

# Looking Ahead: ASI Standards Revision (2020-2021)

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# Today's presentation

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## **Sam Brumale (ASI, Director of Standards and Assurance)**

- Overview of the ASI Standards setting and revision process
- Project timeline for the 2020 – 2021 review cycle
- Scope of the revision

## **Topic Update: ASI Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Working Group (BESWG)**

- Perspectives from civil society and mining participants in the BESWG
  - *Giulia Carbone (IUCN, Deputy Director Global Programme on Business & Biodiversity)*
  - *Miles Prosser (Executive Director, Australian Aluminium Council)*



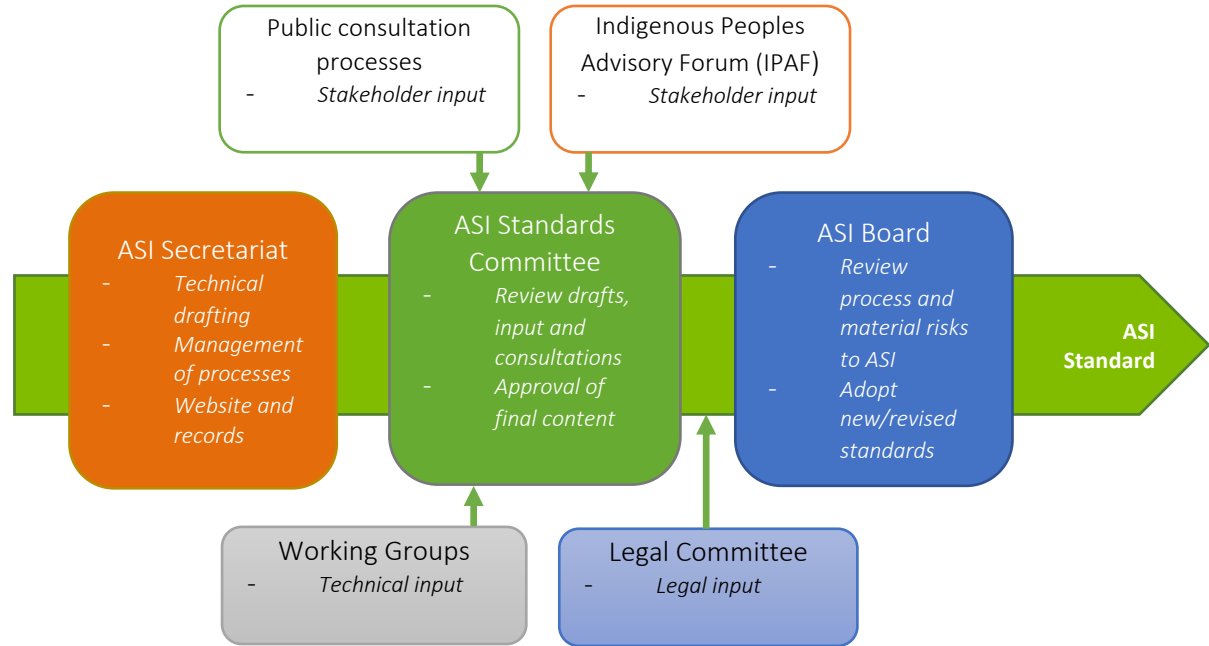
# ASI Standards Setting Procedure



- The ASI Board initiates standards review process. The revision cycle (normally 5 years) was brought forward by the Board to commence in 2020, as per the approved ASI Strategy
- Standards Committee responsibility is to oversee the process and **approve** the final content
- Board then **adopts** the Standard

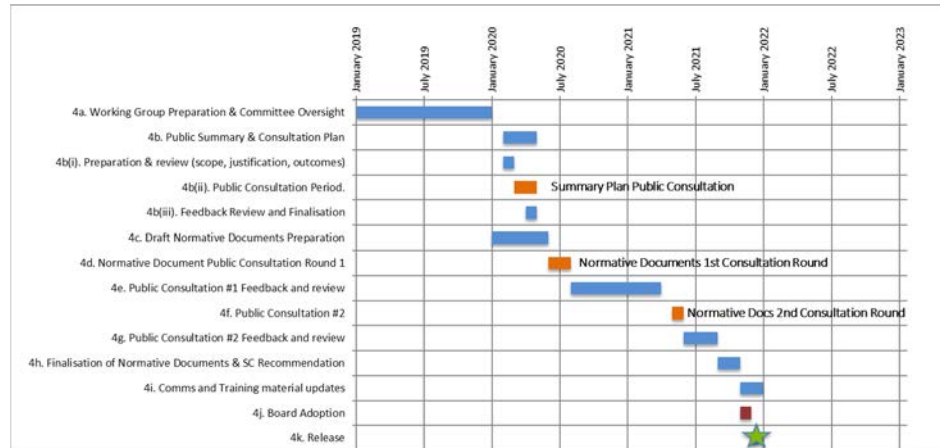
# Standards setting & reviewing – who's involved?

