

ISO-IEC / JTC 1

Plenary highlights – May 13th – 17th 2024

Standards Australia hosted the May 2024 JTC 1 plenary in Darwin, Australia and many National Bodies make an inaugural trip to the Northern Territories. Overall, there were 28 P-members in attendance and a total of 128 participants with 61 in person and the rest joining virtually.

This plenary meeting had a strong theme of progression, and a number of key discussions focused on topics that would lay foundations for longer term strategic direction, including pilot projects relating to Metaverse and Data Management and Data Governance.

Strategic coordination group (SCGs) on data and metaverse

The conclusion of the report by JTC 1's strategic direction advisory group (AG 21) included the recommendation to establish two pilot entities, the goal of which is to act as strategic discussion groups on Data Management and Data Governance and on Metaverse. These two groups, consisting of various JTC 1 SC and JTC 1/WG leadership, will have an initial period of two years to work through their terms of reference and will report to each JTC 1 plenary meeting with updates and progress. The Data Management and Data Governance SCG will be led by Don Deutsch from the US and the Metaverse SCG will be led by Fernando Gebara Filho from Brazil.

This approach represents a novel strategy for JTC 1, and the formation of these groups marks a proactive step towards addressing the complexities of these horizontal topics. The groups' insights and recommendations will be instrumental in guiding JTC 1's strategic direction in these areas.

JETI Survey coming soon

JTC 1's advisory group 2 (Emerging Technology Initiative - JETI) and JTC 1 have agreed to this year's internal annual survey to be initiated. This is an opportunity to seek input from across the JTC 1 community including subcommittees, working groups, experts and national bodies, on the perceived importance and priorities of emerging technical areas that JTC 1 should consider for future standards development work.

The survey will be issued to all JTC 1 members for an 8-week period from June 24th to August 16th, 2024.



An increased focus on considering consumer needs

There has been a notable rise in discussion in JTC 1 on considering the view of consumers in the last year. This was seen at the November 2023 plenary in Germany and recently in the conclusions by JTC 1's strategic direction advisory group.

Further immediate work will start with engaging with consumer stakeholders in cooperation with ISO/COPOLCO and other consumer organisation.

There were also significant discussions about the establishment of a new entity within JTC 1 to include Consumer privacy protection. It was felt that more discussion was needed in defining the scope of such an entity before making a final decision. The establishment of an adhoc group has been agreed to discuss the scope in more detail between now and the next JTC 1 plenary in November 2024. Adhoc group 9 "Shaping the future of consumer protection and privacy topics" will provide a report and recommendations to JTC 1, for consideration at the November 2024 plenary meeting. The AhG will be led by Marta Janczarski from Ireland.

Coordination with the World Economic Forum

As a follow up to a very interesting presentation given by the World Economic Forum (WEF)



at the November 2023 plenary, JTC 1 have now agreed to establish a new JTC 1 advisory group, specifically to coordinate with the WEF on areas of mutual interest like digital trust. The new advisory group will be led by Trish Kenyon from Australia, and will investigate projects and deliverables of mutual interest, identify gaps and opportunities, and ensure alignment between both organisations.

The group is chartered through to November 2025.

JTC 1 Seeks Insight on Open Source Engagement

JTC 1 has requested its Subcommittee (SC) Chairs and Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) Mentors to provide detailed reports on their engagement with the Open Source community. The objective is to consolidate these individual submissions into a comprehensive document that encapsulates the collective efforts and interactions with the Open Source community across JTC 1.

This initiative underscores JTC 1's commitment to fostering a collaborative relationship with the Open Source community, recognizing its pivotal role in the evolving landscape of technology standards.

Inclusion and Diversity

The JTC 1 Communications group, AG 1, reported on a significant project to promote women in technology during the first quarter of 2024. This was in the lead up to International

Women's Day on March 7th. A number of JTC 1 participants; chairs, experts, committee managers and heads of delegation agreed to be part of a series of videos to share some of their views and insights about women in technology and specifically to standardisation efforts. Five short videos were developed and posted during February and March and are still available to view on YouTube here: [JTC 1 News on YouTube](#)



Such a diverse group also met for dinner during Plenary week. This is a fantastic opportunity for members to connect, share experiences, and discuss the importance of diversity and inclusion within the standards community.

Creation and reconstitution of groups

JTC 1 approved the creation of a new advisory group (22) on Coordination with the World Economic Forum, one ad hoc group (9) on shaping the future of Consumer protection and privacy and a new joint working group between JTC 1 and ISO/TC 268/SC 1 to address the complicated issue around smart cities. It also approved the reconstitution of two existing ad hoc groups (AhG 5 and 7).

- AG 22 – Coordination with the World Economic Forum (new)
- Adhoc group 5 – JTC 1 standards made freely available
- Adhoc group 7 – Supplement Alignment
- Adhoc group 9 – Shaping the future of Consumer protection and privacy (new)
- Joint working group between JTC 1 and ISO/TC 268/SC 1 on Smart City Infrastructure Planning (new)

Coming up

Following on from the success of previous on-line workshops, look out for workshops in the coming months including:

Foresight workshop

Identifying and discussing major trends and directions of future emerging technologies.

World Standards Day

How do standards enable trustworthiness? Trust in the age of Cloud, Data, AI and Cybersecurity.

Artificial Intelligence

Regular ISO/IEC workshop series organized by SC 42

Quarterly JTC 1 newsletter

JTC 1 now has a quarterly newsletter which shares insights into recent developments and work from the standards community. The schedule for publication of the newsletter is April 1st, July 1st, October 1st and January 1st. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Entries need to be received by no later than 3-weeks before the publishing date. The next deadline is June 10th, 2024. Make your submissions on the contact form on JTC 1's website, here: [Submission form](#)

The 1st quarter newsletter can be found here: [Q1 2024 Newsletter](#)

JTC 1 now looks forward to November 2024 (4th – 8th) where the next plenary will take place in Seoul, Korea, this will be a hybrid meeting.



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