International Standard that has been developed by ISO, this will be where the guidance we have worked so hard together to achieve, is applied and where subsequent improvements can be made based on experience.

Again we call on all to bring this immense effort to a successful conclusion this year by voting yes.

Experts supporting this statement to date are listed below.

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