

Standards Committee Meeting

15th January 2025

Summary notes

Standards Committee Participants: Ainsley Butler, Sara Yood, Maggie Gabos, Renata Lawton Misra, Monica Barcellos Harris, Marcin Piersiak Philippe Telouk, Didier Backaert, Joelle Ponnelle, Marie-Charlotte Druesne Chancogne, Noora Jamsheer, Silvia Bezzone, Alexander Gul.

Guests of the committee: Marco Quadri, Eduard Stefanescu, Kim Wenzel.

Apologies: Purvi Shah, Robin Kolvenbach, Ilan Keplan, Trisevgeni Stavropoulos, Tehmasp Printer, Charlene Nemson, Jennifer Hillard, Gavin Hilson, Laurent Massi, Salah Hussein.

RJC Management Team: Melane Grant, Suzanne Brooks, Effie Marinos, Caroline Watson, Jasmeet Kaur Baggha.

Materials circulated in advance of call:

- Meeting presentation slides.
- Standards Committee Minutes for November and December meetings.

RJC Senior Standards Manager gave an introduction. The Committee was reminded of the RJC's conflict of interest policy and anti-trust statement and was given an overview of the agenda for the meeting. Participation was noted by the RJC Senior Standards Manager.

The November and December minutes were not approved on the basis of further detail being added regarding a response to two questions asked in the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes would be revised and shared for approval in the February Standards Committee meeting. *[Edit – updated now in this version, v.2 circulated for the February meeting]*

Executive update

A High-level introduction was given by the Executive Director welcoming the committee back for the new year

Standards update

An update was given on the status of the standards development. Both the COP and COC standards were released on the 10th December with managed comms, a summary of changes and FAQs posted on website. The COP Guidance are in the final design stages almost ready for release.

The G7 derogation was also released and was communicated to members. It was noted that training for the audit firms and members is also in development for release in Q1. A committee member asked what the training for auditors will look like, and an outline of the platform, process and assessments that will be used was given. Work on the translations has also begun, with the team

reaching out to stakeholders for technical translation. The RJC team asked the committee for volunteers to review the translated documents for accuracy and clarity. A number of committee members volunteered, and this was noted with thanks. The update to the self-assessment for both standards is also going to begin soon. A link to the FAQ page was also shared with the committee. It was noted that there is currently no update to share on the EU CMR recognition process.

An update on the LGMS was given. Approval was given by the LGM Taskforce in December 2024 and consensus from the standards committee taken in January 2025. It was noted that the board structure will be updated to reflect the new LGM forum, at the approval of the board. A high-level update was also given on the transition period for existing members who have LGM in scope – a full outline will be shared once the standard is released. Members certified against the 2019 COP who will be certified to the LGMS, will need to obtain certification to the 2024 COP. Audits against the standard will only begin a couple of months after the release of the standard, to give time to the auditors to train on the new standard. It was asked if the RJC glossary will be made downloadable, and it was confirmed that it will be and this will be shared with the Committee once published.

2025 standards strategy

A high-level strategy update was given for the 2025 year, outlining the key projects that the RJC standards team will be looking to focus on and receive support from the committee. A member asked when the new combined mining standard will be released, and it was noted that they are out for consultation. It was also noted that the RMI have recently benchmarked the 2019 COP and this is available on their website.

A question was asked on the strategic committee and who is included, and the committee was referred to the relevant web page detailing further information.

Standards committee updates

Summary of the upcoming committee dates was given for 2025 as well as some key projects for committee involvement, including an upcoming presentation from the impacts team. A timeline for the planning and implementation of the committee restructure was also shared. It was also agreed to cancel the August 13 meeting as a lot of the committee will be on leave.

Date of next meeting: 12 February 2025.

Committee meeting closed.