

Dear Mr Tomasz Chruszczow, High-level champion, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment of Poland

Thank you for your letter, requesting views and feedback concerning how the Marrakech Partnership can support pre-2020 climate action.

I would like to provide feedback from the Climate Change Coordination Task force (TF7) of the International Organization for Standardisation (ISO). There are a number of important opportunities and considerations where international standards can support international efforts to escalate climate action including, but not limited to;

- Collaboration and work in the development, promotion and use of international standards to support climate action. ISO has an active programme for developing new and updating specialist and broad international standards (highly developmental and across climate change mitigation and adaptation agendas)
- Efforts to support wider participation (e.g. from developing nations) in the actual revision and development process for climate change related international standards
- Capacity building across developed and developing nations, supporting ‘actors’ to maximise the potential of international standards within businesses and wider society. Through this, embedding climate change mitigation and adaptation into business as usual

We would note that the process of developing International Standards is itself one of collaboration and consensus development. The following articles may also be useful to summarise recent ISO developments;

- ISO magazine 2018 – http://www.abnt.org.br/images/ISOFocus/ISOfocus_128_en.pdf
- ISO news item 2019 - <https://www.iso.org/news/ref2354.html>

Thank you for the opportunity to further raise the profile and the potential offered by International Standards.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE: ISO task force (TF7) has a coordination and strategic role, including support to ISO liaison with key climate change bodies and stakeholders. It is developing a strategic plan and guidance on climate change for standards writers. It also has collaborated with organisations such as IAF, IEMA, The EU and UNFCCC to deliver events at recent COPs