

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:** Identity, 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 Committee's work at ISO and IEC in identified strategic area of importance to the member body.

Past and future COPANT meetings

General Assembly

- GA 2021: Held via Zoom (April 21, 2021)
- GA 2022: Held via Zoom (April 26, 2022)
- GA 2023: To be held on a face-to-face/hybrid basis in Barbados (April 2023).

Board of Directors

- N° 41 online meeting (April 21, 2021)
- N° 42 online meeting (November 11, 2021)
- N° 43 online meeting (April 27, 2021)
- N° 44 meeting to be held on a face-to-face/hybrid basis in Buenos Aires, Argentina (November 9, 2022)
- N° 45 meeting to be held on a face-to-face/hybrid basis in Barbados (April 2023)

Highlights issues 2021

- ✓ COPANT officers (2021-2023): Osvaldo Petroni (IRAM) President; Mauricio Céspedes (INTECO) Vice President, and José Durán (IBNORCA) Treasurer.
- ✓ The 2021-2025 Strategic Plan defines two main pillars: Capacity Building and Increasing participation in international standardization work in specific areas.
- ✓ Execution of two pilot projects with ISO and IEC to promote greater member participation in the international standardization process (The Draft is partially executed 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](#)), and are jointly executing a Regional Project, with PTB funding, for Quality Infrastructure for the Circular Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Training and Meetings held in 2021

ACTIVITY	DATE	ATTENDED	PLACE	FACILITATOR
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 323	January 15, 2021	23 Participants from 11 NSBs from the following countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	ABNT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/CASCO	February 11, 2021	23 Participants from 16 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Uruguay.	Zoom	IRAM
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Organization and operation of IEC TCs	15 March 2021	98 participants from the following 21 countries: 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 CROSO.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 82 - Solar photovoltaic energy systems	19 March 2021	94 participants from the following 22 countries: 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	72 delegates, representing 21 NSBs and their stakeholders from the following countries: 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	25 participants from 13 NSBs: 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	126 Participants from 32 countries and 7 international organizations: 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	106 Participants from 30 countries and 6 international organizations: 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	63 bilateral meetings	Zoom - Individual rooms	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2021 (GA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING COPANT 2021	21 April 2021	141 Delegates 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	23 Delegates from 10 NSBs and COPANT Officers	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	88 delegates from the following 28 countries: 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	37 delegates from the following 17 countries: 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	37 delegates from the following 16 countries: 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 Secretary of COPANT LARC
EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 2: Standards for new technologies	22 & 23 June 2021	51 delegates from the following 13 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela. Delegates from the Caribbean regional standards body also participated: CROSQ.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 13 - Electrical energy measurement and control	5 July 2021	44 delegates from the following 15 countries: 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 Secretary of COPANT LARC
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 228	8 July de 2021	26 delegates from the following 15 countries: 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	96 delegates from the following 24 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and ISO.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
COPANT INTERNSHIP ON PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION	18 to 22 October 2021	94 delegates from the following 25 countries: 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
VIRTUAL MEETING ON IEC FOCAL GROUP	27 September 2021	50 delegates from 16 countries: 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)
MEETING OF THE COPANT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TC 152 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY LABELLING	27 & 28 September 2021	114 delegates from 17 countries: 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
COPANT INTERNSHIP ON CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	26 to 28 October 2021	130 delegates from 18 countries: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	DGN COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 207	29 October 2021	17 delegates from 9 countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru, Saint Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Ma. Aurora Agulló (IRAM)
COPANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	11 November 2021	22 Delegates from 10 NSBs and COPANT Officers	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
VIRTUAL COURSE ON BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	17 to 19 November 2021	73 delegates from 22 countries: Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States and Venezuela. Delegates from the Caribbean regional standardization body also participated: CROSQ	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 4: Best Practices to improve the financial management of NSBs	23 & 24 November 2021	34 delegates from 16 countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL COURSE ON STANDARDIZATION IN THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY INDUSTRY SECTOR	7 and 9 December 2021	65 delegates from 20 countries: Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela. Delegates from the Caribbean regional standardization body also participated: CROSQ	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT



Training and Meetings scheduled for 2022

ACTIVITY	DATE	ATTENDED	PLACE	FACILITATOR
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 331	March 2022	13 delegates from 9 countries: Brazil, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay and Venezuela.	Zoom	Eduardo Sao Thiago (ABNT)
WORKSHOP FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE 1: Best Practices for Establishing and Operating Remote Educational Services	22 February 2022	35 delegates from 11 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, as well as delegates from the Caribbean regional organization: CROSQ	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING TC 152-036 - Telemanagement Systems	22 February 2022	Held	Zoom	Fabián Yaksic (TC 152)
VIRTUAL MEETING TC 152-Standard 1712 - automatic washing machines	30 March 2022	27 delegates from 6 countries: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, and Peru.	Zoom	Fabián Yaksic (TC 152)
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/CASCO	April 12, 2022	24 delegates from 12 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Cristian Vázquez (IRAM)
COPANT WEEK 2022 WORKSHOP 1: ISO Smart	25 April 2022	171 delegates from 33 countries and regional/international organizations: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela; as well as representatives from ISO, IEC, CEN-CENELEC, CROSQ, CANENA, PTB, UNIDO, PASC, IAAC, and SIM.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2022 WORKSHOP 2: Climate Change & Circular Economy	25 April 2022	174 delegates from 34 countries and regional/international organizations: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela; as well as representatives from ISO, IEC, CEN-CENELEC, CROSQ, PTB, UNIDO, PASC, IAAC, and SIM.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2022 (GA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING COPANT 2022	26 April 2022	122 delegates: 25 active members, 10 adherent members, and 10 invited organizations.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	27 April 2022	20 delegates from 10 NSBs	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT
COPANT WEEK 2022 NETWORKING MEETINGS	28 April 2022	31 bilateral meetings held	Zoom Individual rooms	COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/COPOLCO	May 10 de 2022	26 delegates from 17 countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom, United States of America and United States of America.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Guillermo Zucal (IRAM)
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 323	May 10 de 2022	35 delegates from 13 countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela.	Zoom	Eduardo Sao Thiago (ABNT)
WORKSHOP FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE 2: Good Standardization Practices and Good Regulatory Practices	26 May 2022	88 delegates from 19 countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, United States, Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 228	20 June 2022	13 delegates from 12 countries: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Cristian Vázquez (IRAM)



VIRTUAL MEETINGS TC 152-005 Single-phase and Three-phase electric motors	5 July 2022 8 August 2022 14 September 2022	12 delegates from 5 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.	Zoom	Fabián Yaksic (TC 152)
WORKSHOP FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE: Best Practices for standardization in the ergonomics sector	16 August 2022	48 delegates from 13 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
WORKSHOP FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE 3: Best Practices for Gender Inclusion in Standardization (follow-up to action plans)	26 August 2022	36 delegates from 16 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Saint Lucia, Switzerland and Venezuela. With the support of UNECE and ISO	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING ON IEC FOCAL GROUP	26 September 2022	46 delegates from 12 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, United States and Venezuela.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Luis Iván Hernández (ANCE/FINCA)
TC 152	26 to 28 September 2022	132 delegates from 12 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, United States and Venezuela.	Zoom	Secretary of COPANT/TC 152 COPANT
WEBINARS WITH IEC: Technical Committee 14 - Power Transformers	11 October 2022	41 delegates from 8 countries: Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and the United States.	Zoom Simultaneous translation	IEC LARC Secretary of COPANT
COPANT INTERNSHIP ON STANDARDIZATION	24 to 28 October 2022	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	COPANT / ICONTEC
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 207	3 November 2022	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Ma. Aurora Agulló (IRAM)
COPANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	9 November 2022	Programmed	Buenos Aires/Hybrid Simultaneous translation	COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING FOCAL GROUP ISO/TC 176	15 November 2022	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Cristian Vázquez (IRAM)
WORKSHOP FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE 4: Benefit of Standardization for SMEs/Tourism	29 November 2022	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Secretary of COPANT
VIRTUAL MEETING TC 152-034 Household printers	To be defined	Programmed	Zoom Simultaneous translation	Fabián Yaksic (TC 152)

Promotion and information

- Participation of COPANT in International Events:
 - ISO 2022 GA and 56th Plenary Session of the ISO/DEVCO in Abu Dhabi (UAE) and through Zoom.
 - IEC 2021 Annual Meeting via Zoom.
 - FINCA Annual Meeting, September 2022, via Zoom.
 - IAAC General Assembly, August 2022 (Zoom)
 - SIM General Assembly, October 2021 (Zoom)
 - CEN and CENELEC General Assemblies, June 2022 (Zoom)
- Translation of IEC e-Tech News articles into Spanish and review of the translation of some ISO Focus articles.

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