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# The CSA Z1011:20, *Work disability management system* Standard

## Webinar 6 Continued Conversations on the Implications for Persons with Disabilities

Monday January 11, 2021  
12:00 noon to 1 p.m. EST



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## Agenda for the Session

1. Introduction to the CSA Group and standards development
2. Background statistics on the issues
3. High-level summary of the Standard (CSA Z1011:20, *Work disability management system*) with a focus on recruitment, hiring and onboarding
4. Fireside chat with panelists including questions and comments from attendees



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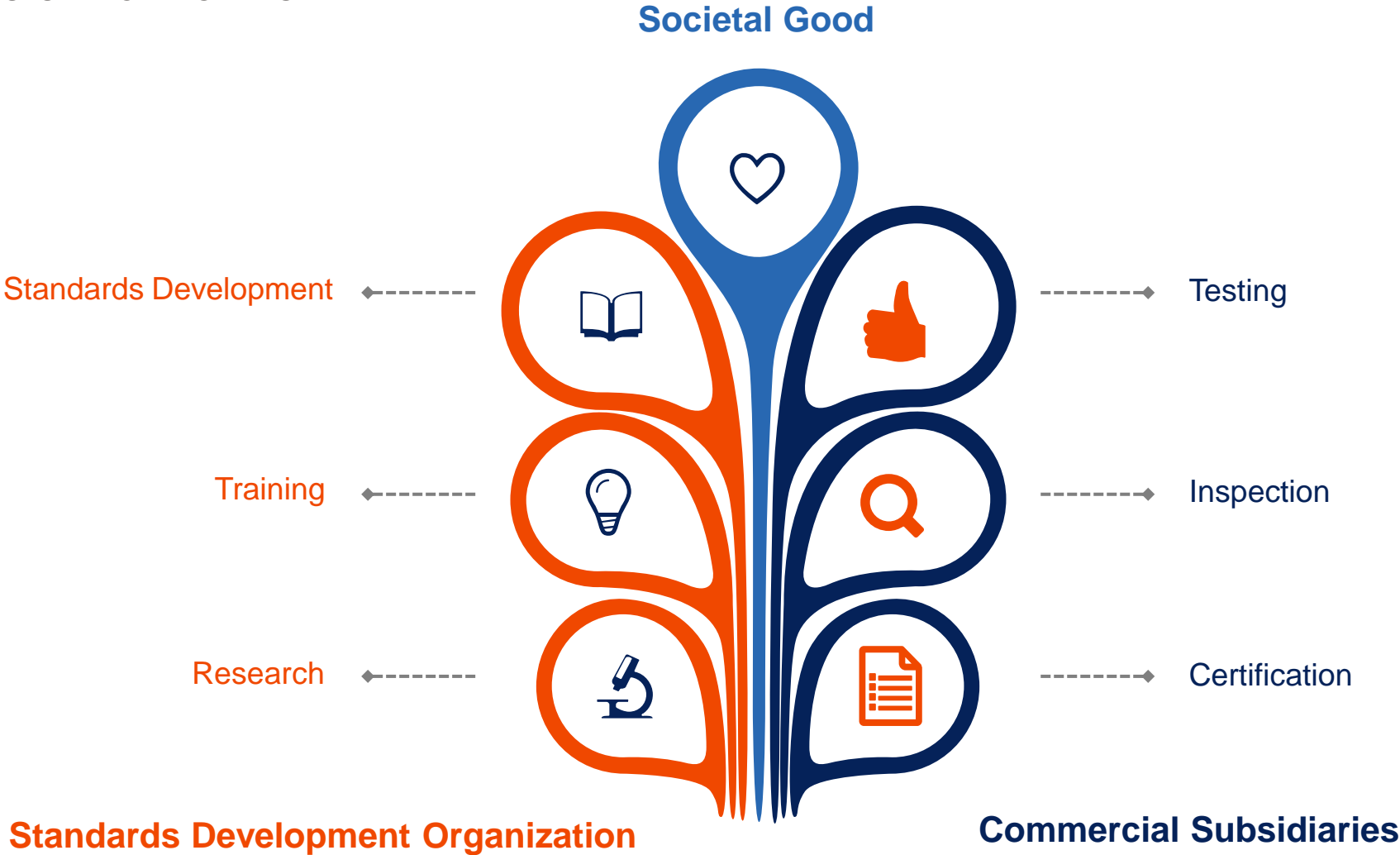
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# Standards Development Process

