

ASI Standards Committee Virtual Meeting – Discussion Notes

10 December 2025 (Virtual)

Attendance ([Standards Committee](#)):

Abiba Mayaki Diallo	Nikolas Kelling
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Guilbert Ebune	Piet Wit
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Jason Koevoet	Soumah Ibrahima Dominique
Jose Rubio	Vishwas Kemble
Marcel Pfitzer	Vincent Ekka
Mike Danielson	Yuri Herder
Nicholas Barla	

Apologies (Standards Committee)

Abu Karimu	Margriet Biswane
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ASI Secretariat Participants

Cameron Jones, <i>Director of Assurance</i>	Laura Brunello, <i>Standards Coordinator</i>
Chelsea Reinhardt, <i>Standards Director</i>	Jane Reeves, <i>Governance and HR Manager</i>
Chris Bayliss, <i>Climate Change & Decarbonisation Director</i>	Mark Annandale, <i>Director of Research and IPAF</i>
Marieke Van der Mijn, <i>Director Partnerships</i>	Vicky Tran, <i>Assurance and Claims Manager</i>
Chinelo Etiaba, <i>COO and Membership Director</i>	Thomas Robertson, <i>Assurance and Risk Manager</i>
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Agenda Overview:

1. Opening and approval of meeting minutes: 21 October and 13 November 2025
2. Approval of Group 1 Consultation Drafts
3. Discussion on Group 2 Consultation Drafts
4. AOB and next steps

1. Opening and approval of meeting minutes

- The Committee **approved** meeting minutes from the 21 October 2025 and 13 November 2025 Standards Committee meetings.
- The Secretariat clarified that minutes from the 1 December ‘side meeting’ of the Committee on Community Rights and FPIC issues would not be formally approved as this was a side discussion, but they are available in the Standards Committee Sharepoint folder (as are all meeting minutes, PPTs, and recordings from past sessions).

2. Discussion and approval of Group 1 Drafts

- The Secretariat presented a summary of key points received on the Group 1 drafts ahead of the call. These included:
 - Minor changes to definitions, including updating the Emissions removals definition to align with the definition referenced in the draft of the Science-based Targets Initiative (SBTi) [Corporate Net-Zero Standard Version 2.0](#) definition
 - Proposal to remove from the consultation draft a leading practice under Circularity related to reuse of process scrap (*Establish and maintain systems to improve segregation, traceability, and internal reuse of aluminium process scrap*).
- The Committee discussed these proposals and asked for clarification on the removal of the leading practice around reuse of process scrap. It was explained that this requirement initially focused on internal reuse of process scrap, aiming to reduce dependence on external processing and risks of downgrading. But, discussions with Working Group members raised questions about whether this really drove change, and cases where it might not be applicable (e.g. where external recycling might be a better outcome).
 - It was confirmed that segregation and collection of scrap were covered elsewhere in the draft standard
 - The proposal was to remove this leading practice for now and re-assess after consultation.
- The Committee raised a few additional points and clarifications related to the consultation drafts:
 - On the *Bauxite Residue and Tailings Management* section, a Committee member had asked whether we should be more explicit around equivalence through third party verification against GISTM. The Secretariat explained that, while this was the long-term intent, until the full GTMI certification process was operational, there had been mixed stakeholder feedback about the credibility of interim audit processes
 - It was **agreed with the Committee to seek specific input via the public consultation survey on whether equivalence through third-party auditing would be considered acceptable to meet requirements related to tailings management, as covered under GISTM**
 - Related to the *Nature* section, wording around working with protected areas management authorities had been softened. The Secretariat clarified that this was a deliberate adjustment based on Working Group input that management authorities did not always have the capacity or resources to engage, but this adjustment could be reviewed post consultation
 - On the *Climate* section, it was noted that disclosure requirements had not been significantly strengthened compared to V3. The Secretariat confirmed that this is because more emphasis had been put on strengthening performance-related requirements around climate (with the exception of performance along the 1.5 degree aligned pathway, which moved to leading practice) and additional criteria related to removals, climate financing and adaptation.
 - On the *Chain of Custody* draft – it was noted by one Committee member that their organization saw the first option (maintaining Entity level mass balance) as not

credible, but they understand the need to seek further input through public consultation. The Secretariat clarified that the intent is to choose one option based on input from consultation to develop further, not to have a CoC standard with multiple options in future.

