# Introduction

This document serves to publish the conventions which are normative for the definition of OpenO&M Information Service Bus Model (ISBM) Topics and their publication in the OpenO&M Common Interoperability Registry.

## ISBM Topic Definitions

Topics are used in application services to limit or filter the type of information that is obtained from read and notify requests for Provider Applications and Consumer Applications.

Topics are also used by Provider Applications to specify the type of information that they will be publishing or posting on an ISBM *Channel*.

Topics allow a single channel to handle a collection of different data, yet still provide a method for the receiver of the data to limit the types of data that it is required to handle.

## Standard ISBM Topics

To support interoperability, the *topics* must be defined using the following syntax:

*StandardAbbreviation:Object*

*StandardAbbreviation* refers to the standard referenced, such as:

**B2MML**

**CCOM** (for MIMOSA CCOM)

**PRODML**

**WITSML**

**15926**

*Object* corresponds to a valid transaction message object, as defined by the standard.