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ISO and conformity assessment

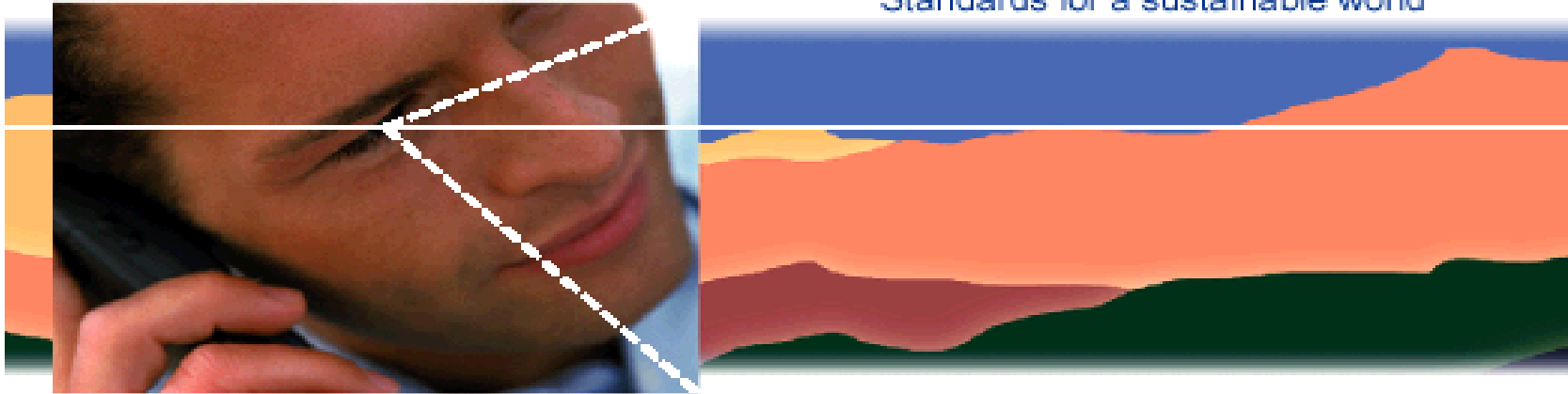
- World Trade Organization– **non acceptance** of test reports and certificates one of the biggest **obstacles to trade**
- International recognition and acceptance to be based on **confidence and good practices**
- The way forward: implementing the ISO/IEC Standards and Guides, with a **double level of consensus**, amongst countries and across stakeholders



