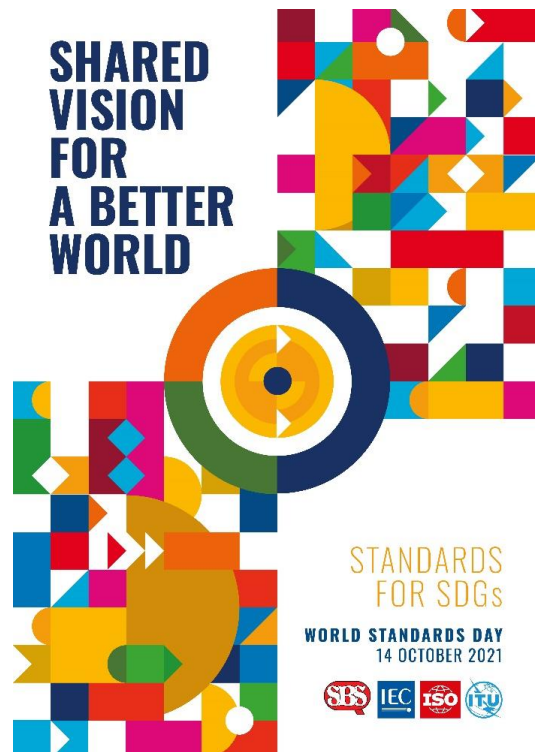


# World Standards Day 2021

Each year on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, the members of the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC), the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) celebrate World Standards Day, which is a means of paying tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide who develop the voluntary technical agreements that are published as International Standards. Seychelles, through the Seychelles Bureau of Standards is corresponding member of ISO, an affiliated country under the Developing Country Programme with IEC whereas DICT is a member of ITU.

To commemorate this occasion the Seychelles Bureau of Standards seizes the opportunity to raise awareness on international standards, i.e. their importance and how they can be implemented in our daily lives.

This year's theme for World Standards Day is “*Standards for SDGs – Shared vision for a better world.*” The SDGs were set up by the United Nations General Assembly and are to be achieved by the year 2030.



2021 World Standards Day Message  
from the leaders of leading International Standards organization

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which project to address social imbalances, develop a sustainable economy, and slow the rate of climate change, are highly ambitious. To reach them will require the cooperation of many public and private partners, and the use of all available tools, including international standards and conformity assessment.

The intense battle against a persistent global pandemic revealed the absolute necessity of addressing the SDGs in an inclusive way, to strengthen our societies, making them more resilient and more equitable. Today, we are asking you to join us on a mission that affirms the importance of the SDGs to build back better. In this pursuit, standards are more relevant than ever.

The entire standards system is built on collaboration. It is testament to the power of cooperation and the belief that we are stronger than the sum of our parts. By working together, we are empowering people with real-world solutions to face sustainability challenges head-on.

It is in this spirit that we are engaging in a multi-year World Standards Day journey that showcases the many ways in which international standards contribute to the success of the SDGs.

We stand united to work together to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, with standards for the SDGs, and our ‘Shared vision for a better world’.



YINBIAO SHU  
IEC President



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ISO President



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ITU Secretary-General



What Are They?



## ISO and Sustainable Development



The SDGs represent an ambitious plan to enhance peace and prosperity, eradicate poverty and protect the planet. They are recognized globally as essential to the future sustainability of our world.

This plan of action calls on the contribution from all elements of society, including local and national governments, business, industry and individuals. To be successful, the process requires consensus, collaboration and innovation.

ISO has published more than 22 000 International Standards and related documents that represents globally recognized guidelines and frameworks based on international collaboration. Built around consensus, they provide a solid base on which innovation can thrive and are essential tools to help governments, industry and consumers contribute to the achievement of every one of the SDGs.

## PUTTING IDEAS INTO PRACTICE WITH THE ISO SDG TOOL

For each Goal, ISO has identified the standards that make the most significant contribution. The <https://www.iso.org/sdgs.html> website serves as a resource for those who are looking for a concrete way in which their organization can play its part. With ISO standards covering almost every subject imaginable, from technical solutions to systems that organize processes and procedures, there are numerous ISO standards that correspond to each of the SDGs.

## IMPACT AT A GLANCE

ISO contributes to all the SDGs. Below you can see the number of ISO standards that are directly applicable to each Goal.



Being a corresponding member of ISO and IEC, SBS has unlimited access to standards in relation to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of which organizations, companies and individuals looking to contribute towards peace and prosperity for people and the planet now and into the future can use to help them rise to the challenge.

Some of the international standards are found below but the whole list can be found at <https://iso26000.info/sustainability-standards-from-iso/>

ISO Standards (examples)	Delivers on SDG
ISO 26000 – Guidance on social responsibility	Almost all
ISO 20400 – Sustainable procurement - Guidance	Almost all
ISO 37120 – Sustainable development of communities – Indicators for city services and quality of life	1. No poverty
ISO 22000 – Food safety management	2. Zero hunger
ISO 11137 – Sterilization of health care products	3. Good health and well-being
ISO 18091 – Quality management systems – Guidelines for the application of ISO 9001 in local government	5. Gender equality
ISO 24518 – Crisis management of water utilities	6. Clean water and sanitation
ISO 30500 – Sustainable non-sewered sanitation	6. Clean water and sanitation
TR 10217 – Solar energy – Water heating systems	7. Affordable and clean energy
ISO 50001 – Energy management	7. Affordable and clean energy
ISO 45001 – Health and safety	8. Decent work and economic growth
ISO 37001 – Anti-bribery management systems	8. Decent work and economic growth
ISO 50501 – Innovation management system	9. Innovation and infrastructure
ISO 21542 – Building construction – Accessibility and usability of the built environment	9. Innovation and infrastructure
ISO 37101 – Sustainable development of communities – Management systems	11. Sustainable cities and communities
ISO 28000 – Security management	11. Sustainable cities and communities
ISO 14001 – Environmental management systems	13. Climate action
ISO 14044 – Life cycle assessment	13. Climate action
ISO 21070 – Marine environment	14. Life below water
ISO 35101 – Petroleum and natural gas industries – Arctic operations	14. Life below water
ISO 14055 – Combatting land degradation and desertification	15. Life on land
ISO 26000 – Guidance on social responsibility	16. Peace and justice
ISO 19600 – Compliance management systems	16. Peace and justice

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