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WEBINARS WITH IEC

COPANT AND IEC HOLD WEBINARS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION

1. WEBINAR ON THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF IEC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

The purpose of this Webinar was to present how IEC Technical Committees are organized and operate.

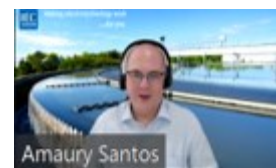


The event was attended by 98 participants from the following 20 countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay. Also delegates from the regional organization CROSQ attended the event.

The Webinar was held on March 15, 2021 via Zoom, and was divided into two parts.

The first part was presented by Amaury Santos - IEC Latin America Regional Director, who addressed the following topics:

- The scope of IEC's standards work, including the participation of experts, number of technical committees and subcommittees, number of standards and certificates issued, demonstrating IEC's global reach that includes 173 countries.
- The types of IEC membership and the Affiliate Country Program, as well as the differences between the types of membership.





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The second part of the Webinar was led by Jan-Henrik Tiedemann, Head of IEC Academy & Capacity Building, who presented topics related to IEC Technical Committees, including:



- The WTO principles for standardization, which are applied by IEC, ISO and ITU.
- ISO/IEC Directives Part 1, Policies or procedures relevant to the technical work of IEC technical committees.
- ISO/IEC Directives Part 2, Consolidation of editorial policies and procedures relevant to the development of all IEC deliverables.
- The functions of IEC Technical Committees, how they are composed and the decision making structure.
- The deliverables of the Technical Committees based on the level of consensus.
- The roles and responsibilities in detail of all roles relevant to the Technical Committees (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Convenor, Project Manager and Experts).
- The 7 stages of the standards development process adopted by IEC, ISO and ITU.
- Standards maintenance and revision activities.
- The type of meetings held by the Technical Committees, as well as the voting mechanism.

The webinar culminated with a presentation of the IEC Academy and its Capacity Building plan. Finally, questions and comments from the Webinar attendees were answered.

Note: The session was recorded and is available at the following link:

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2. WEBINAR ON IEC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 82 - SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS

During this one-hour Webinar, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary and the Convenor of IEC/TC 82 Working Group 6 provided an overview of the history, scope, structure and list of standards published/under development of the technical committee.



George Kelly, Secretary
Liang Ji, Asst. Secretary
Greg Ball, WG6 Convenor

IEC/COPANT Webinar
19 March 2021
Online



Ninety-four delegates from 22 countries participated: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.

The Webinar was held on March 19, 2021 and was divided into five parts.

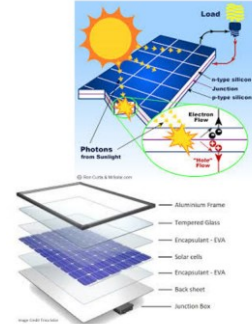
The first part was presented by George Kelly, Secretary of the IEC/TC 82, who addressed the following topics:

- The objective and scope of IEC TC 82's work, along with a summary of the work done to date and the history of the technical committee.
- He outlined the level of impact of the standards developed by the committee, its organizational structure including officers, Convenors, working groups and joint working groups.



In the second part of the Webinar, Liang Ji, Assistant to the Secretary, presented topics related to Working Groups 1 and 2, including:

- The development of the technical specification IEC TS 61836 ED4: Solar photovoltaic energy systems - Terms, definitions and symbols, by Working Group 1.
- The technical areas covered by Working Group 2 - Photovoltaic Modules, their publications in 2020 and 2021.
- The standards currently being developed by Working Group 2 - Photovoltaic Modules.



In the third part of the Webinar, Greg Ball, Working Group 6 Convenor, presented topics related to Working Groups 3 and 6, including:

- The scope of Working Group 3 - Photovoltaic Systems, its co-Convenors, as well as its composition at the level of experts and participating countries.
- The publications of Working Group 3 in the year 2020, as well as the work currently developed and planned for the future.
- The composition of Working Group 6 - BOS Components, its co-Convenors, experts and participating countries.
- The publications of Working Group 6 in the year 2020, as well as the work currently underway and planned for the future.



In the fourth part of the Webinar, Liang Ji, Assistant to the Secretary, presented the standards work being developed by Working Groups 7, 8 and 9.

In the fifth part of the webinar Greg Ball, Convenor of Working Group 6, presented topics related to the Joint Working Groups of Technical Committee 82, including:

- The 2020 publications of the Joint Working Group 1 - Off-grid systems, the work that is currently in progress
- The joint work with TC 8 and SC 8A/B/C
- The activities of Joint Working Group 10 with TC 8 and topics related to BIPV - Photovoltaic Integration in Buildings.



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The webinar culminated with a presentation by George Kelly - Secretary of the TC, explaining the committee's work dashboard, available on the IEC website, and finally, questions and comments from the webinar attendees were answered.

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3. NEXT WEBINARS SCHEDULED

The Webinar on IEC/TC 59 and 61 on Performance of household and similar electrical appliances and Safety of household and similar electrical appliances, respectively, is already scheduled to be held on May 6, 2021.

The last Webinar in this series for this year is scheduled for June 2021 on IEC/TC 13 - Measurement and control of electrical energy.

To register for these Webinars please contact the IEC National Committee or the National Standards Body in your country.