# CSA Group At-a-Glance

HOLDING THE FUTURE TO A HIGHER STANDARD







# Standards Development Organization



# Consensus Based Decision Making

## OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

- 12 areas of focus
- 10,000 dedicated members
- ~1,115 Standards Technical Committees
- Accredited, balanced, consensus-based approach
- 12 areas of focus



Ensuring the right people are involved, the right voices are heard, and the right process is followed

# Examples of CSA Standards with an Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

## OHS Management System Standards

- CSA Z45001:19 *Occupational health and safety management*
- CSA Z1001-18 *Occupational health and safety training*
- CSA Z1002-12(R2017) *Hazard Identification and elimination and risk assessment and control*
- CSA Z1003-13 *Psychological health and safety in the workplace*
- CSA Z1004-12 *Workplace ergonomics*
- CSA Z1005-17 *Incident Investigation*
- CSA Z1006-16 *Management of work in confined spaces*
- CSA Z1007-16 *Hearing loss prevention program (HLPP) management*
- CSA Z1008 *Management of impairment in the workplace (under development)*
- CSA Z1010-18 *Work in extreme conditions*
- **CSA Z1011:20 Work disability management system**
- CSA B701-17 *Carer-inclusive and accommodating organizations*

- **Occupational Diving Standards**
- **OHS Standards for Public Safety Personnel**
- **OHS Nanotechnology**
- **Machinery and Equipment Safety**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Elevation Hazards**
- **Worker Wellness**
  - CSA Z1003-13, *Psychological health and safety in the workplace*
  - CSA Z1008 *Management of impairment in the workplace (under development)*
  - CSA Z1210-17 *First Aid Kits for the workplace*
  - CSA Z1220-17 *First Aid Training for the workplace*
  - CSA B701-17 *Carer-inclusive and accommodating organizations*
  - *Worker Fatigue*
  - CSA Z1004-12 *Workplace ergonomics*
  - **CSA Z1011:20 Work disability management system**