- All participants are invited to express their views (this includes public consultation processes).
- Allocate sufficient time to discuss and debate decisions.
- Allow additional time and/or information to be requested to help facilitate a consensus outcome.
- General agreement through positive indication of acceptance or the absence of sustained opposition.

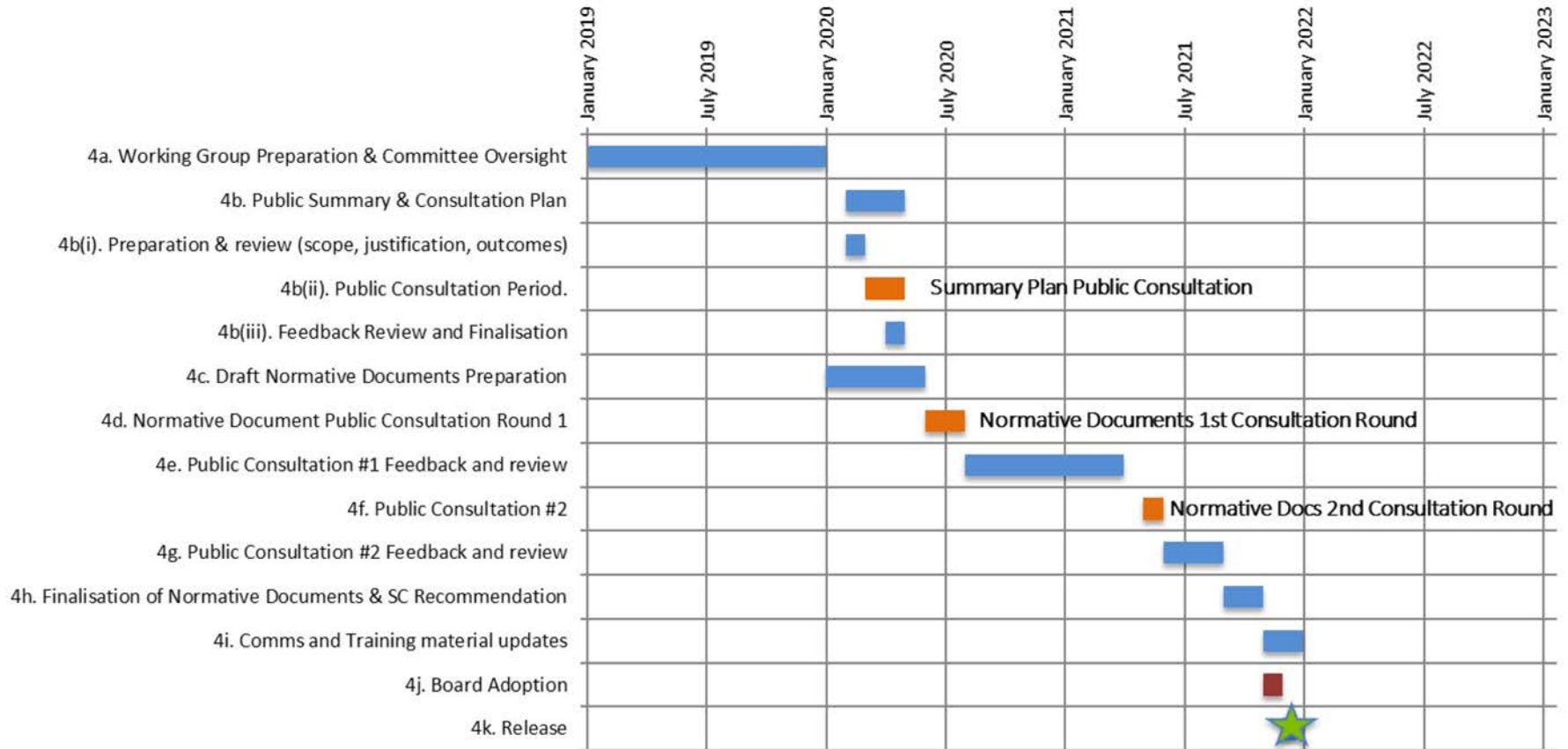


# Revision Timing

- Time for public consultation, and review of diverse input is time-consuming, but important:
  - RJC Code of Practices 2019 - 18 months
  - Alliance for Water Stewardship – 2 years
- 2 year program for ASI revision cycle



# 2020-2021 Standards Review Schedule



# Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Working Group (BESWG) Update

Giulia Carbone, IUCN



## IUCN experience in the WGBES

- IUCN participation is driven by the need to strengthen the biodiversity commitments.
- This need is now an imperative as recently reinforced by the IPBES report.
- Precise proposals that can support ASI the leadership position:
  - Reintroduction of ecosystem services
  - Introduction of No Net Loss and Net Biodiversity Gain as targets for the Biodiversity Action Plans
  - Expansion of the No Go for mining in Categories I to VI



## IUCN experience in the WGBES

“The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.

