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1 Berlin Resolutions

RESOLUTION 8 (Berlin 8)

ISO/TC 224 resolves to introduce the following **preliminary work item** into its work programme

“Guide for the application of ISO 24510, 24511 and 24512 in developing and emerging countries”.

The status of the ISO document will be decided later.

This PWI is allocated to the ad hoc group developing countries. A report on the progress of this PWI will be made by the convenor of the ad hoc group at the next ISO/TC 224 meetings.

The first step for preparing this guide will be to test the standards in some regions/cities from developing and emerging countries. The second step will be to launch a new work item for this guide on the basis of the outputs of the tests.

RESOLUTION 9 (Berlin 9)

Following up the Marrakech African Water Forum and according to the Rabat TC resolution 14, the TC **invites the delegations to mobilize means and financial resources for the performance of application tests** of the ISO 24510, 24511 and 24512 in certain areas in developing countries around the world, in order to achieve better and affordable water and wastewater services.

The TC supports the creation of a team outside ISO/TC 224 in order to manage the application of the tests. This team will be lead by the convenor of the ad hoc group developing countries.

2 Process of testing the standards in Africa

This process is focussed on Africa, but the methodology is expected to be shared with other regions.

2.1 Steps :

Step 1 :

- elaboration of the methodology
- elaboration of the monitoring system
- elaboration of the criteria for the selection of the 10 places in Africa for the test
- selection of the 10 places in Africa for the test

Step 2:

- tests in the 10 places in Africa
- monitoring of the tests

Step 3:

- analysis and reporting of the results of the test
- elaboration of a guide for implementation of the standards in Africa

2.2 Step 1: Elaboration of the Methodology of the test (September 2006 – August 2007)

Lead by : AfWA (African Water Association :African water operators), MDP (African Municipal Development partnership; African local authorities), ONEP

Financial support: French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable development, WBI and ONEP

Technical support : pS-Eau

2 workshops in Africa with the support of WBI with the objectives to present the standards to the African partners (water operators and Local authorities) and to validate the methodology for the test.

- 1 workshop in Burkina Faso
- 1 workshop in Kenya

African partners highlight the necessity to mobilise financial means for the travel of African partners (eg. from Southern Africa to Nairobi). Otherwise they also insist on the necessity to strengthen linkage between countries of a same region, and between already existing network.

Louis Njoku, from Nigeria, suggests that the workshop in Burkina Faso will be open to all Western African countries; and so to invite to this workshop Western African English speaking countries (eg. Nigeria and Ghana). A translation will be needed. Such sub-regional workshop is an opportunity to increase link, partnership and cross-fertilisation, between the countries. Other participant suggests to not consider the workshop in Burkina Faso as a workshop for only Western African countries, but also for Central African countries.

The draft of the methodology elaborate during this will be disseminated to partners from other regions and discuss during the global Workshop in conjunction with the next TC meeting(end of 2007).

2.3 Step 2: Test of the standards (September 2007 – September 2010)

Local authorities from northern countries will be mobilised to support partners cities in Africa. The French networks of Local authorities will try to mobilize their cities members to support test process, mainly in French speaking countries. It is necessary to find other partnership and support for English speaking countries.

Other funds (bilateral ?) will be mobilised for transversal activities (analysis and reporting the experimentations of the standards

2.4 Step 3:

- Analysis of the results of the tests
- Elaboration of a guide for the application of ISO 24510, 24511 and 24512 in African countries (March 2010 – December 2010)
- Proposals for the review of the standards based on the outputs from test in different regions

3 Test and dissemination the standards in other region

3.1 Content

2 activities are considered:

- information on the standards
- test of the standards

Malaysia suggest to encourage the creation of mirror committees in countries not yet involved in the ISO/TC 224, to ensure a promotion of the standards.

3.2 Key partners

Water companies, Local Authorities and Users association.

3.3 Where? Who can lead the regional processes?

- Latin America: AIDIS
- South-East Asia: Malaysia and ASEAN (Association for South East Asian Nations). Malaysia, who will develop its national standard, suggests to organise a Forum in Asia to promote the standards and its implementation.
- South Asia: ?
- South Eastern Europe: Austria
- Central Europe, Caucasian, Central Asia: ?
- Mediterranean region: ?
- Others: ?
- Africa : AfWA, MDP and ONEP

3.4 Mission of the regional leaders:

- identification of technical and financial supports
- identification of areas to test the standards
- identification of consultant's support to adapt the methodology to the regional context
- coordination of the regional activities

3.5 Which financial and technical supports?

- support to adapt the methodology
- support for workshops
- support for the mobilisation of experts
- support for the test

Who?

- Northern Countries, Regional development Bank, World Bank, WBI support for regional workshops, UN organisations (WHO, UNDP, , National and regional associations on Water companies, National and regional networks of Local authorities, European for bank reconstruction and development, (for Eastern European countries), etc.

TC members are invited to support or to mobilise partners form their countries to support the test in the different regions.

Canada will see how they can mobilise funds. Canadian International Development Agency is giving money to the World Bank and they are administrating them. Canada will see if bilateral, multilateral or twinning funds would be available.

Internal funds from the developing countries themselves can also be mobilized.

UN-DESA, can be a support not for funds but for political support for the recognition this process.

3.6 Coordinator of the global process:

The coordination will be done by DC AHG convenor.

As indicated in the resolution 9 of the Berlin TC, an informal team will be constituted between the regional leaders of the test and the organisations who support the regional tests..

3.7 Indicative schedule

Elaboration by the DC AHG convenor of a general paper to invite organisations and countries to be mobilised in the dissemination and the test of the norms (lobbying documents).	January 2007
Identification of the regional leaderships	March 2007
Dissemination of an initial draft of the methodology for comments	March 2007
Establishment of mirror committees in Developing countries not yet involved in the TC but interested	September 2007
Identification of technical and financial supports	September 2007
Dissemination of the draft of the methology by African leadership	September 2007
Workshop to present and discuss the methology elaborate for Africa, and discussion on the adaptation in other regions	October 2007
Presentation to the TC of the different regional initiatives	October 2007 (TC)
Identification of the areas to test the standards	Oct. 2007 – March 2008
Final methodology for each regional context	March 2008
Launch of the test in the selected areas	March 2008
Information every 6 months about the different regional tests to the DC AHG members, to all the TC members and other interested organisations	March 2008-March 2010
Conclusion of the tests	March 2010
Synthesis of the outputs of the different regional tests (DC AHG convenor)	March 2010 – Aug. 2010
Proposals for the consultation for the possible review of the standards	September 2010
Publication of a guide for the application of ISO 24510, 24511 and 24512 in developing and emerging countries or regional guides	December 2010

4 Statute of the test process

The participants of the meeting resolve to maintain the Preliminary work items.

5 Resolution adopted by the TC

RESOLUTION 15 (Punta Del Este 15)

ISO/TC 224 acknowledges the initiative taken for Africa for testing the standards (with the support of Morocco, France and WBI), and encourages the countries to develop such actions in other regions taking into account regional contexts and stakeholders interested.

The TC notes the proposal from Malaysia to organize a forum in Asia in order to promote the standards.

A workshop organized by developing countries ad hoc group will take place in conjunction with the next ISO/TC 224 meeting.

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