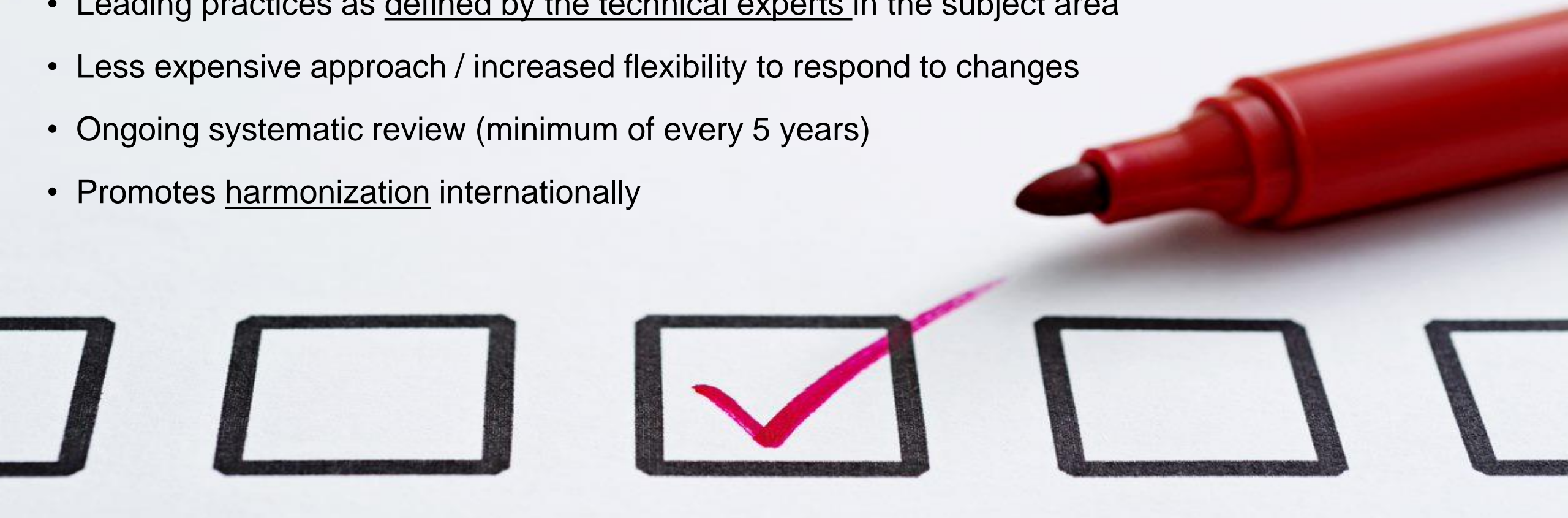


# CSA Standards Development Process – The Cycle

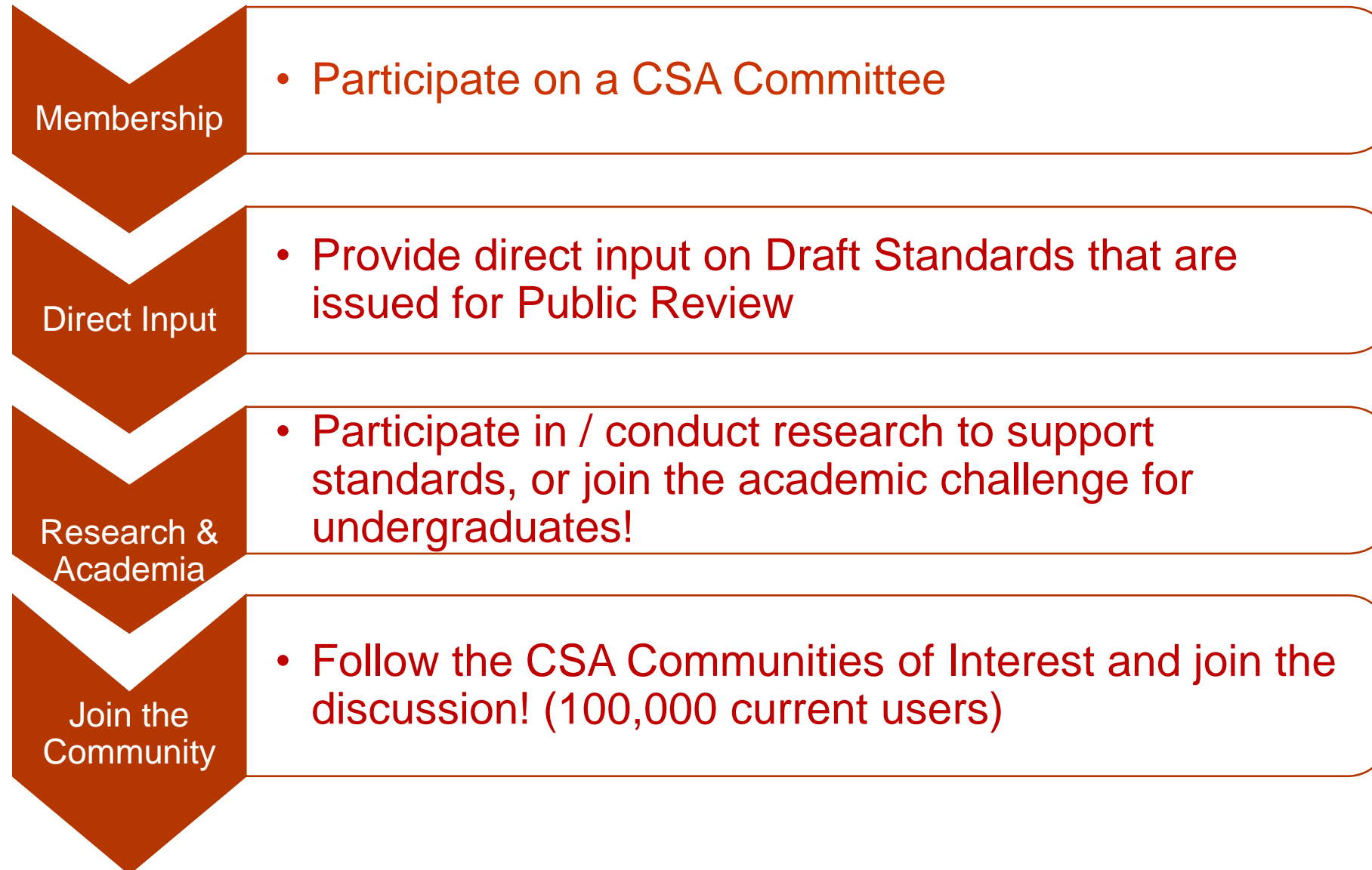


## Why do organizations and governments adopt standards?

- Multi-stakeholder expert volunteer participation using a consensus based approach – CSA Group staff facilitate the accredited process
- Leading practices as defined by the technical experts in the subject area
- Less expensive approach / increased flexibility to respond to changes
- Ongoing systematic review (minimum of every 5 years)
- Promotes harmonization internationally



