

Current AGS Scope

The AGS Advisory Group is charged with the design and development of long term strategies for TC 100 for the standardization of digital multimedia systems and equipment.

To meet this objective, the AGS advises and recommends action on long-term strategic plans and directions for organizational structure and procedures for more effective standards development.

The AGS will provide leadership to enable improved cooperation between industry and TC100 by creating the strategic plans, which will strengthen the relevance of TC100 standardization activities.

The AGS reports directly to the Chairman of TC100.

Background:

TC100 launched a PONT activity to try and identify issues where there might be overlap between the work of different SDOs and to resolve any conflicts. As part of this activity a matrix was developed with themes such as IPTV and accessibility where specific technologies were identified and the different SDOs working in those areas such as JTC 1, ISO, IEC, ITU and TC100 listed and the standards under development were identified. However the secretariat resource required to maintain and update the matrix without help from experts is too much. It was therefore proposed that strengthening liaison activities and asking Study Session Leaders and Project leaders to actively identify relationships with other SDOs and include the results in their reports would cover some of the previous activity in the PONT.

In Singapore AGS recommendation 23 was:

23. AGS recognizes the difficulty for keeping current style of PONT, and recommends to disband PONT activity. AGS recommends to investigate alternate way for improving the liaison and conflict issue with other SDOs. AGS should consider amending TOR to make this a specific task

At this time JTC 1 has been exploring ways to improve their liaison activities and has initiated a concept of “enhanced” liaison for the relationship with certain key standardisation committees such as ISO TC184 or IEC TC 65. Here there is rather more emphasis on proactive liaison and attendance at meetings. IEC TC100 needs to review liaisons and ensure that they are active, with relevant experts involved each meeting the liaison list is briefly reviewed but not all liaisons produce reports for TC100 or specific TAs. It would seem appropriate for the AGS to have an addition to the scope which parallels its activity with industry.

Proposal:

Add the following to the AGS scope:

*The AGS will provide leadership to **enable improved liaison** between IEC TC100, and other SDOs to ensure active exchange of information, documents and reports so that cooperation between TC100 and other standardisation committees is fostered to **strengthen the relevance of IEC TC 100 standardisation activities and reduce the potential for overlap or conflict** in the production of standards.*