

Title: JTC1 Relationship with Regional Workshops on Open Systems

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The Regional Workshops have been working on developing and harmonising JTC1 Profiles for some time, greatly increasing JTC1 responsiveness to user demand. Recently, the Regional Workshops seem to be entering a phase where a good proportion of this type of work is completed and the momentum of the workshops appears to be faltering.

Future directions seem uncertain and there is a growing interest within the Workshops in addressing topics not presently within the scope of JTC1.

The Regional Workshops fulfil a valuable role in the area of assisting JTC1 meet user demand for a reduction in "time-to-market" standards. It is in JTC1's interest to be proactive in this area and discuss with the Regional Workshops, areas of potential continued RWS input in the work of JTC1.

It is proposed:

1. JTC1 form an AD-Hoc or SWG (Special Working Group) to identify potential areas where AOW, EWOS and OIW could provide valuable input to JTC1 present and future work; and
2. JTC1 immediately initiate discussions with the Regional Workshops regarding JTC1's interest in maintaining strong and meaningful relationships with the Workshops and invite input to the new Ad-Hoc.