

ASI Standards Committee Virtual Meeting – Discussion Notes

14 January 2026 (Virtual)

Attendance ([Standards Committee](#)):

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Guilbert Ebune	Sankon Mohamed
José Rubio	Soumah Ibrahima Dominique
Li Didi	Vincent Ekka
Nicholas Barla	Vishwas Kamble
Nikolas Kelling	Yuri Herder
Louis Biswane	

Apologies (Standards Committee)

Gesa Jauck	Margriet Biswane
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ASI Secretariat Participants

Cameron Jones, <i>Director of Assurance</i>	Klaudia Michalska, <i>Supply Chain Analyst</i>
Chelsea Reinhardt, <i>Standards Director</i>	Lia Vacheret, <i>Standards Manager</i>
Chinelo Etiaba, <i>COO and Membership Director</i>	Mark Annandale, <i>Director of Research and IPAF</i>
Chris Bayliss, <i>Climate Change Director</i>	Marieke Van der Mijn, <i>Director Partnerships</i>
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Agenda Overview:

1. Opening and approval of meeting minutes: 10 December 2025
2. Discuss final issues and changes to Group 2 drafts: Community Rights, Mine Closure, Displacement and Resettlement (40 min)
3. Feedback on consultation questions and consultation process (15 min)
4. Next steps (10 min)

1. Opening and approval of meeting minutes

- The Committee **approved** meeting minutes from the 10 December 2025 Standards Committee meeting.
- The Secretariat welcomed Li Didi, the new Standards Committee member joining from China.
- The Secretariat provided a progress update on the Standards revision work since the December meeting.

- Draft sections of the Performance Standard have now been recombined into a single consolidated document.
- Extensive proofreading and formatting work is underway to ensure consistency, correct cross-referencing, and alignment of glossary terms. Preparations are also ongoing for translation of the consultation drafts and development of consultation feedback tools.
- Supporting resources under development include a summary presentation outlining key changes from PS v3, and an Excel-based mapping tool enabling users to compare requirements across versions, filter by supply chain activity, and distinguish between minimum requirements and leading practices.

2. Discussion of final issues and changes to Group 2 drafts: Community Rights, Mine Closure, Displacement and Resettlement

- The Secretariat introduced the remaining Group 2 consultation drafts:
 - Community Rights and Participation,
 - Mine Closure, and
 - Displacement and Resettlement.

Committee members were invited to raise any issues requiring cross-committee discussion, prior to finalisation for consultation.

- A discussion was held on the applicability of mine closure planning for associated facilities. The Secretariat explained that while the current definitions do not require immediate amendment, there is a need for further internal work to clarify and better align the concepts of associated facilities, area of influence, and certification scope across the Standards and Assurance processes. Committee members supported further work on these definitions and noted that this would be best addressed through a discussion at a future meeting. It was recommended for ASI to also review similar terminology used within ElementAL (such as “ancillary infrastructure” for clarity and alignment – this point was noted by the Secretariat.
- The Committee discussed biodiversity-related targets within the Mine Closure module, particularly the inclusion of no net loss (NNL) targets specifically for mine closure planning.
 - Concerns were raised regarding duplication with existing Nature requirements under 5.1, which already require mining Entities to set NNL targets covering the full lifecycle of mining operations, including closure. It was noted that retaining a single, coherent requirement would reduce the risk of conflicting interpretations.
 - The Committee discussed alignment with the ICMM Nature Positive Statement, which includes a commitment for its members to achieve NNL by completion of closure – although there is flexibility in cases where this is not feasible
 - Committee members noted the value of practical case studies to support implementation and assurance, particularly for mine closure and application of the mitigation hierarchy, and suggested that ASI consider developing or compiling examples to support consistent interpretation.
 - The Secretariat noted that previous comments from Committee members had raised concerns that no net loss may not be feasible for mine closure, especially if there is significantly adjusted land use as a negotiated outcome with communities. One member expressed the view that focusing NNL on ‘key biodiversity features’ should provide sufficient flexibility for Entities to implement this

- It was mentioned that IAI is working on a joint project with several ASI members to review metrics for measuring biodiversity and NNL for bauxite mining; ASI should look to align with this work where possible.
- Based on the discussion, it was **agreed** that NNL requirements should remain only under 5.1 (Nature), which should include a reference to ‘by completion of closure’ for mining Entities. Section 9:5 on financial provisions under Mine Closure should also be amended to refer to investments related to NNL or biodiversity outcomes, such as offsets (including long-term monitoring) or additional conservation actions.
- The Secretariat noted that mine closure planning developed through FPIC should draw on specialist input and Indigenous and local knowledge, be aligned with progressive rehabilitation practices, and be monitored on an ongoing, adaptive basis.
- The Secretariat invited the Committee to raise any substantive comments on the Group 2 drafts that required discussion before these are finalised. There were no additional comments raised; one Committee member noted they will provide further input during public consultation.

4. Next Steps and AOB

- The Secretariat confirmed that the Group 2 drafts will be revised to reflect the Committee’s discussion and re-circulated around 20 January. Approval of these drafts is scheduled for the Standards Committee meeting on 5 February.
- Public consultation is scheduled to open on 17 February and run until 20 April. Feedback will be gathered via an online survey and a detailed Excel submission form. A series of webinars, including regional and thematic sessions, will support stakeholder engagement during the consultation period.
- The Secretariat advised that a pause in Standards Committee meetings is anticipated from mid-February to late May. During this time the Secretariat will be reviewing and analysing consultation feedback and preparing revised drafts.
- The in-person Standards Committee meeting is currently being planned for the week commencing **15 June 2026**, subject to final confirmation of location and logistics. Malaysia is being considered, as visa requirements are less restrictive and this would support IPAF member participation. Committee members are invited to contact Jane Reeves: jane@aluminium-stewardship.org with any questions.