

COPANT report to SIM (September 2025)

Introduction to COPANT

The Pan American Standards Commission is a non-profit civil association that brings together the National Standards Bodies (NSBs) of the Americas, which currently have 32 active members and 10 adherent members. COPANT is the benchmark for technical standardization and conformity assessment in the countries of the Americas and their international counterparts, 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 make up COPANT and to achieve institutional recognition for its contributions both to regional development and to the strengthening of international standardization.

MISSION

Promote the development of NSBs in the region and 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;
- Promotion of the use of international practices in conformity assessment services; and
- Implementing strategies that promote innovation based on standardization

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021-2025:

1. **Capacity Building:** Identify, promote and support activities to build and improve the capacity of COPANT members, the standardization infrastructure, encouraging communication, cooperation, mutual collaboration and the shared and efficient use of resources.
2. **Increase participation in international standardization work in specific areas:** Strengthen the capacity of COPANT members to prioritize and effectively participate in the work of ISO and IEC Technical and Political Committees by identifying strategic areas of importance to the member organization.

1 Snapshot of the First Half-Year 2025

Theme	Concrete Results / Next Steps
Governance	Board of Directors (6 May 2025, Havana): endorsed preparation of COPANT Strategic Plan 2026-2030; approved five bi-national projects under the Innovation & Development Fund 2025; confirmed Nassau (27 Apr – 1 May 2026) as host of COPANT Week 2026.
COPANT Week 2025	4-7 May, Havana – 100 on-site + 39 remote delegates (26 Full, 10 Adhering Members). 12 resolutions adopted; four strategic-planning workshops; keynote by Cuba's Prime Minister; workshop on SME participation in standards; panel on digital transformation.
Digital-Transformation Project (Phase 2)	Eight NSBs completed intensive clinics and coaching (Jan–Jul). Output: a three-year, KPI-based digital roadmap for each NSB. The NSB presented its findings in sessions open to other members.
Regional Follow-up to ISO / IEC Work	Focal Groups on CASCO, Tourism (ISO/TC 228) and Lithium (ISO/TC 333); webinars on ISO 14060 (Net-Zero) and ESG principles (IWA 48).
Innovation & Development Fund 2025	Five projects launched in June; progress reports will be presented to the COPANT Board every six months.
Capacity-Building Programme	Five bilingual ES/EN courses scheduled July–November 2025.
QICA Secretariat	COPANT, as rotating secretariat, opened PTB-funded QI4EC II Phase 2 and hosted the 25 Jun webinar on Synergies of QI in the Americas, with 135 participants from 22 countries.

2 COPANT Week 2025 – Highlights

- **Strategic Vision 2030** – four workshops captured member expectations on digital standards lifecycle, SME inclusion, sustainable development and regional innovation.
- **Election of Officers** – President: Mauricio Céspedes (from INTECO), Vice-president: Roberto Montoya (from ICONTEC) and Treasurer: José Durán (from IBNORCA) were re-elected.
- **Technical Programme** – Workshop on innovation & SMEs; Panel on digital transformation; Business Round-table among 18 NSBs.

3 Focal-Groups, Webinars & TC Calendar 2025

Date	Group / Venue	Purpose / Status
27 Mar	FG CASCO (online)	Regional positions on CASCO plenary items of the agenda adopted.
24 Apr	FG ISO/TC 228 – Tourism (online)	Briefings by UNE & ABNT; Spanish Translation Task Force proposed; nominations to WG 22.
17 Jun	FG ISO/TC 333 – Lithium (online)	Work-plan for Spanish ISO/FDIS 7819; national comment deadline 19 Jul.
21 May	Webinar ISO 14060 Net-Zero	Walk-through of draft; agreement to harmonise CD comments.
30 May	Webinar ESG Principles – IWA 48	Comparative analysis of frameworks; briefing note prepared.
8 Jul / 22 Jul / 17 Oct	Upcoming FGs (ISO/TC 323, 331, 207)	Will coordinate regional inputs on circular economy, biodiversity and environmental management. An in-person FG workshop is planned for ISO/TC 323 during its plenary meeting in Jamaica in October.
26-27 Aug	TC 152 & joint FG IEC (Buenos Aires)	Regional roadmap for IEC contributions; digital testing protocols discussion. Review of COPANT draft standards on energy efficiency.

4 Capacity-Building Programme 2025 – Course Portfolio

Course	Schedule	Learning Outcomes
Change Management for NSBs	15, 17, 28 & 31 Jul	Lead the Change: Strategies and Models for Successful Transformations in Management Systems.
Ethical Principles & Copyright in AI for Standardisation	4, 6, 19 & 21 Aug	Strengthen competencies of NSBs in the ethical, legal, and regulatory analysis of AI within the context of standardization.
Measuring the Impact of Standards	22-26 Sep	Technical capabilities in assessing the value generated through the adoption of standards. Indicators; data-collection; linking evidence to policy.
Marketing And Sales of Standards + Digital Communication Strategy	20-24 Oct	Strengthen the capacities of NSBs in promoting, marketing, and positioning technical standards through digital platforms and effective communication campaigns.
Conformity Assessment	4, 6, 18, 20 Nov	Strengthen technical capabilities of NSBs in implementing product certification schemes supported by digital tools and alternative approaches.

5 Innovation & Development Fund 2025 – Project List

Lead NSB	Partner NSB	Theme
NC (Cuba)	BHN (Haiti)	Metrology for electromobility draft-standard.
IBNORCA (Bolivia)	INTN (Paraguay)	Industrial-safety standards toolkit.
ICONTEC (Colombia)	INACAL (Peru)	Smart-farming standardisation roadmap.
INTECO (Costa Rica)	COGUANOR (Guatemala)	NSB governance model & checklist.
INTECO (Costa Rica)	OHN (Honduras)	Guide on good standardisation practices.

Progress reports will be presented to the COPANT Board every six months.

6 Digital-Transformation Project – Key Facts

Participants	8 NSBs with 2024 digital-maturity diagnoses.
Phase 2 Scope	Group clinics + tailored coaching (Feb-Jul 2025).
Deliverable	Three-year roadmap per NSB with KPIs and budgets.
Completion	Virtual showcase sessions late-July 2025 open to all members.

7 Quality Infrastructure Council of the Americas (QICA)

Rotating secretariat (2024-2025): COPANT.

QI4EC II Phase 2 (PTB-funded) launched Apr 2025 to develop QI services for circular economy.

8 Strategic Plan 2026-2030 – Draft Lines

1. Capacity Building and Technical Inclusion
2. Digital Transformation and Innovation
3. Sustainability, Climate Change, and Circular Economy
4. Governance, Partnerships, and Impact

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