



ISO 26000 Stakeholders Global Network (SGN)
Statement on the 15th Anniversary of the Publication of
ISO 26000 Guidance on Social Responsibility
1st November 2025

1. ISO 26000 International Guidance Standard on Social Responsibility was published on 1st November 2010. It is now 15 years old. It was confirmed without change for 3 Systematic Reviews, the latest in January 2025. This indicates its continued relevance for organisations of all types and sizes, all over the world.
2. ISO 26000 influenced many relevant ISO social and corporate responsibility standards, as well as global guidance standards such as the OECD Guidelines for MNEs, regional guidance in the EU, ASEAN and elsewhere. The ISO standards that make reference to ISO 26000 include ISO 20400 on sustainable procurement, ISO 20121 on Sustainable Events, ISO 37001 on Anti-Bribery, ISO 59000 series on Circular Economy, to name some.
3. ISO 26000 was able to continue to be relevant to its unique development process that involved stakeholders and experts from all continents – developed and developing countries. The principles, subject areas and applications still remain relevant after 15 years because ISO 26000 is grounded on the basis that organisations create long term value with good governance and doing what is right for the planet and people.
4. I attach the Statement issued by SGN in January 2025 urging National Standards Boards to confirm ISO 26000 without revision. The words in that Statement continue to be relevant as new terms and new challenges emerge. ISO 26000 is the best foundation that contributes to the quality of new ISO standards and to the coherence of ISO work in related fields including ESG and the contributions of organizations to sustainable development.
5. This Statement is issued by the ISO 26000 Stakeholders Global Network (SGN), which is an international network of experts involved in the promotion and implementation of ISO 26000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Thomas".

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On behalf of the SGN