



TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL ISO ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STANDARD

UNIDO-ABNT Regional Meeting 27-29 August 2008, São Paulo, Brazil

In February 2008 the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) approved the establishment of a new project committee (PC 242 - Energy Management) appointed to develop the **new ISO Management System Standard for Energy, ISO 50001**.

Energy management standards constitute a proven market-based mechanism for industry to reduce operating costs and increase profitability through sustainable energy efficiency. They offer an expert and best practices-based framework for organizations and enterprises to develop energy efficiency goals, create plans to achieve those goals, prioritize efficiency measures and investments, monitor and document results and ensure continuity and constant improvement of energy performance.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has been active in supporting the development process of ISO 50001 by raising awareness and ensuring that the issues and barriers of industry, government policy makers and other concerned stakeholders in developing countries and emerging economies are taken into consideration during the development of this standard. To that end, UNIDO is sponsoring regional meetings to obtain industry input. The first meeting was held in Southeast Asia. The next meeting, for Latin America, is being held in cooperation with the Associação Brasileira de Normas Técnicas (ABNT) in São Paulo, Brazil on 27-29 August.

The purpose of the UNIDO-ABNT meeting is to introduce the energy management concepts behind ISO 50001 and to obtain input from leading experts and managers concerning their views on the new energy management standard and its likely impact on industrial operations and energy efficiency policy in Latin America. The meeting is primarily targeted to representatives of industry and manufacturing enterprises, policy-makers from governmental energy agencies and national standards setting authorities, experts in energy management systems and industrial energy efficiency from the region.

HEAR FROM LEADING SPECIALISTS AND VOICE YOUR INTERESTS ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU MOST!

By attending this meeting industry and enterprises will have the opportunity to learn more about energy management standards; they will learn about international and regional peers' experience, and better understand how ISO 50001 will impact their practices & performance.

The meeting will provide industry and enterprises a key opportunity to participate in the ISO 50001 development process by voicing their concerns and interests, and to make recommendations to ISO PC 242. It will allow industry and enterprises to inform policy-makers and other relevant institutions about the best options and measures to support industry in benefiting from the adoption and implementation of ISO 50001.

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