

## **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 10 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**

To contribute, in the next five years, to the improvement of the quality of life of the people of the countries that comprise COPANT and to achieve institutional recognition for the contributions both to regional development and to the strengthening of international standardization.

## **MISSION**

To promote the development of NSBs in the region and to support the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through:

- Cooperation and collaboration with each other and with peer organizations;
- Active participation and cooperation in international and regional standardization;
- Promotion of effective and relevant national standardization activities, results and benefits;
- Promotion of the use of International practices of Conformity Assessment Services; and
- Implementing strategies that promote the innovation based on standardization

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021-2025:**

1. **Building Capacity:** Identify, promote and support activities to build and enhance the capacity of COPANT members, the standardization infrastructure, motivating communication, cooperation, mutual collaboration and the shared and efficient use of resources.
2. **Increasing participation in International standardization work for targeted areas:** Strengthen the capacity of COPANT members to target and have effective participation in Technical and Policies Committees work at ISO and IEC in identified strategic area of importance to the member body.

### **COPANT meetings from last year and future**

#### **General Assembly**

- Extraordinary GA to amend Bylaws held via Zoom (June 15, 2020)
- GA 2020: Held via Zoom (November 3, 2020)
- GA 2021: Held via Zoom (April 21, 2021)
- GA 2022: To be defined if it will be held in Barbados or virtually (April 25 to 29, 2022)

#### **Board of Directors**

- N° 39 extraordinary online meeting (April 6, 2020)
- Extraordinary Online Meeting (May 29, 2020)
- N° 40 online meeting (November 5, 2020)
- N° 41 online meeting (April 21, 2021)
- N° 42 online meeting (November 11, 2021)



**Highlights issues 2021**

- ✓ COPANT officers (2021-2023): Osvaldo Petroni (IRAM) President; Mauricio Céspedes (INTECO) Vice President, and José Durán (IBNORCA) Treasurer.
- ✓ The General Assembly, meeting in 2020, approved the new Strategic Plan 2021-2025, whose main pillars are Capacity Building and Increasing participation in international standardization work in specific areas.
- ✓ 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](#)).
- ✓ A Regional Project has been initiated in 2021, with PTB funding, for the Quality Infrastructure for the Circular Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Training and Meetings held in 2020**

ACTIVITY	DATE	WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF	PLACE	FACILITATOR
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 207</b>	2020-01	<b>22 participants from 15 NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>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</b>	2020-03	<b>23 participants from 11 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay	Web Ex Spanish	Secretary of COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/COPOLCO</b>	2020-03	<b>18 participants from 10 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Surinam and Trinidad & Tobago	Web Ex English	IRAM
<b>VIRTUAL COURSE: ISO/IEC DIRECTIVES</b>	2020-03	<b>21 participants from 12 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Peru, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Surinam and Trinidad & Tobago	Web Ex English	IEC
<b>VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ISO/TC 323: CIRCULAR ECONOMY</b>	2020-04	<b>38 participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>VIRTUAL WORKSHOP EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES FOR NSBs BUSINESS CONTINUITY DURING THE PANDEMIC</b>	2020-04	<b>60 participants from NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>VIRTUAL COURSE: CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SCHEMES</b>	2020-05	<b>155 participants from 15 NSBs &amp; CROSQ from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>WORKSHOP EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES 2: Enhancing the use of</b>	2020-06	<b>56 participants from 19 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname,	Zoom	Secretary of COPANT



<b>business continuity standards in times of crisis</b>		Trinidad and Tobago, Spain, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela	Spanish & English	
<b>WORKSHOP EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES 3: On-line services platforms developed by NSBs</b>	2020-09	<b>72 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FOR BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL NSBs ACADEMIC OFFER</b>	2020-09	<b>90 participants from 18 NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>COPANT TC 152 MEETING</b>	2020-10	<b>115 participants from 17 NSBs from the following countries:</b> 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
<b>QICA COURSE ON ISO/IEC 17025: DETERMINATION OF CALIBRATION INTERVALS</b>	2020-11	<b>183 participants from 29 countries, representing the NSBs, NABs and NMIs from:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Spanish & English	QICA
<b>QICA COURSE ON ISO/IEC 17025: MANAGEMENT RISK</b>	2020-11	<b>134 participants from 25 countries, representing the NSBs, NABs and NMIs from:</b> Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simult. Transl. 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.

