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<http://www.jtc1access.org>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO/IEC_JTC_1/SWG-A

Participation

- National Bodies: Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, United States
- JTC 1 Subcommittees: SC 7, SC 29, SC 35, SC 36
- ISO and IEC TCs: ISO/TC 159, IEC/TC 100
- ITU-T SGs: ITU-T SG 16
- Regional standard development and support organizations: CEN/ISSS, CEN TC 224 WG 6, DATSCG, ETSI/HF, ETSI HF STF 333, EUAIN, ITI
- Consortia/fora: Linux Foundation, W3C/Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)
- Consumer Organizations, User Representatives and other interested parties: AFB Tech, Altarum Institute/Accessibility Forum, ANEC, Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (via the Japanese National Body), JIS Committee on Web Accessibility, Royal National Institute of the Blind (via the UK National Body), US Access Board, US Department of Education, University of Wisconsin (Trace R&D Center), Visual Impairment Knowledge Centre, WGBH National Center for Accessible Media

Ad Hoc groups

- Ad Hoc 15 – Evolution of Database Definition for the Accessibility Standards Inventory (Leader: Dr. Jim Carter – Canada)
- Ad Hoc 16 – Guidance for Accessible Production of Documents in Accessible Formats (Leader Dr. Kate Grant, UK)
- Ad Hoc 17 – Individualization/Personalization for or Related to Accessibility (Dr. Chris Francis, UK)
- Ad Hoc 18 – User Needs Summary Refresh (Leader: Dr. Jim Carter – Canada)

Accessibility Guidance on JTC 1 SDs

In response to JTC 1 November 2013 Perros-Guirec Resolution 25, the JTC 1 SWG on Accessibility developed a contribution ([SWG-A N 562](#)) at its February 2014 meeting on SDs 1, 7 and 12 for consideration at the May 2014 SWG-Directives meeting in Sydney, Australia.

Past Plenary Meetings

- 17 February 2014 (WebEx / teleconference)
- 24 June 2014 (WebEx / teleconference)
- 14-16 October 2014 (WebEx / teleconference)

Upcoming Plenary Meetings

- Late November or early December 2014
- 3-5 February 2015 (F-2-F with WebEx / teleconference access) – location/host TBD

SWG-Accessibility Leadership Change and Background

Background

- Alex Li's employment has been unexpectedly terminated. Resignation from convenorship effective as of October 16, 2014
- US withdraws the endorsement of Alex Li as candidate for JTC 1 SWG-Accessibility convenor.
- US submits the relinquishment of the secretariat position.
- Following JTC 1 resolution 23 from San Diego:
- ISO/IEC 29138-2 is transitioned as an ISO publication "Inventory of accessibility and accessibility-related information technology standards and specifications", which is now available at OBP. – Status: updates requested via [SWG-A N 579](#) for consideration at October 2014 meeting; input received; update expected within October 2014.
- Timing of TR 29138-1 and TR29138-3 transition depends on Guide 71 development. – Status: additional user needs requested via [SWG-A N 580](#) for consideration at October 2014 meeting; input received; further processing necessary to incorporate changes; US proposed via [SWG-A N 589](#) to transform to JTC 1 publications with minor edits without incorporating Guide 71 update or input received.

SWG-Accessibility conceivable path forward

Options	Action Required
1: No change in SWG-Accessibility	Nomination of new convenor; potential nomination of new secretariat if SWG-Accessibility continues beyond October 2015
2: Termination of SWG-Accessibility without transfer of responsibilities	Transform TR 29138 part 1 and 3 with SWG N589
3: Termination of SWG-Accessibility with partial or full transfer of responsibilities [Recommendation from SWG-Accessibility]	Assign a group, potentially SC35, to take over the standard inventory and TR 29138 part 1 and 3; the group may maintain the documents as TR or transform the content into JTC 1 publications; Assign champion(s) to be responsible for advising JTC 1 on accessibility issues; details in the following table

Details on Option 3: transfer some or all SWG-Accessibility responsibilities

Current Responsibilities	Potential Assignment
Determine an approach to, and implement, the gathering of accessibility-related information, being mindful of the varied and unique opportunities including direct participation of user organizations, workshops, and liaisons	SC35
Maintain and disseminate up-to-date information of all known accessibility-related standards efforts, i.e. the standards inventory	SC35
Maintain and disseminate up-to-date information on accessibility-related user needs, i.e. the user needs summary	SC35
Through wide dissemination of the SWG materials, encourage the use of globally relevant voluntary accessibility-related standards	Champion(s)
Together with PAS mentors, advise consortia/fora, if requested, in their submission of accessibility-related standards/specifications to the formal standards process	Champion(s)
Provide support when JTC 1 needs assistance related to accessibility (such as duties for WSC Accessibility Strategic Advisory Group and input on accessible ISO web content)	Champion(s)
Maintain jtc1access.org as a freely available website to disseminate up-to-date information	SC35