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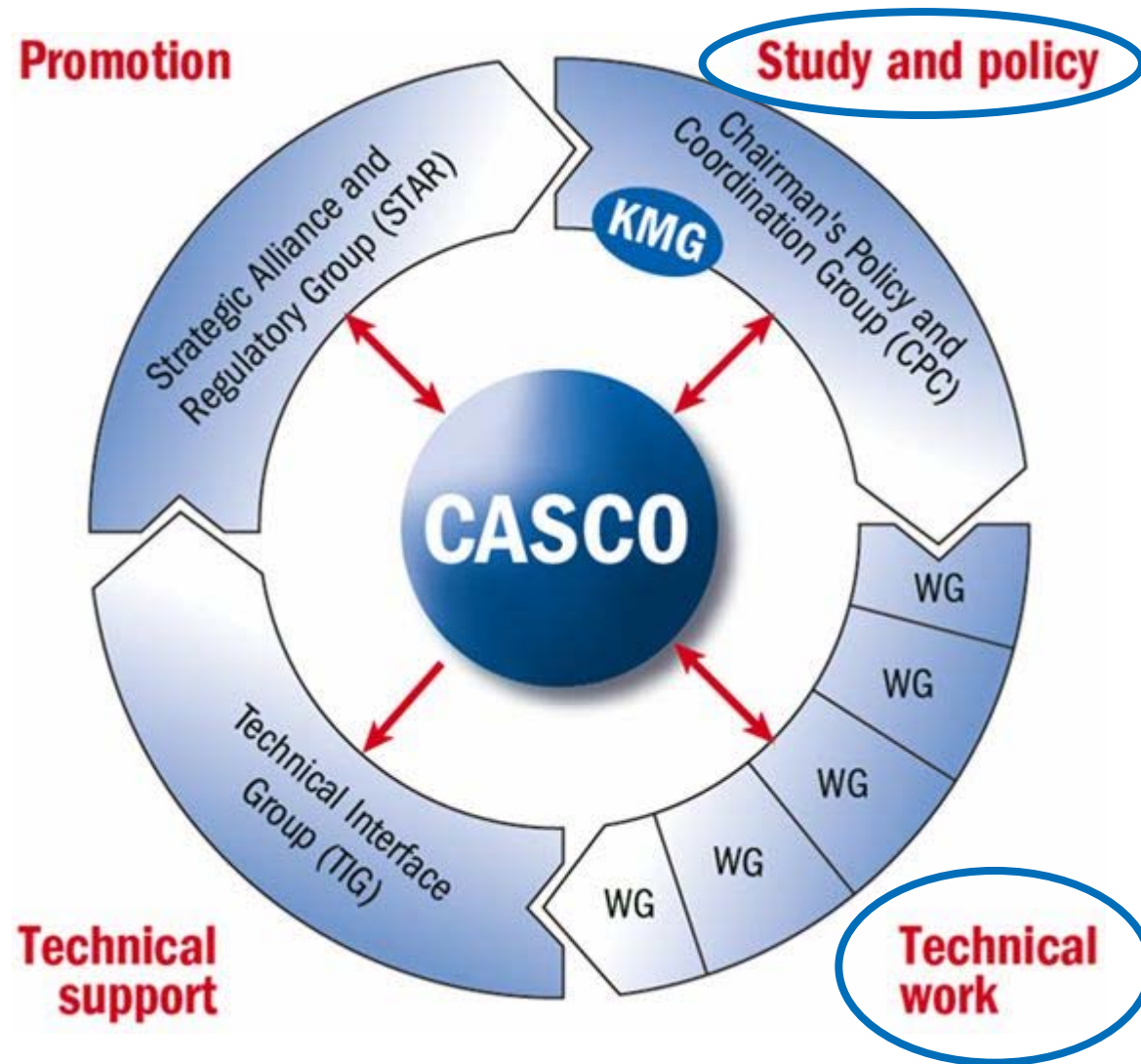
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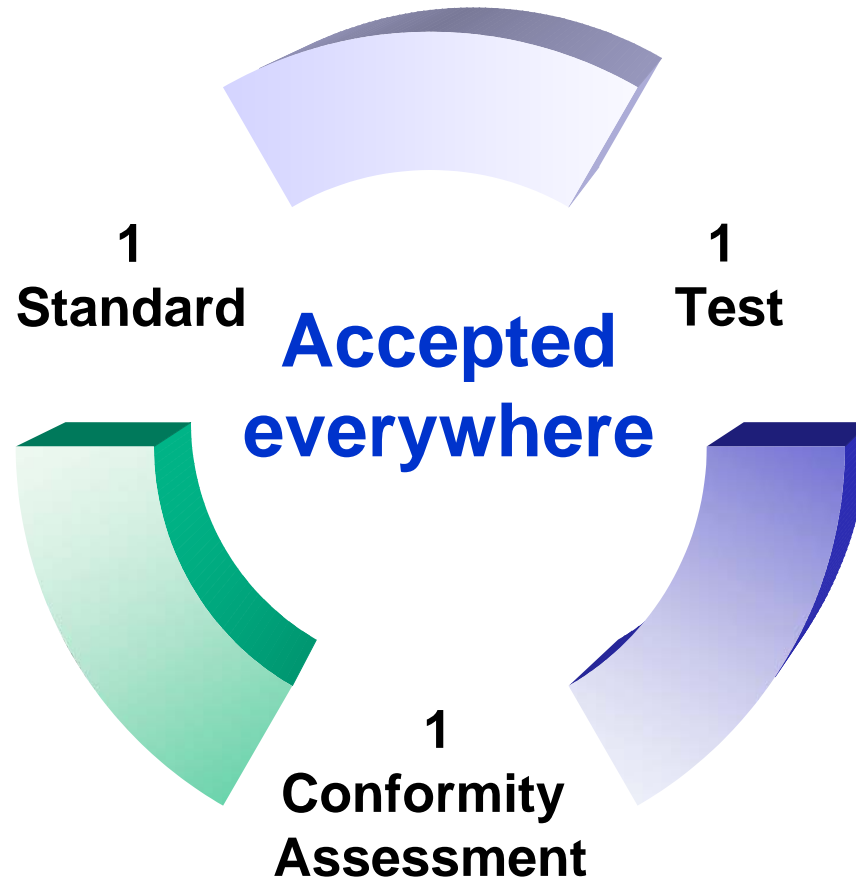
Objective 6: ISO, in cooperation with IEC, provides a comprehensive range of standards and guides for the implementation and recognition of good conformity assessment practices, suitable for all forms of first, second or third party involvement and evaluation, widely used by suppliers, conformity assessment operators and accreditors and recognized by customers and public authorities.