# How can you or your organization get involved?



# Questions





# Thank you.

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## CSA Z1011 Technical Committee Overview

- Technical Committee Members

- Chair: Emile Tompa
- Vice Chairs: Amin Yazdani  
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- CSA Project Managers: Lina Lopez and Dave Shanahan
- 26 voting members and several non-voting members

- Extensive efforts to ensure balanced representation from broad variety of stakeholder groups and substantive expertise amongst members

- Employer representatives
- Labour/unions and injured/disabled worker representatives
- Health and safety professionals
- Return-to-work specialists
- Experts in work disability prevention
- Work disability insurance/program providers
- Academics/researchers

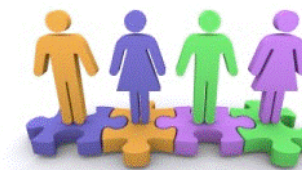






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# Employment Challenges for Persons with Disabilities

Here is some background information to set the stage:

- **Persons with disabilities have disproportionately poorer employment outcomes**, even with appropriate qualifications and work readiness (Morris, 2019; Turcotte, 2014; Till, 2012).
- **Less likely to be employed** compared to those without disabilities (59% vs. 80%) (Stats Canada, 2018a)
- Type and severity of disability can bear on employment outcomes
- Persons with mild disabilities more likely to be employed than those with very severe disabilities (76% vs. 31%)
- **Persons with disabilities also earn less than those without disabilities** (Turcotte, 2014)
- For example, men with disabilities with a university education earn less than men without a disability (\$69,200 vs. \$92,700) (Turcotte, 2014)
- For those employed, persons living with chronic/episodic health conditions are more likely to report productivity loss including absenteeism (i.e., missed workdays) and presenteeism (i.e., working while unwell) (Zhang et al., 2016)
- Overall, employers have much learning to do to better tap into the talent of persons with disabilities
- The Work Disability Management System Standard (CSA Z1011:20) provides a framework to advance an organization's abilities to accommodate the needs of workers with disabilities



## Purpose of the Standard

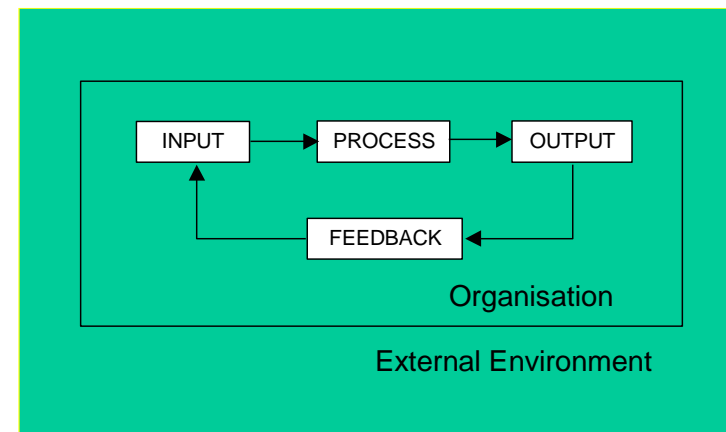
- Provide a consensus-based framework for the management of work disability at the organizational level to address **both physical and mental health needs of workers**
- Include consensus-based guidance for **recruitment, hiring and onboarding** of workers with disabilities
- Supporting materials are provided in Annexes to the standard, including implementation tips





## Systems Approach

- Traditional approach used to address work disability issues within organizations
  - Assign role of work disability manager to a particular person
    - Within human resources department
    - Within OHS department
  - Some organizations may farm out disability management function
  - Take a reactive role to performance measurement using indicators such as absence days
- **Systems approach** is proactive and considers roles and responsibilities across the organizations
  - Considers **inputs, process, outputs and feedback**
  - Evaluation and improvement on a continual basis





