COPANT ORGANIZED AN ISO/TC 207 WORKSHOP FOR ITS MEMBERS IN BERLIN

COPANT was well represented at meetings of the ISO Committee on Environmental Management

As part of the plenary meeting of the ISO Committee on Environmental Management (ISO/TC 207) held in Berlin, Germany, from 29 May to 7 June, COPANT organized for its members, on May 31st, a Preparatory Workshop for participation in all meetings of the ISO/TC 207 sub-committees.

This is the third time that this COPANT workshop has been held with the support of the PTB, the first event was held in Halifax in 2017 and the second in Berlin in 2018.

Representatives of 11 NSOs from the following countries participated in the COPANT Workshop: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador, Saint Lucia and Uruguay. The main objectives were:

- Analyze with the COPANT NSBs the ISO/TC 207 Meeting Agenda and comment on the Plenary’s working mechanisms and working documents.
- Explanation of the operation and the documents analyzed in the ISO/TC 207 Sub-Committees:
  
  o ISO/TC 207/SC 1  Environmental management systems
  o ISO/TC 207/SC 2  Environmental auditing and related environmental investigations
  o ISO/TC 207/SC 3  Environmental labelling
  o ISO/TC 207/SC 5  Life cycle assessment
- Presentations by NSBs on the functioning of their National Mirror Committees

The facilitator of this event was María Aurora Agulló from IRAM, who has recently been elected as Convenor of Developing Countries Coordination Group of ISO/TC 207 (DCCG).
During the meetings week, a meeting of the Translation Group of ISO Standards into Spanish - STTF/207 was also held, led by UNE of Spain. It is worth noting that in the resolutions of the ISO/TC 207 Plenary, the work of this group was highlighted: “Berlin – ISO/TC207 Appreciation 2019: ISO/ TC207 appreciates the hard work of the STTF in translating three documents being ISO 14064-1, ISO 14064-2 and ISO14064-3 so quickly after the publication of the English editions”.

In order to better organize the COPANT workshop on ISO/TC 207 and the participation of COPANT members in the ISO/TC 207 Plenary, a Web Ex meeting was previously held on 2 May with 19 participants representing 14 NSBs from the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru, Saint Lucia and Uruguay.

The meeting was organized by the expert, María Aurora Agulló, with the support of the COPANT Secretariat, in order to present the Plenary Agenda in a general way and to emphasize the need for a good preparation for the main themes of the Agenda.