- On Progressive Rehabilitation under *Nature* (5.6.2.3) it was noted that the leading practice related to Indigenous Peoples’ participation has some overlap with similar requirements under Community Rights. **Action:** [The Secretariat to review wording to ensure consistency and make sure any substantive changes are re-flagged to the Standards Committee before consultation](#)
- The Co-Chair of the Committee asked if any committee member had an objection to approving the set of Group 1 drafts for consultation – These include:
 - **Consultation Draft ASI PS V4:**
 - Section 1. Governance
 - Section 2. Management Systems
 - Section 3. Responsible Sourcing and Due Diligence
 - Section 4. Climate
 - Section 5. Nature
 - Section 6. Circularity
 - Section 8. Workers’ Rights and Participation
 - Glossary
 - **Consultation Draft ASI Chain of Custody V3**
- [No objection was raised and the set of drafts was approved for consultation](#)

3. Discussion on Group 2 Drafts

- The Secretariat introduced the set of remaining ‘Group 2’ drafts: Community Rights and Participation, and the two modular sections, Mine Closure and Displacement and Resettlement.
- The Secretariat provided a set of insights and quotes from recent IPAF workshops, which highlight the importance of issues to IPAF representatives and stakeholders, such as community consultation around mine closure planning, awareness of grievance mechanisms, and the importance of economic opportunities and livelihoods for affected communities. IPAF Standards Committee members supported these points and noted that recent workshops have been very helpful, and that communities need to be engaged in the pre-mining, active mining, and closure phases of operations.
- The Secretariat highlighted some of the key changes in the Community Rights section and outlined a number of issues where stakeholder opinions had been polarised. These include:
 - Proposed expansion of FPIC to Indigenous and Land-connected communities
 - Outcomes of FPIC process (consent / agreement wording)
 - Community agreements
 - Legacy impacts
- Committee members were invited to pay particular attention to these contentious sections and to provide feedback on the updated drafts, to be shared by 12 Dec

- The Secretariat outlined key changes and controversial sections in the Mine Closure draft (already shared), which include:
 - Post-closure timelines for monitoring and liability
 - Consent through FPIC for mine closure, and potential conflicts with legal requirements
 - Practicality of No Net Loss/ Net Gain targets for closure planning
 - Alternative end land uses
- The Secretariat explained that the modular draft on Displacement and Resettlement now aligns fully with IFC PS 5, following input from CSOs and the Working Group.
- **Action:** The committee was asked to review all Group 2 drafts by mid-January, when these will be discussed again by the Standards Committee

4. Next Steps and AOB

- The Secretariat gave an overview of the timeline for upcoming meetings, which includes a mid-January SC meeting to discuss the Group 2 drafts, and an early February approval session
- The first round of public consultation is planned to run from 17 Feb – 20 April; this will include a survey with specific questions (overarching and on specific thematic areas) as well as an Excel sheet to give detailed requirement or criteria specific feedback
- The 2026 in-person SC meeting is tentatively planned for week commencing 29 June. IPAF attendance remains a priority and the Secretariat will be in contact to finalise details very soon. Malaysia or India are shortlisted location options.
- The Committee will reconvene January 2026. A break is anticipated from early February to the end of May 2026 while consultation is open and feedback is analysed.
- Standards Committee representatives were thanked for all their hard work and support in 2025 to help shape the revision of the Standards; the Committee Co-Chairs also recognized the hard work of the Secretariat team in coordinating the revision process.
 - The ASI Standards Coordinator was wished well for her upcoming maternity leave, which starts in early January. She will re-join the team in early 2027.