

5th May 2023

New-Caledonia will host the Standardization week of the Pacific countries

New-Caledonia will host, for the first time, the annual meeting of the Pacific area standardization organizations (PASC Pacific Area Standards Congress), jointly to the annual meeting of the Pacific islands standard committee (PISC). These two organizations, both working on standard systems harmonization, will meet together in Nouméa from the 29th May to the 2nd of June 2023.

PASC (Pacific Area Standards Congress) gathers standard agencies of 25 countries sharing a coast with the Pacific Ocean, among which USA, Canada, China, Japan, Australia, New-Zealand, and also South America and Asian countries, and since 2019, New-Caledonia.

PISC (Pacific Island Standard Committee) is a standard organization grouping the 18 countries of the Pacific Islands Forum. New-Caledonia holds the presidency of PISC.

Climate change impacts on standardization constitute the 2023 joint session major thematic. Works will start on the Monday 29th May with PISC members sessions, joined from the 31st May by PASC members for joint sessions, until Friday 2nd June.

More than 80 people, coming from 40 countries are already registered.

They are, mostly, attached to their country ministry of economy or responsible of standard agencies.

« It is the first time New-Caledonia hosts such a big event and it is also the first time than PISC and PASC are working together, on the same stakes and on our thematic, says Djamil Abdelaziz, director of the New-Caledonia Construction Referential (RCNC) and current president of PISC. Gathering all these people in New-Caledonia is a real challenge, most of them did even ignore New-Caledonia existence two months ago. »

Within the most important subjects, necessary adaptation of standards to climate change will be discussed. Most experienced countries will be able to share their skills and strategies with the Pacific islands. These countries have the ambition, through PISC, to elaborate common and convergent methodologic and normative approaches on shared diagnostics concerning the vulnerability of the region.

Even more, the exchanges will bear on the harmonization of standard systems between the countries in fields as varied as health, food, climate change, e-commerce, cybersecurity, electric appliance, construction, safety at work, tourism or education.

Two pilot workshops will be open for this occasion: one on building energy efficiency, with reference to the New Caledonia [“PEB” standard](#), adopted in July 2020. Another relating to cassava treatment and conservation, a specific Pacific Islands subject.

« Standardization, and specifically harmonization of various national or regional standardizations are essential leverages for our regional integration and development of exchanges within our regional economic area indicates Djamil Abdelaziz. The two experimentations (cassava and PEB) are also operated to calibrate our collective working

methods on conception or adaptation of good practices that would be introduced into regional standards. We have to learn to work together, these two subjects will enable us, along the week, to move forward together gradually. »

PISC sessions will be held in a Nouméa hotel, on Monday and Tuesday. The three following days, the session will be held at South Pacific Community (SPC), walking distance to the hotel. Participation to these events is possible by [registering online](#).

Economic and state organizations are welcome to support the event through a large panel of [sponsorship formulas](#).

Thus, some site visits will be organized.



NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA
MAY 31-JUNE 2 2023