

Reforms in BIS

Major points for all the members to consider

Reasons for overhauling the procedures

- Static Composition of the Sectional Committees
- Poor Attendance
- Large Number of Non Participating Members
- Growing tendency of not commenting on P drafts and WC Drafts
- Indifferent attitude towards ISO/IEC documents circulated for comments.
- Negligible focus on R&D Projects necessary for evidence based standardization
- Unsatisfactory level of synergy with government, regulatory bodies and industry
- Narrow base of stakeholders involved in standards formulation
- Inadequate focus on sustainability
- Long time in completion of projects and review of standards

Reforms - Composition

- Expression of interest through open advertisement to fill the gap of experts in the SCs.
- Industry Associations and Ministries are expected to nominate right kind of experts in the committee, they shall form standardization cells and nominate experts from those cells in the SCs
- Nominations shall be by Head of Organizations and members shall submit CV. The Division council will accept/reject nominations.
- Nominations have to be submitted online and NOC from organizations must be attached along with the nomination.
- Onboarding programme for newly inducted members every 3 months. Attending is mandatory for membership
- Signing membership declaration is mandatory.
- Attending meetings is sine qua non for effective functioning of committees. Member absent from 2 consecutive meetings/ 50 percent or more meetings of SC in a year, their organization shall be automatically removed from the composition.
- Abstaining from commenting on P draft by members has serious implications on the quality of the draft. A member not commenting on two consecutive or ¼ of total P-draft circulated in an year by SC will be disqualified.

Reforms – Smart Committees

- Annual Calendar for Meetings, at least 2 meetings in a year, target one meeting each quarter.
- Physical meetings as far as possible. Prefer prominent academic institutes or industries for creating awareness.
- Members can request for books and journals relevant for work in progress. Library management system is available on standards portal for this purpose.
- Each member can submit request for ARP and ToR for R&D. Appropriate funding is available for completion of ARP and initiation of R&D.
- Chairpersons are entitled for sitting allowance for each SC meeting.
- Panel will be expertise based, Working groups will be project based. WG should normally have 3 members and maximum upto 5.
- Archiving of standards for focusing on priority subjects
- Resolutions to be recorded during the meeting.
- Rolling Annual Action Plan to be prepared every year.

Reforms – ISO/IEC work

- Briefing/ debriefing meeting is compulsory for each TC meeting.
- Process of adoption of ISO/IEC standard shall be same as review of standard.
- SCs shall identify and propose new subjects which can be submitted in ISO/IEC as NWIP