

ABOUT COPANT

The Pan American Standards Commission is a civil non-profit association that comprises the National Standards Bodies (NSB) of the Americas, which currently total 32 active members and 9 adherent members. COPANT is the reference for technical standardization and conformity assessment for the countries of the Americas for its members and international peers, and promotes the development of its members.

VISION

Promote cooperation for the development of the region through an efficient and relevant national standardization; active participation in international standardization; applying conformity assessment procedures according to international practices.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2016-2020:

1. **Building Capacity:** Identify, promote and support activities to build the standardization infrastructure and capacities of COPANT members, motivating mutual communication, cooperation and collaboration.
2. **Increasing Participation in International Work for Targeted Economic Areas:** Strengthen the ability of COPANT members to target and have effective participation in Committee work at ISO and IEC in identified strategic area of importance to the member body.
3. **Promoting Effective Conformity Assessment Services:** Facilitate the use of International practices addressing the needs of COPANT members.

COPANT meetings from last year and future

General Assembly

- AG 2019: Hold in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (May 6 and 7, 2019)
- AG Extraordinary to modify the Statutes held via Zoom (June 15, 2020)
- AG 2020: Will take place on line (November 3, 2020)
- AG 2021: Will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (To be confirmed)

Board of Directors

- N° 38 in Santiago (November 12 & 13, 2019)
- N° 39 on line meeting (May 29, 2020)
- N° 40 will take place on line (November 5, 2020)

Highlights issues 2019

- ✓ COPANT officers (2019-2021): Ricardo Fragoso (ABNT) President; Mauricio Céspedes (INTECO) Vice President, and Osvaldo Petroni (IRAM) Treasurer.
- ✓ Strategic Planning 2016-2020 ongoing, monitored by our 3 WG on the Strategic Priorities: Capacity Building, International Participation and Conformity Assessment.
- ✓ The General Assembly meeting in 2020 will approve the new Strategic Planning 2021-2025.
- ✓ COPANT started two pilot projects with ISO and IEC to promote greater participation of members in the international standardization process (The implementation of the projects is partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic).
- ✓ The three regional organizations on quality infrastructure of the Americas: SIM-IAAC-COPANT conform the Quality Infrastructure Council of the Americas ([QICA](#)).



Training in 2019

ACTIVITY	DATE	WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF	PLACE	FACILITATOR
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ISO/COPOLCO	02/2019	35 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela	Web Ex English	IRAM
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES 1: Current process of development of normative documents	02/2019	38 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Barbados, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, St Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States, and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish & English	ICONTEC
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ISO/TC 228	03/2019	29 participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and Uruguay	Web Ex English	IRAM
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: GREENHOUSE GASES	03/2019	41 participants from 21 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish & English	IRAM
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ON ISO/CASCO	03/2019	33 participants from 19 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Uruguay	Web Ex English	ICONTEC + INN + Mario Wittner
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: STANDARDIZATION PRIORITIES	04/2019	34 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay	Web Ex English	INACAL
WORKSHOP ON ISO/CASCO	04/2019	14 participants from 13 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, United States, and Uruguay	Nairobi, Kenya	Mario Wittner (expert)
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ISO/TC 207	05/2019	20 participants from 14 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru, Saint Lucia, and Uruguay	Web Ex English	IRAM
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES 2: Process control points and software used	05/2019	31 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish & English	ICONTEC
WORKSHOP / VIRTUAL MEETING ON IEC FOCAL GROUP	05/2019	35 participants from 19 NSBs/NC from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish & English	ANCE/FINCA
WORKSHOP ON ISO/TC 207	05/2019	10 participants from 10 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Saint Lucia, and Uruguay	Berlin, Germany	IRAM



VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: MARKETING	06/2019	28 participants from 17 NSBs from the following countries: Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, CROSO, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela	Web Ex Spanish & English	ABNT
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ISO/TC 34	06/2019	40 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela	Web Ex Spanish & English	NC + IRAM
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ISO/DEVCO	07/2019	16 participants from 10 NSBs from the following countries: Barbados, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago and the United States	Web Ex English	INACAL
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES 3: Motivation campaigns towards standardization. Management of media and social networks	08/2019	32 participants from 17 NSBs from the following countries: Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela	Web Ex Spanish & English	ICONTEC
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ISO/TC 176	08/2019	20 participants from 14 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, and Uruguay	Web Ex English	IRAM
TC 152 + FG IEC + FINCA	09/2019	49 participants from 13 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States and Uruguay	Lima, Peru	SCC + INACAL
COPANT INTERNSHIP ON STANDARDIZATION	10/2019	21 participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela	Bogota, Colombia	ICONTEC
COPANT INTERNSHIP ON IT TOOLS FOR STANDARDIZATION	11/2019	15 participants from 13 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay	Sao Paulo, Brazil	ABNT

Meetings and Training 2020

ACTIVITY	DATE	WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF	PLACE	FACILITATOR
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 207	2020-01	22 participants from 15 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay.	Web Ex English	IRAM
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE 1: SDGs and Standardization - What are the priority SDGs in your country and what is the need to develop standards to support the achievement of these SDGs	2020-03	23 participants from 11 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/COPOLCO	2020-03	18 participants from 10 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Surinam and Trinidad & Tobago	Web Ex English	IRAM



VIRTUAL COURSE: ISO/IEC DIRECTIVES	2020-03	21 participants from 12 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Peru, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Surinam and Trinidad & Tobago	Web Ex English	IEC
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ISO/TC 323: CIRCULAR ECONOMY	2020-04	38 participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, St Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago and United States	Web Ex English	Luis Trama - IRAM + Derek Luk Pat - TTBS
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES FOR NSBs BUSINESS CONTINUITY DURING THE PANDEMIC	2020-04	60 participants from NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and USA	Zoom Spanish & English	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL COURSE: CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SCHEMES	2020-05	155 participants from 15 NSBs & CROSOQ from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, United States and Venezuela	Web Ex Spanish & English	IEC
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES 2: Enhancing the use of business continuity standards in times of crisis	2020-06	56 participants from 19 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Spain, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela	Zoom Spanish & English	Secretary of COPANT
WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES 3: On-line services platforms developed by NSBs	2020-09	72 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries: Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Suriname, United States and Venezuela.	Zoom Spanish & English	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FOR BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL NSBs ACADEMIC OFFER	2020-09	90 participants from 19 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela	Zoom Spanish	IBNORCA & Secretary of COPANT
COPANT TC 152 MEETING	2020-20	115 participants from 17 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay	Zoom Spanish & English	TC 152 Secretary & Secretary of COPANT
QICA COURSE ON ISO/IEC 17025: DETERMINATION OF CALIBRATION INTERVALS	2020-11	Scheduled	Zoom Spanish & English	QICA
QICA COURSE ON ISO/IEC 17025: MANAGEMENT RISK	2020-11	Scheduled	Zoom Spanish & English	QICA

Note: Some of the training activities, such as our Internships programs and workshops of our Focal Groups, were cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



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Promotion and information

- Participation of COPANT in International Events:
 - ISO General Assembly, Cape Town 2019 and 53 Plenary Session of ISO/DEVCO. 2020 ISO Members meeting and 54 Plenary Session of ISO/DEVCO through Zoom.
 - IEC Annual Meeting Shanghai 2019.
 - FINCA Annual Meeting, September 2019, Lima, Peru.
 - Attendance of our members with the support of COPANT at technical meetings: ISO/COPOLCO Plenary (2018 and 2019); ISO/TC 176 Plenary (2018 and 2019); ISO/TC 207 Plenary (2018 and 2019); ISO/CASCO Plenary Meeting (2018 and 2019); and ISO/TC 228 Plenary Meeting (2018 and 2019).
- COPANT supports ISO/DEVCO in the development of seminars and training courses in the region.
- Systematically translated into Spanish ISO Press Releases, articles from e-Tech News from IEC and the ISO Focus magazine (now printed in Spanish by ISO), with the permission of these organizations, articles available on the COPANT website.

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