



Advanced Capacity Training Workshop on International AI Standardization for Latin America – Agenda and Speakers

February 25-26, 2026 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Day 1

Time	Session	Description
9:00 - 9:05 am	Welcome and Opening	
9:05 - 9:35 am	Opening Remarks	Prashant Hemady , Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Management Counselor, the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo Dimitrios Meritis , Foreign Affairs Officer, the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy
9:35 - 9:45 am	Introductions and Housekeeping	
9:45 - 10:25 am	How do you Participate in International Standards	
10:25 - 10:40 am	Group Photo and Break	
10:40 - 12:00 am	Participation in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42: Current Activities	Kimberly Lucy , Director of GRC Standards, Microsoft
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	N/A
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Supporting Standards Governance Processes	
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Cooperating with Allies and Partners to Support Standards Governance Processes: Benefits and Vision	Kimberly Lucy , Director of GRC Standards, Microsoft
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Economic Benefits to Broader Standards Participation	Kimberly Lucy , Director of GRC Standards, Microsoft
3:45 - 4:15 pm	Scenarios highlighting the benefits of standards	
4:15 - 4:30 pm	Day 1 Wrap-Up	



Day 2

Time	Session	Description
9:00 - 9:15 am	Opening of Day 2 & Housekeeping	
9:15 - 10:30 am	International AI Standards Deep Dive	Kimberly Lucy , Director of GRC Standards, Microsoft
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 - 12:00 am	Adopting International Standards for Domestic Policies and Laws	
12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch	
1:15 - 2:00 pm	Peer Perspective Sharing: Transitioning from O- to P-Membership (Brazil and the Dominican Republic)	
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Broad Based Training Action Plan Review	
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Action Plan Updates	
4:15 - 4:30 pm	Day 2 Wrap-Up	



Speakers



Prashant Hemady

Prashant Hemady is the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Management Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo. Prashant has previously served as Supervisory General Service Officer in Paris, Director of the Iraq Support Unit in Amman, and as Post Management Officer in Washington. He has also served in various positions in Belfast, Chennai, and Beijing.

Prior to joining the Department of State in 2007, Prashant worked in New York for a decade, first in asset management at D. E. Shaw, and then in operations management at J. Crew.

Prashant obtained his MBA from the Wharton School and his BA from Hamilton College.



Dimitrios Meritis

Dimitrios Meritis is a Foreign Affairs Officer in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy. He serves as the Department's subject matter expert and lead action officer for U.S. foreign policy specific to international standards for critical and emerging technology (CET). Mr. Meritis joined State after working on similar issues for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), including the development and implementation of the U.S. government's first National Standards Strategy for CET. A Marine Corps veteran and HillVets Congressional Fellow, his portfolio covered technology, trade, and national security issues in the United States Senate. Mr. Meritis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs from Miami University, a Master of Science in European Affairs from Lund University, and a Master of International Policy and Practice from The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs.



Kimberly Lucy

Kim Lucy is a Director of GRC Standards at Microsoft, where she has worked for over a decade. She began her career at EY performing info security auditing and consulting. Kim has practical experience implementing and auditing security and privacy standards for diverse organizations, and now works as part of Microsoft's Corporate Standards Group, participating in ISO/IEC standards committees to help develop, draft, and revise international standards for artificial intelligence, privacy, cybersecurity, and conformity assessment. She is particularly interested in the alignment of international standards to regulatory and legal frameworks, as well as modernizing conformity assessment ecosystems to address the unique challenges of digital technologies such as artificial intelligence.