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Resolution 24-Establishment and ToR

The JTC 1 Special Working Group on Accessibility (SWG- A) was established at the October 2004 JTC 1 Plenary meeting in Berlin, Germany:

•JTC 1 believes that the work in the area of information communication and technology standardization for accessibility is a major undertaking, encompassing many international, regional and local interests. Additionally, there are significant standards efforts taking place in ISO, IEC, ITU and the national and regional standards bodies as well as various consortia/fora and user groups.

•As identified in its long term business plan and to be responsive to international, regional, national, and end user requirements in the area of accessibility, JTC 1 establishes a Special Working Group on Accessibility with the Terms of Reference as illustrated in the following pages.

The SWG will:

- determine an approach, and implement, the gathering of user requirements, being mindful of the varied and unique opportunities (direct participation of user organizations, workshops, liaisons)
- identify a mechanism to work proactively between meetings to make forward progress
- gather and publish an inventory of all known accessibility standards efforts
- identify areas/technologies where voluntary standards are not being addressed and suggest an appropriate body to consider the new work
- track public laws, policies/measures and guidelines to ensure the necessary standards are available
- through wide dissemination of the SWG materials, encourage the use of globally relevant voluntary standards
- assist consortia/fora, if desired, in submitting their specifications to the formal standards process

Membership in the SWG will be open to:

- ISO/IEC JTC 1 National Bodies and Category A Liaisons
- ISO/IEC JTC 1 SCs with accessibility efforts or concerns (such as SC 35, SC 36, SC 37)
- ISO or IEC TCs with accessibility efforts or concerns (such as ISO TC 159)
- ITU-T SGs with interests/efforts in accessibility
- Regional standard development and support organizations with accessibility efforts/concerns (such as ICT SB DATSCG, ETSI HF, ITI, ANEC, CEN TC 224)
- Representatives of consortia/fora (for example, but not limited to) W3C's WAI, FSG Accessibility Workgroup, the International Ergonomics Association
- Consumer Organizations and User Representatives (the SWG will be responsible for determining the most appropriate method to identify and engage such recognized activities)

The SWG on Accessibility will meet twice a year. To demonstrate the achievements of the group, a status report will be submitted to JTC 1 after each SWG meeting as well as at each JTC 1 Plenary.

Participants of SWG-A

- National Bodies: Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, United States

- JTC 1 Subcommittees: SC 7, SC 28, SC 29, SC 35, SC 36, SC 37

- ISO and IEC TCs: ISO/TC 159

- ITU-T SGs: ITU-T SG 16

- Regional standard development and support organizations: CEN/ISSS, CEN TC 224 WG 6, DATSCG, ETSI/HF, ETSI HF STF 333, EUAIN, ITI

- Consortia/fora: Linux Foundation, W3C/Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)

- Consumer Organizations, User Representatives and other interested parties: AFB Tech, Altarum Institute/Accessibility Forum, ANEC, Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (via the Japanese National Body), JIS Committee on Web Accessibility, Royal National Institute of the Blind (via the UK National Body), US Access Board, US Department of Education, University of Wisconsin (Trace R&D Center), Visual Impairment Knowledge Centre, WGBH National Center for Accessible Media

Summary of 2009 Activities

- The ninth meeting of the SWG-Accessibility was held by teleconference on 15 January 2009. The resolutions for the January 2009 SWG-Accessibility meeting are available in JTC1 SWG-A N 367.

- The tenth meeting of the SWG-Accessibility was held by teleconference on 24 June 2009. The resolutions for the June 2009 SWG-Accessibility meeting are available in JTC 1 SWG-A N 370.

- Publication of ISO/IEC TR 29138 Parts 1 - 3
  - ISO/IEC TR 29138-1:2009, Information technology -- Accessibility considerations for people with disabilities -- Part 1: User needs summary
  - ISO/IEC TR 29138-2:2009, Information technology -- Accessibility considerations for people with disabilities -- Part 2: Standards inventory
  - ISO/IEC TR 29138-3:2009, Information technology -- Accessibility considerations for people with disabilities -- Part 3: Guidance on user needs mapping

- Contributed in ITU/G3ict (a UN initiative) [Toolkit for Policy Makers Implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)

Anticipated Future Activities

- The SWG-Accessibility has agreed to meet approximately six months from the June 2009 publication date to prepare an update list for proposed changes to ISO/IEC TR 29138, Information technology -Accessibility considerations for people with disabilities - Part 2: Standards inventory.
- The SWG-Accessibility has agreed to consider updates to ISO/IEC TR 29138 Information technology -Accessibility considerations for people with disabilities - Part 1: User needs summary, not later than two years following the June 2009 publication date.
- Ad Hoc 13 to continue on Policies and scoping of accessibility for web sites and content for ISO and IEC Work

Involvement of consumer organizations is crucial, especially for disabilities issues

- The SWG-A's activities have been greatly enhanced by JTC 1's decision to embrace direct participation by interested users and organizations including those listed below. Their continued involvement is encouraged.
  - AFB Tech, Altarum Institute/Accessibility Forum, ANEC, Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (via the Japanese National Body), JIS Committee on Web Accessibility, Royal National Institute of the Blind (via the UK National Body), US Access Board, US Department of Education, University of Wisconsin (Trace R&D Center), Visual Impairment Knowledge Centre, WGBH National Center for Accessible Media, Linux Foundation, W3C/Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)