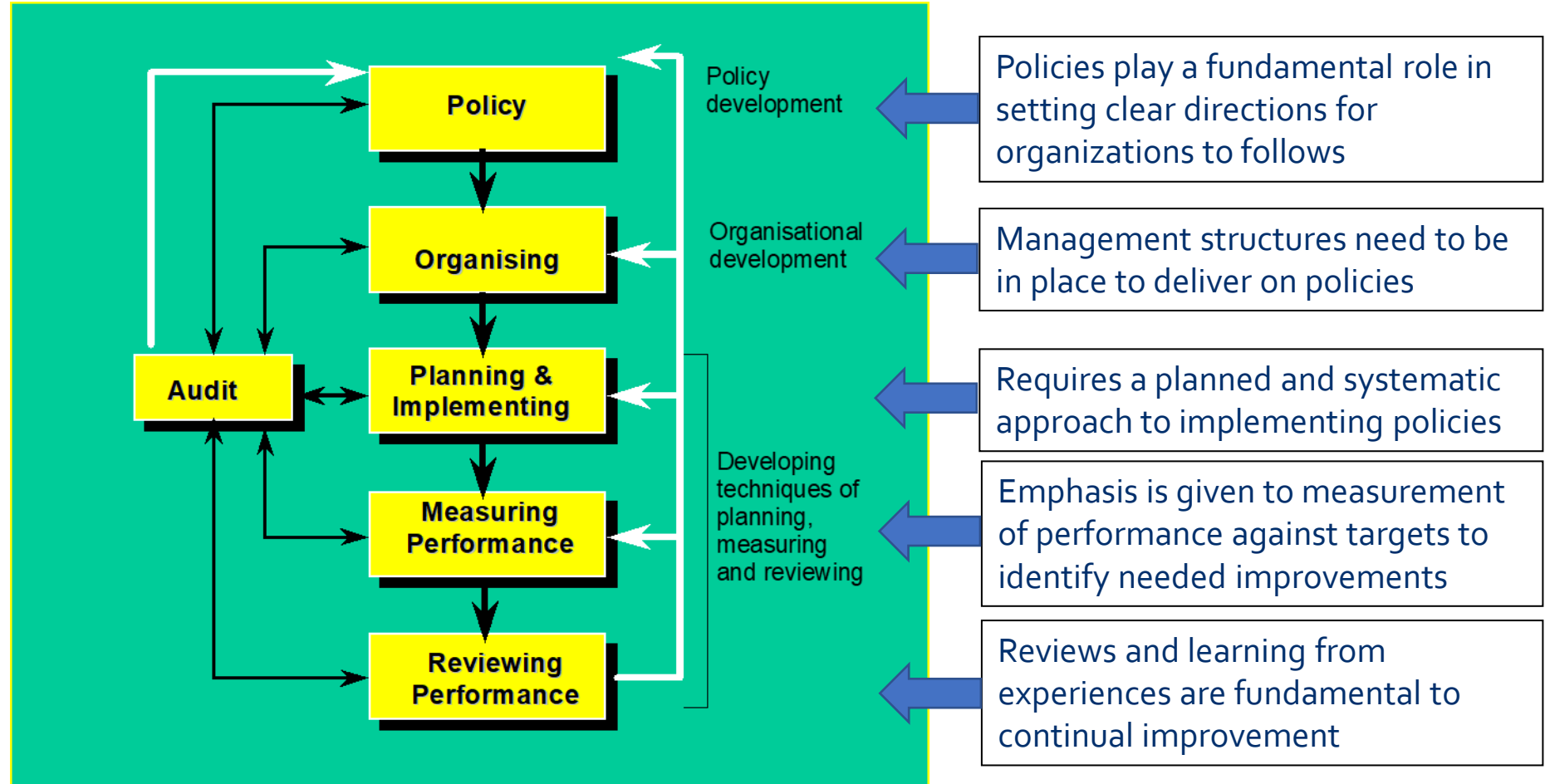
## What is a Management System?

