



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ISO AND AIDSMO

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding, herein after, MoU, are:

The **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)**, at Chemin de Blandonnet
8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland,

and

The **Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)** at Khatauat Junction on France Street Rabat – Agdal, Morocco

Considering ISO/Council Resolution 26/2018 relating to the principles of cooperation with other organizations, and Pillar 2 of the Regional Engagement Policy as approved in Council Resolution 39/2020

ISO, represented by its Secretary-General, Mr. Sergio Mujica and AIDSMO, represented by its Director General H.E Adel Saqer Al-Saqer, herein after the Parties, have agreed to the following:

1. Basis for cooperation

This MoU aims to strengthen the cooperation between ISO and its members in the Arab Countries and to support the practical realization of the following objectives for the mutual benefit of ISO, AIDSMO and the Arab Countries:

- Support the implementation of the ISO Strategy;
- Strengthen support of ISO International Standardization activities and improve the ability of AIDSMO's members that are members of ISO to participate in these activities effectively;

- Encourage the adoption of ISO standards by the members of AIDSMO that are also members of ISO in a manner that is compliant with the ISO policy on copyright and sales (POCOSA);
- Improve the quality and capacity of standardization in economies of the Arab region;
- Reduce the risk of duplication of work in such a way that expert knowledge is effectively focused and used in the interests of international and interstate standardization;
- Support free and fair trade within the Arab region and with economies in other regions,
- Support improvement of economic efficiency and development of the Arab region through the promotion of standardization; and
- Interact with other bodies that represent elements of the standardization technical infrastructure such as industry, consumers and government.

2. General exchange of information at the Secretariat level

AIDSMO Secretariat has access to the following documents via the ISO website:

- The ISO Strategy and ISO Action Plan for developing Countries (APDC) and their yearly implementation plans, as well as other general policy documents;
- The ISO technical work programme indicating states of progress;
- Proposals for new fields of technical activity;
- ISO provides AIDSMO with the last updated electronic lists of ISO international standards.

The AIDSMO Secretariat shall regularly issue to the ISO Central Secretariat:

- The directory of AIDSMO members;
- The AIDSMO Action Plan indicating its work programme with states of progress and target dates;
- Resolutions of AIDSMO and the AIDSMO General Assembly, linked to standardization and conformity assessment activities; and
- Access to the AIDSMO website.

Further exchange of available general information shall be possible subject to agreement between the AIDSMO Secretariat and the ISO Central Secretariat.

3. Representation at annual meetings

Under this MoU, ISO has a standing invitation to attend and report on key ISO initiatives at the annual AIDSMO meeting, and AIDSMO has a standing invitation to attend and report on key AIDSMO activities at the annual ISO General Assembly. The ISO Central Secretariat and the AIDSMO Secretariat may indicate a designee from among their officers to fulfil this role as necessary.

4. AIDSMO members' participation in and use of ISO technical work

AIDSMO commits to encourage its members that are also ISO members, through an adequate level of membership, to actively participate in ISO technical work relevant to their national interests. In addition, AIDSMO commits to encourage its members that are also ISO members, to promote the use of ISO standards either directly or via national adoption (where appropriate), in accordance with the policy for the distribution of ISO publications and the protection of ISO's copyright (ISO POCOSA in its latest version).

5. Participation of ISO representatives as observers in AIDSMO TC meetings

When requested through the ISO/CS and approved by the AIDSMO /CS, individuals having the position of ISO Technical Committee (TC) or Subcommittee (SC) chair or committee manager, or ISO/CS technical officers, may participate in AIDSMO TC meetings as observers.

6. Additional areas for cooperation and contribution

In addition to the above, AIDSMO encourages its members that are also ISO members to contribute to the following ISO activities:

- Studies on the economic and social benefits of standardization;
- Innovative areas of new ISO standardization work;

- Promotion of the benefits of standardization and conformity assessment;
- Understanding the relationships between ISO standards and technical regulations;
- Support the capacity building of standardization and conformity assessment infrastructures and technical assistance in developing countries;
- Enhancing the participation of developing countries in ISO technical work;
- Development of ISO information technology tools supporting standards development;
- Education and training programmes related to standardization and conformity assessment;
- When appropriate, AIDSMO may organize regional awareness-building and cooperation on the above issues and invite ISO to engage with AIDSMO as relevant.

7. Implementation, amendment and duration of this MoU

The implementation of this MoU shall be monitored by the ISO Secretary-General and the AIDSMO Director General.

This MoU will only enter into force following approval by ISO/Council and shall bear the signature of both parties.

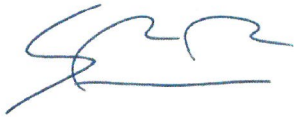
This MoU shall remain in effect for an initial term of two years. Thereafter, it shall automatically be renewed for subsequent two-year terms. Any Party can terminate the MoU for any reason by providing the other Party with three months' written notice prior to the end of the term (either the initial term or any subsequent terms) of its intention not to renew the Agreement.

8. Dispute settlement

In the event of a dispute, or controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this MoU, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, the Parties will use their best efforts to resolve the dispute through direct negotiation, including through escalation to a

consultation between the ISO Secretary General and the AIDSMO Director General, or their respective representatives. Both parties commit to give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal for an amicable settlement from each other.

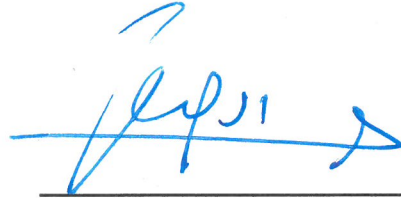
In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the respective parties, have signed this MoU in the English language, in two (2) originals.



Sergio Mujica
ISO Secretary-General

Date: March 14, 2023

Place: Geneva, Switzerland



H.E Adel Saqer Al-Saqer
AIDSMO Director General

Date: March 15, 2023

Place: Rabat, Morocco