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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

- To be scheduled pending JTC 1 decision regarding the future of SWG-A

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 (JTC 1 N 12256).
- US submits the relinquishment of the secretariat position (JTC 1 N 12257).
- 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 |
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| 1: No change in SWG-Accessibility | Call for National Body to assume Secretariat responsibility and nominate Convenor (if no positive answer: option 2 or 3) |
| 2: Termination of SWG-Accessibility without transfer of responsibilities | Transform TR 29138 part 1 and 3 with SWG N 589 which contains minor edits or the TR without incorporating Guide 71 update or other input received |
| 3: <u>Recommendation from SWG-Accessibility</u> : Termination of SWG-Accessibility with partial or full transfer of responsibilities | Assign a group, potentially SC 35, 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; JTC 1 or SWG-M to assign other accessibility-related duties as appropriate; details in the following table |

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

| Current Responsibilities | Potential Assignment |
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| 1: 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 | SC 35 |
| 2: Maintain and disseminate up-to-date information of all known accessibility-related standards efforts, i.e. the standards inventory | SC 35 |
| 3: Maintain and disseminate up-to-date information on accessibility-related user needs, i.e. the user needs summary | SC 35 |
| 4: Through wide dissemination of the SWG materials, encourage the use of globally relevant voluntary accessibility-related standards | See standard inventory above |
| 5: Together with PAS mentors, advise consortia/fora, if requested, in their submission of accessibility-related standards/specifications to the formal standards process | To be assigned as appropriate by JTC 1 or SWG-M |
| 6: 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) | To be assigned as appropriate by JTC 1 or SWG-M |
| 7: Maintain jtc1access.org as a freely available website to disseminate up-to-date information; potentially transition and redirect to jtc1info.org | SC 35 |

Appendix

Noted implication of transitioning SWG-A work to an SC

- Organizations participating in SWG-A do not necessarily have the same standing as a liaison within an SC. Inclusive participation policy should be encouraged by the SC to facilitate continuous involvement.
- The content of TR 29138 has always been freely available and cited liberally in research and publications. Similar policy should be formulated to sustain continuous utility of the TR.
- Transformation of TR 29138 part 1 & 3 to JTC 1 publication may not be necessary if the work of SWG-A is to be transferred to an SC.
- User needs will evolve over time due to technology advancements. SC tasked to maintain the TR should update the user needs summary as appropriate.