- A formalized framework of policies, processes and procedures used by an organization to meet its objectives
- Documented and tested step-by-step method aimed at smooth functioning through standard practices
- Audits are a vital part of the management system approach
- Ideally, organizations have frameworks in place to address all core aspects of organizational activities including **work disability management (WDM)**
- Systems approach to work disability management ensures clarity, consistency and integration with other organizational activities
- The Standard promotes a proactive approach – addresses health needs of workers before they become disabling – **work disability prevention**





## Management System Model\*



\*Health and Safety Executive Model (HSG65)






# Continual Improvement Cycle

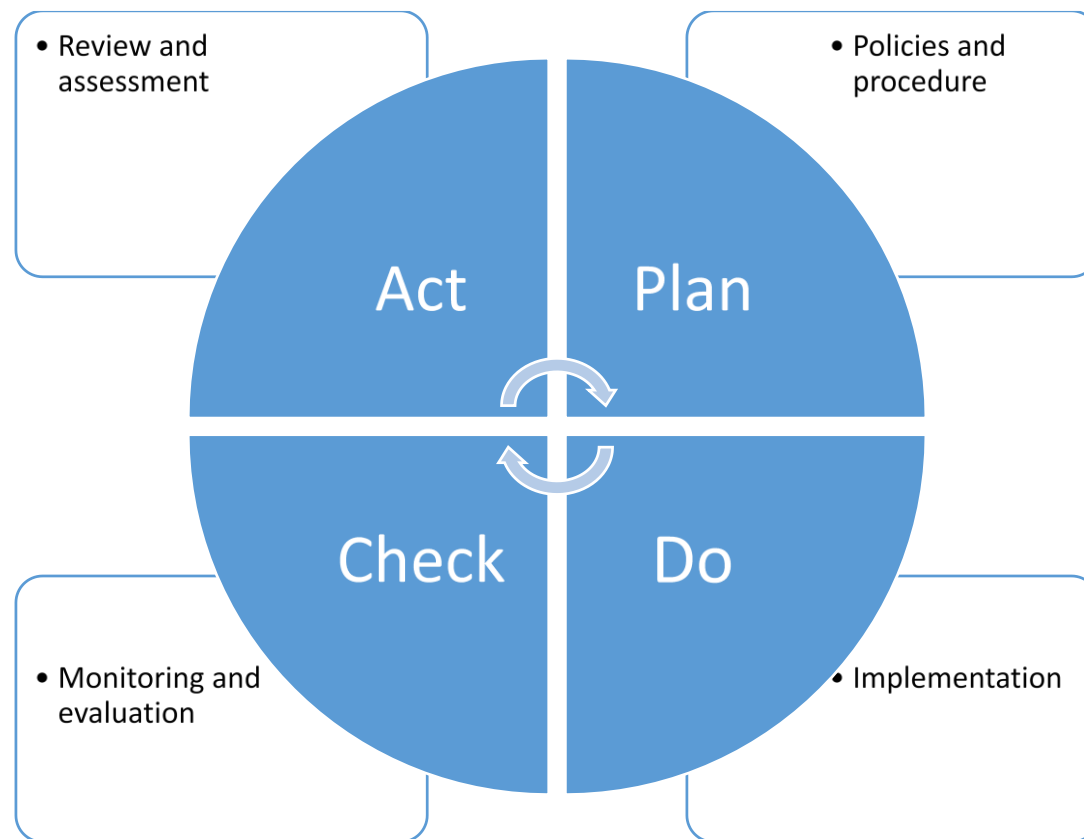
## Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA)

### Continual Improvement Cycle

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1. Plan: Establish improvement objectives
  2. Do: Implement the plan
  3. Check: Monitor and evaluate progress
  4. Act: Review and take action to improve

### Example of review consideration

- Do current recruitment, hiring and onboarding practices provide opportunities for persons with different types of disabilities to access employment opportunities within the organization?
- What policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities, resources and skills need to be in place to ensure inclusive practices?





## Framework for CSA Z1011:20, *Work disability management system*

- The framework is broad to facilitate integration with other organizational activities
- Designed to be integratable with other Canadian/international standards including CSA Z45001:19 *Occupational health and safety management*, *CSA Z1003 Psychological health and safety in the workplace*, ISO 9001 *Quality management*
- Takes a systematic, organization-wide approach
- Emphasizes joint management and integration with other activities and responsibilities
- Uses common language and terminology where possible, drawing on vocabulary of other standards
- *The standard is voluntary and is intended to serve as guidance that specifies best practices about the minimum requirements of the law*





## Six Guiding Principles at the Foundation of this Standard

1. An evidence-informed, data-driven approach that is strategic in nature to ensure sound policies and processes
2. A focus on inclusion and accessibility to promote engagement and belonging
3. Taking a worker-centred, supportive approach that is contextualized and case-by-case
4. Promoting accommodation and early return-to-work that considers the essential duties of the worker's role within the organization
5. Joint responsibility between the organizational management, worker/workforce, and worker representatives (where applicable)
6. Legal compliance (as applicable in the jurisdiction)



# Employment Lifecycle

Disability management framed as a continuum in terms of addressing worker health over their time with the organization. Promotes consideration of worker health needs over the working life course.

