

Objectives & Ground Rules for the Pretoria Workshop on Standards & Guidelines |

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Background of the Workshop

- Draft Exploitations Regulations (Roadmap)
- ISBA/25/C/WP.1
- Relationship between Draft Regulations and Standards & Guidelines
- Regulations 94 and 95 under the Draft Exploitation Regulations
- Regulation 45 under the Draft Exploitation Regulations
- TOR endorsed by LTC at the March 2019 session
- LTC work forward

Key Documents

- ✓ ISBA/25/C/WP.1
- ✓ ISBA/25/C/3
- ✓ ISBA/25/C/17
- ✓ ISBA/25/C/18
- ✓ ISA Technical Study 17





Objectives of the Workshop

- To establish a prioritised list of standards and guidelines with reference sources
 - To develop a process for the development of the standards and guidelines
 - To compile a list of “environmental standards” and to develop an associated development process
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- Risk-based approach to regulation
 - How regulators approach the use, adoption and reference of standards in a national context
 - Setting of standards and guidelines from an engineering and a science-based perspective
 - Subsequent technical development, including addressing the gaps and challenges in document development





Terms of Reference

1. Standards and Guideline

- Examine the draft list of documents (see the annex to ISBA/25/C/3) and identify those which lend themselves to the development of standards
- Suggest additions or deletions to the list, with a particular focus on “environmental standards”
- Indicate/suggest relevant reference sources for each suggested standard and guideline
- Indicate which standards and/or guidelines should be prioritised for development
- Suggest indicative timelines for the prioritised documents

2. Process for development

- Who initiates the process?
- Who develops the content of the standards and guidelines?
- What could be the recommended content of such standards and guidelines (can template be developed)?
- Who reviews the content (including the process for review)?
- Who approves the content?





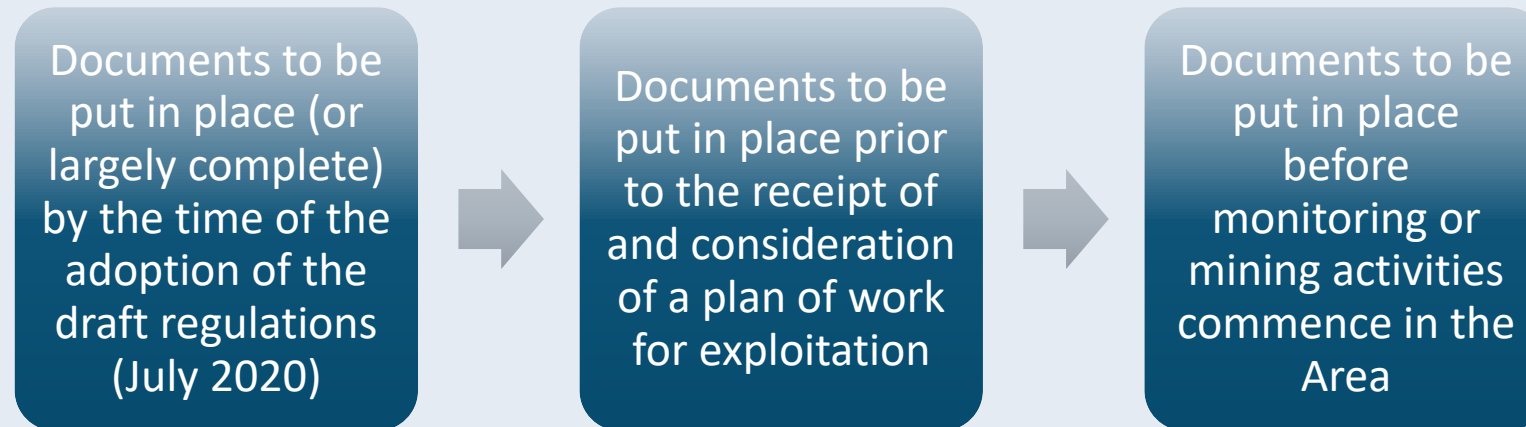
Observations by the Council Members

- Consistent and in accordance with Part XI of the Convention
- Development of standards by thematic themes
- Open and transparent process for development of S&G
- Compatibility with current technical levels and knowledge, and avoid frequent changes
- Not all documents require a formal process for development
- Draw on existing and generally accepted international standards
- Clarity required on the relationship between best available techniques, best environmental practice and standards
- What determines the mandatory versus recommendatory nature of a document
- Standards should be seen as a “floor not a ceiling”



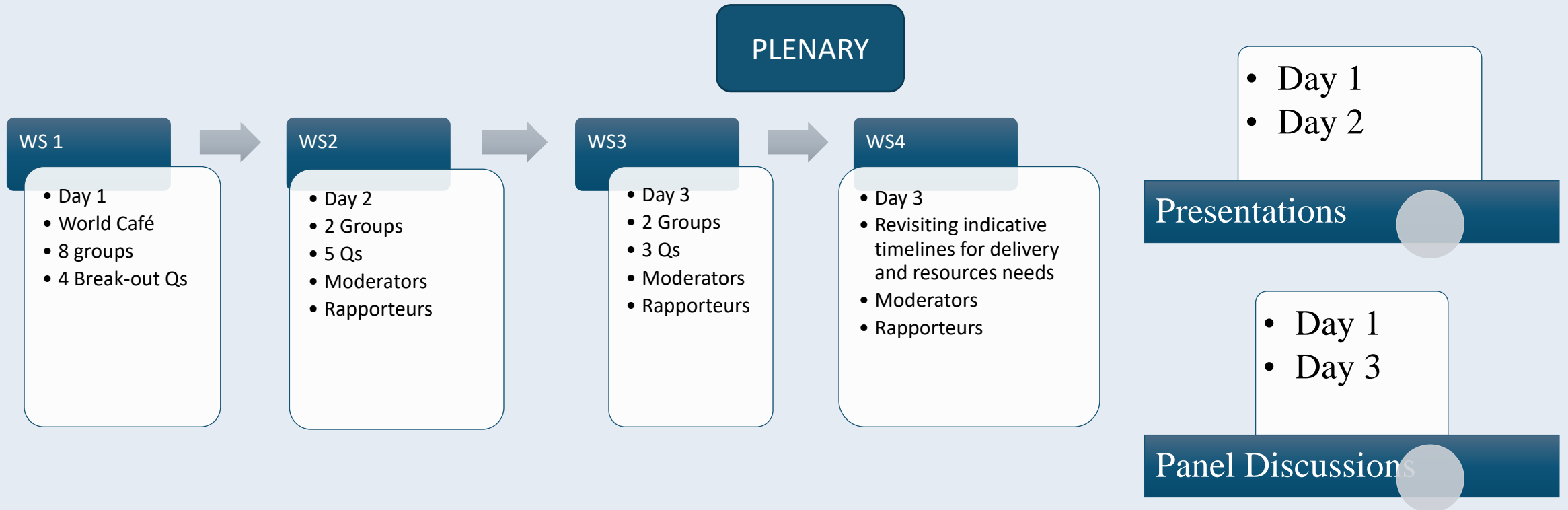


Standards & Guidelines Development Priorities





Workshop Format





Reference & Source Material

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