



## **Joint Initiative on SDO Global Health Informatics Standardization**

### **Joint Working Group Terms of Reference**

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The Joint Working Group is a planning, process determination and coordinating group that makes recommendations to the Joint Initiative Council on resolving gaps, overlaps or issues of counterproductive standardization.

The Joint Working Group is responsible for:

- Identifying and analyzing, defining and documenting specific gaps, overlaps, issues and tasks to be addressed;
  - Using use cases and including all parts of the standards life cycle
- Developing, testing and using effective decision processes for international standardization needs; and
  - Developing common processes for harmonization in accordance with participating SDO processes
- Developing an integrated work program amongst the participating SDOs for approval by the Joint Initiative Council, including
  - Collection and summarization of participating SDO work plans;
  - Educating on and building awareness of, relevant standards activity;
  - Reviewing the work plans of participating SDO for purposes of coordination; and determining overlaps, gaps and counterproductive standardization
  - Monitoring and providing feedback on the outcomes of the Joint Initiative.

- Encouraging stakeholder engagement and communicating output of the work programme.