### Training and Meetings scheduled for 2021

ACTIVITY	DATE	ATTENDED	PLACE	FACILITATOR
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 323</b>	January 15, 2021	<b>23 Participants from 11 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	ABNT
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/CASCO</b>	February 11, 2021	<b>23 Participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom	IRAM
<b>WEBINARS WITH IEC: Organization and operation of IEC TCs</b>	15 March 2021	<b>98 participants from the following 21 countries:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay. Also in attendance were delegates from the regional organization CROSQ.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary COPANT
<b>WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 82 - Solar photovoltaic energy systems</b>	19 March 2021	<b>94 participants from the following 22 countries:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT



EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 1: Best practices in the use of standards to establish public policy	30 & 31 March 2021	<b>72 delegates, representing 21 NSBs and their stakeholders from the following countries:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States. Delegates from the Caribbean regional standards body also participated: CROSO.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/COPOLCO	14 April de 2021	<b>25 participants from 13 NSBs:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Peru, United Kingdom and Uruguay.	Zoom	Guillermo Zucal (IRAM - Chair of COPOLCO)
COPANT WEEK 2021 WORKSHOP 1: SDGs, Standards and Technical Regulations	19 April 2021	<b>126 Participants from 32 countries and 7 international organizations:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay, United States, China, Spain, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, Venezuela. ISO, IEC, ITU, IAAC, SIM, CROSO, PTB	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2021 WORKSHOP 2: Best Practices of standards bodies (international, regional and national) in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Lessons learned and new practices to maintain	19 April 2021	<b>106 Participants from 30 countries and 6 international organizations:</b> Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay, United States, China, Spain, Italy, United Kingdom, Venezuela. ISO, IEC, ITU, IAAC, SIM, CROSO	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2021 NETWORKING MEETINGS	20 April 2021	<b>63 bilateral meetings</b>	Zoom - Individual rooms	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2021 (GA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING COPANT 2021	21 April 2021	<b>141 Delegates</b> from 28 Active Members, 10 Adhering Members and 7 Special Guest organizations	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	21 April 2021	<b>23 Delegates</b> from 10 NSBs	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committees 59 and 61 - Performance of household and similar electrical appliances and Safety of household and similar electrical appliances	6 May 2021	<b>88 delegates from the following 28 countries:</b> Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING ON IEC FOCAL GROUP	11 May 2021	<b>37 delegates from the following 17 countries:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Luis Iván Hernández (ANCE/FINCA)
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 14 - Power Transformers	8 June 2021	<b>37 delegates from the following 16 countries:</b> Antigua & Barbuda, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Switzerland, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT
EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 2: Standards for new technologies	22 & 23 June 2021	<b>51 delegates from the following 13 countries:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela. Delegates from the Caribbean regional standards body also participated: CROSO.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 13 - Electrical energy measurement and control	5 July 2021	<b>44 delegates from the following 15 countries:</b> Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, United States and Nicaragua.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 228	8 July de 2021	<b>26 delegates from the following 15 countries:</b> Barbados, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay.	Zoom	Cristian Vázquez (IRAM)
EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 3: Best Practices for Gender Inclusion in Standardization	12 August 2021	<b>96 delegates from the following 24 countries:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua,	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT



		Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and ISO.		
<b>COPANT INTERNSHIP ON PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION</b>	18 to 22 October 2021	<b>94 delegates from the following 25 countries:</b> Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, St. Kitts & Nevis, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING ON IEC FOCAL GROUP</b>	27 September 2021	<b>50 delegates from 16 countries:</b> Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Luis Iván Hernández (ANCE/FINCA)
<b>MEETING OF THE COPANT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TC 152 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY LABELLING</b>	27 & 28 September 2021	<b>114 delegates from 17 countries:</b> Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT/TC 152 COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL COURSE ON BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b>	17 to 19 November 2021	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
<b>COPANT INTERNSHIP ON CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT</b>	26 to 28 October 2021	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 207</b>	29 October 2021	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Ma. Aurora Agulló (IRAM)
<b>COPANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	11 November 2021	Programmed	Buenos Aires, Argentina	COPANT
<b>EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 4: Best Practices to improve the financial management of NSBs</b>	23 & 24 November 2021	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL COURSE ON STANDARDIZATION IN THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY INDUSTRY SECTOR</b>	7 and 9 December 2021	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
<b>VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 176</b>	To be defined	Programmed	Zoom	Cristian Vázquez (IRAM)

### Promotion and information

- Participation of COPANT in International Events:
  - ISO 2021 GA and 55th Plenary Session of the ISO/DEVCO through Zoom.
  - IEC 2021 Annual Meeting via Zoom.
  - FINCA Annual Meeting, September 2021, via Zoom.
  - 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). ISO and IEC Technical Committee meetings have been held virtually since March 2020.
- 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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