

Committee of R8 Standards Coordination (Ad Hoc)

Reporting Officer Name

R8 Standards Coordinator

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Goals

The role of Sections and the Region 8 Committee with respect to Standards is to increase awareness about the IEEE Standards creation process and the Standards themselves. R8 SC's role is to encourage active engagement in standardisation activities and maintain awareness of Standards issues among the members of the R8 Committee and Region 8 members.

Key performance indicators.

1. Promotion of Region 8 Standards
2. Publicising R8 Standard Award Recipients

Committee set up

- Chair: Mona Ghassemian (UK&Ireland)
- Vice-chair: David Law (UK&Ireland)
- Past-chair: Tuncer Baykas (Turkey)
- Members: Alben Mihovska (Bulgaria), Paulo Goncalves (Portugal)
- Ex-officio Members: Meng Lu (Benelux), Shmuel Auster (Israel)
- Advisors: Clara Neppel (Germany), Ali Hessami (UK&Ireland)

The R8SC committee holds quarterly meetings to discuss and plan upcoming activities.

Progress against goals since the last report at Region 8 Fall meeting (October 2024)

- **October 2024:** Tuncer Baykas: Keynote Speaker Eleco 2024 28-30 October Turkiye (<http://www.eleco.org.tr/>)
- **November 2024:** Multi-regional “Why Standards matters Workshop” at IEEE CSCN 24
Speakers: Glenn Parsons (R7)- Mona Ghassemian - James Irvine- Ali Hessami (R8)- Sri Chandrasekaran (IEEE SA), Irene Kitsara, (IEEE European Standardization Initiatives), IEEE CSCN, Serbia, [Report for R8 OpCom](#)
- **December 2024:** Clara Neppel: 12th Dec- conference in Geneva (ITU) climate change
- **February 2025:** Strathclyde university, UK [A Game of Standardisation - UK and Ireland Section](#)

2025 planned activities:

- **90-Minute Workshop (online):** A few weeks after the Region 8 meeting: To be announced
- **2nd Multi-Region Standard Workshop in Vancouver (May):** Subject to last year's MGA surplus agreement
- **Half-Day Standard Hands-On Workshop - RTSI (August):** Proposal deadline of 15th April
- **Joint Workshop with IEEE SA - Africon Event (December):** Planned for December 2025 subject to the MGA surplus funding. [2025 MGA surplus funding proposal-R8SC-TT-MG-fin.docx](#)

Committee of R8 Specific Issues 1

Considering IEEE is one of the world's largest standards organisations, R8 standard coordinator and the R8 standards coordination ad hoc committee play a vital role in educating and promoting engagement about standards within Region 8 members. Therefore our recommendation is that the IEEE R8 Standards Committee is provided a channel to deliver its defined charter by Region 8 and under the technical activities such as participation in annual meetings that chapter coordinators participate in, and quarterly eNotice. This arrangement would facilitate our ability to convene during region 8 meetings and enhance our capacity to deliver improved outcomes.

Committee of R8 Specific Issues 1

Apart from general awareness raising and encouragement for active participation, the R8 Standards Coordination Ad Hoc Committee could also showcase and promote specific genre of standards in development or recent releases that have major

global and R8 interest and impact such as those in AI, Technology Ethics, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Technologies, Quantum Computing etc.

Points of Concern

A clear path and process for alignment with IEEE SA must be established at the director level and reflected in the Region 8 Standards Coordinations charter and R8 bylaws and operational manual as necessary.

Proposals for improvements/Other Issues to report

The Region 8 SC has conveyed the request from a Region 8 section chair concerning the appointment of a section-level standard ambassador. This request has initiated discussions for a standard ambassador programme, with Region 8 serving as the pilot for this initiative. The details of the programme are still pending and will be shared by IEEE SA with the Region 8 committee in due course.