The Report also tells us that it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global. Through ‘transformative change’, nature can still be conserved, restored and used sustainably – this is also key to meeting most other global goals.

By transformative change, we mean a fundamental, system-wide reorganization across technological, economic and social factors, including paradigms, goals and values.”

IPBES Chair, Sir Robert Watson.

# Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Working Group (BESWG) Update

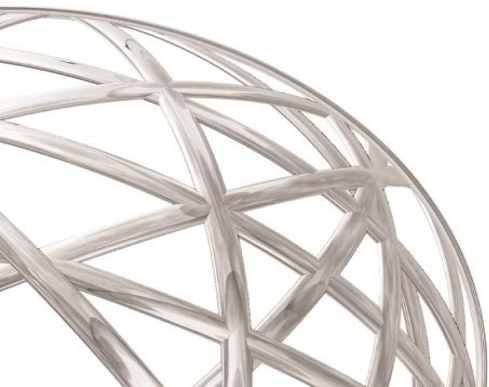
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Australian Aluminium Council

# A mining industry perspective on biodiversity issues

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## ASI context

- Identify good producers.
- Other materials.
- Range of situations – country, scale, ownership.
- Multi-issue – sustainability.
- Stage of implementation – less than 2 years in

## Our view on biodiversity

- Key issue.
- Could be an effective differentiator.
- All aspects - not just 'where to mine'.
- Risk management approach.
- Not a crisis for ASI.
- Interacts with other issues (social, indigenous).

## Our view on 'no-go' areas

- Only one tool of many.
- Countries are inconsistent.
- Implementation difficulties:
  - See other standards.
- Opposite of 'no-go' isn't 'go'.
- Doesn't protect biodiversity values.

## What have we proposed?

- Strengthened risk management approach.
- Respecting all legally protected areas.
- Extend no-go areas – IUCN Ia, Ib, II and III.
- Progressive rehabilitation and better reporting.
- Willingness to discuss.

## What else is needed?

- More time.
  - Ecosystem services.
- Compromise.
- All voices – social, indigenous.
- Context:
  - Role of Governments.
  - Other materials and standards.



durable recycled  
light  
circular  
sympathetic sourcing  
efficient powerful  
mining responsible  
urban flexible economic  
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strong buildings  
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# So what's in the scope of the revision process?

Environment, Social, Governance

Issues



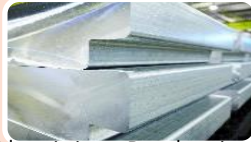
Bauxite mining

Biodiversity  
Indigenous  
Peoples rights



Alumina Refinery

Biodiversity  
Indigenous  
Peoples rights  
Human Rights  
Bauxite residue



Aluminium Production

GHG Emissions  
Spent Pot Lining  
Dross



Semi-Fabrication

Material  
Stewardship  
Human/Labour  
Rights



Product Manufacture/Use

Material  
Stewardship  
Human/Labour  
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Recycling

Material  
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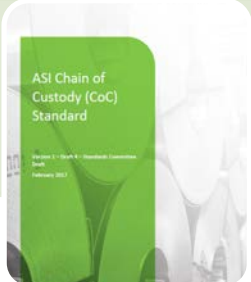
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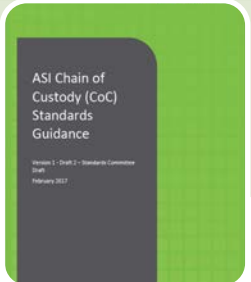
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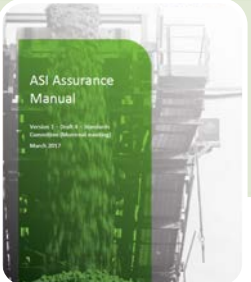
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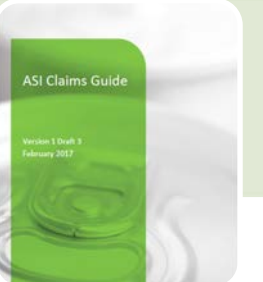
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Standard  
Guidance



ASI Assurance  
Manual



ASI Claims Guide

# Looking Ahead: Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum

IPAF representatives: Nicholas Barla (India), Heather Rose (Australia), Mark Annandale (Australia)

# Looking Ahead: 2020 ASI AGM Week: Longkou, China

Fiona Solomon, ASI

Chunming Dong, Sunlight Metal Consulting

# 2020 ASI AGM – Longkou, Shandong Province, China



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