



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.