SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COPANT & GSO

On September 22, 2021, within the framework of ISO Week, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the following organizations:

- GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) (Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf GCC)
- Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT)

This Memorandum of Understanding will support the establishment of cooperative and constructive working relationships between GSO and COPANT, as well as improved communication and coordination.

This relationship can open up potential trade relations between our regions.

This agreement will also encourage coordinating and supporting our respective positions at ISO, to support our respective candidacies for ISO governance positions, and to coordinate and support both regions to ensure that the ISO Regional Engagement Policy is successful and beneficial to each of our regions.

Mr. Saud Al-Khusaibi, President of GSO and Mr. Osvaldo Petroni, President of COPANT signed the MOU.

In addition, present at the event were Dr. Zaki M. Al-Rubaei, Head of the Strategy Office and Head of Marketing and International Relations of GSO, and Ms. Kory Eguino, Executive Secretary of COPANT. Both shared their visions for the implementation of this agreement, which can be summarized as follows:

- Conduct regular meetings between the two organizations in order to:
  - Share the current activities of each regional organization
  - Coordinate possible joint activities or invite participation in activities respectively, as long as it is in the interest of each party.
  - Share how the ISO Regional Engagement Policy is progressing in each region and exchange views on how to improve this relationship.
  - Share interest in submitting candidacies to ISO to request the support of the other party.
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