ISO/CASCO structure

- 107 ISO members are represented in CASCO (76 participating members and 31 observers).
- Fifteen international organizations are **liaison members** of CASCO: BIPM, CEOC, CODEX Alimentarius, EOQ, Eurolab, IAF, IFAN, IFIA, IIOC, ILAC, IPC, IQNet, ITU-T, OIML, UILI.
- Both policy and technical work
- Continual improvement cycle



The 1-1-1 dream of Conformity Assessment



The ISO/CASCO toolbox

The **CASCO toolbox** consists of 26 documents covering:

- Vocabulary, principles and common elements of conformity assessment
- Code of good practice
- Product, system, and persons certification
- Testing, calibration, inspection, marks of conformity
- Supplier's declaration of conformity, accreditation, peer assessment, and mutual recognition arrangements

Components of the CASCO toolbox (1)

General standards and guides

Subject	Document	Publication date
Vocabulary	17000	2004
Code of good practice	Guide 60	2004
Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA's)	Guide 68	2002
Peer assessment	17040	2005
Accreditation	17011	2004
Marks of conformity	17030	2003

Components of the CASCO toolbox (2)

Technical functions

Subject	Document	Publication date
Suppliers declaration of conformity	17050	2004
Testing & calibration laboratories	17025	2005
Proficiency Testing	Guide 43	1997
Inspection	17020	1998
Product certification	Guide 23, 28	2003, 2004
	Guides 53, 65, 67	2005, 1996, 2004
System certification	17021	2006
Person certification	17024	2003

For a full list of CASCO documents, visit www.iso.org and follow this path:

Conformity Assessment > Publications and resources > List of CASCO standards and guides

Common elements

- ISO/IEC International Standards and Guides on conformity assessment are written on an understanding of some basic common elements
 - **Impartiality** and related bodies (*ISO/PAS 17001*)
 - **Confidentiality** (*ISO/PAS 17002*)
 - **Complaints and appeals** (*ISO/PAS 17003*)
 - **Disclosure of information** (*ISO/PAS 17004*)
 - **Use of management systems** (*ISO/PAS 17005*)

CASCO projects in progress

- **ISO/IEC 17007 (CASCO WG 27)**, *Conformity assessment — Guidelines for drafting normative documents for use for conformity assessment*
- **ISO/IEC 17021 Part 2 (CASCO WG 21)**, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for 3rd party certification auditing of management systems*
- **ISO/IEC 17043 (CASCO WG 28)**, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for proficiency testing*
- **ISO/IEC 17065 (CASCO WG 29)**, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for certification bodies certifying products (including services) and processes*
- Revision of **ISO/IEC 17020** (inspection)
- Revision of **ISO/IEC 17024** (personnel)



Conformity Assessment Standards in Support of **Market Surveillance**

Geneva, Switzerland, 29 October 2008

Aims of the workshop

- Good market surveillance practices at national level and discuss various modes of intervention;

Raise awareness and capacity to use CASCO toolbox in market surveillance;
- Market surveillance of conformity assessment activities generally;
- Level of corrective actions when products do not comply.

Market surveillance workshop

- 15 speakers gave presentations in 3 different sessions:
 - Regulators/Governmental bodies;
 - Conformity assessment activities;
 - Consumers and industry.

Output of market surveillance workshop

- CASCO resolution:

CASCO notes the report of CASCO Chair Mr. O. Peyrat on the outcomes and discussions of the market surveillance workshop and thanks all speakers and participants for their involvement and contributions

and

request the CPC to produce a summary of the conclusions with proposed actions and submit to the CASCO members for information and comment

Unconfirmed outputs

- CASCO to investigate how to facilitate sharing information on market surveillance;
- Explore possibility of a publication of examples of good practices;
- ISO to investigate market surveillance in the field of services;
- Existing ISO standards should be promoted;
- Rapid exchange of information between all interested parties;
- Possible guidelines/standards on market surveillance.

Thank you

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