

What is an ISO working group (WG)?

ISO standards are developed by a small group of experts representing participating countries in the ISO Technical Committee (TC) or Sub-Committee (SC). These experts represent their expertise on the subject matter and not their country as they discuss the finer points of terminology used, interpretation and technical aspects of the standard. They are the members of the Working Group (WG). The WG meets a number of times over the development years (via conference call or in person) to begin development of a standard, refine it for the presentation or Committee Draft (CD) ballot and later to address comments arising from the ballots to the greater body. The WG is often disbanded when the standard project is completed.

How can I participate in an ISO working group?

To participate in an ISO Working Group (WG) you must first be a participant of the US TAG, either as a voting member or observing participant. You need to make request to the Chair of the TAG and/or to the [ASABE Administrator](#). The Chair must approve your participation so it is usually good to provide some explanation of your expertise on the subject matter under consideration. Once the Chair provides approval, the ASABE Administrator submits your name to ANSI, the ISO, U.S. member. ANSI registers you with ISO. ISO will then send you login and password information unique to the ISO global livelinks site. ASABE is not privy to this information and cannot provide it to you though we can assist in contacting ANSI or ISO on your behalf if needed.

WG members are expected to be very active participants in the international group. Some of the WGs have a minimal number of countries represented so every member's expertise counts. If you do not plan to be active on a WG you should request that your name be removed.

WG members receive communications directly from the WG Convenor regarding the specific projects they are involved with. The [ISO portal link](#) will provide you direct access to WG documents using these [directions](#).