Recruitment and Hiring	On-boarding	Continuity and Advancement	Employment Exit
<b>Individual factors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education</li> <li>Community relationships</li> <li>Worker preferences</li> <li>Work experiences</li> <li>Physical ability</li> <li>Cognitive ability</li> <li>Psychological resilience</li> </ul> <b>Job Posting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location and environment</li> <li>Posting means</li> <li>Essential demands</li> </ul> <b>Assets to community</b>	<b>Preparation of job task and design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural socialization</li> <li>Readiness and fitness for work</li> </ul> <b>Review and address barriers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access and egress</li> <li>Ergonomic/functional</li> <li>Cognitive</li> <li>Psychological</li> </ul>	<b>Experience during time with organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual support</li> <li>Change management</li> <li>Time management</li> <li>Stress management</li> <li>Work-life balance</li> <li>Accommodation</li> <li>Injury/illness/disease</li> <li>Ongoing fitness and work performance</li> <li>Episodic absences</li> <li>Leaves of absence</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Career development</li> <li>Continuing education</li> <li>Skills development</li> <li>Job displacement (related to business changes)</li> </ul>	<b>Organizational considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obligations of duty to accommodate</li> <li>Provision of guidance/assistance</li> <li>Assurance of no discrimination</li> </ul>
<b>Organizational Factors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person-job fit</li> <li>Inclusive by design</li> <li>Flexibility of business</li> <li>Organizational culture</li> <li>Work environment</li> </ul>	<b>Selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodation</li> <li>Orientation and training of new workers</li> </ul> <b>Reviewing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit and comfort of job tasks</li> </ul>		<b>Pension</b> <b>Financial support</b>
			<b>Referrals and rehire assistance</b> <b>Vocational support</b>



## Generalizeability

- The Standard is generic and designed to be adaptable to the specific context of an organization
- Applicable to organizations in Canada of any size, private/public, for profit/not for profit, operating in any sector
- **Considers both physical and mental health needs of workers**
- The Standard provide the “what”
- Implementation is the “how” – some implementation tips are provided in an annex



# Contents and Annexes

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3 Definitions and abbreviations

**4 Work disability management system**

**5 Planning**

**6 Implementation**

**7 Performance Monitoring, Evaluation,  
and Continual Improvement**

Core Sections

## Informative Annexes

- Developing a Business Case for WDM System
- Role of Experts
- Management of Confidential Information
- Implementation Tips
- Systemic Barriers and Unconscious Bias
- Using Evidence-informed Methods, Technologies, Resources and procedures
- Benchmarking and Monitoring Progress Using Quantitative and Qualitative Data
- Case Studies on Reasonable Work Accommodation
- Relevant Legislation





# Core Sections of the Standard

## **4 Work Disability Management System**

- Management commitment and leadership
- Responsibilities, accountability, and authority
- Organization's responsibility to an inclusive and accessible workplace
- Work disability management policies
- Work disability management procedures

## **5 Planning**

- Review internal policies, processes, programs, procedures, practices, and resources
- Identify gaps, barriers and opportunities in internal policies, procedures, practices, programs, and resources
- Set objectives, targets, and establish an action plan

## **6 Implementation**

- Implementing the plan with resources available
- Work disability preventative and protective measures
- Accommodation
- Improving organizational culture related to disability
- Training, awareness, and competence
- Managing change

## **7 Performance monitoring, evaluation, and continual improvement**

- Monitor and evaluate the performance of the management system
- Internal audit
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Ensure  
Foundations are  
in Place

***This section emphasizes that involvement of all key stakeholders is essential – everyone plays a role***

- ***Senior management, front line managers/supervisors***
- ***Internal subject matter experts, disability management specialists, healthcare professionals***
- ***Workers and their representatives/unions***

### 7 Perform continual

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## 7 Performance continuation

- Monitoring

**Plan for  
Success**

***This section emphasizes the need for the organization to understand its strengths and identify areas for improvement:***

- *Developing a vision for future*
- *Considering the organization's unique situation and capacity*
- *Engaging all key stakeholders in the process*



## Core Sections of the Standard

***This section emphasizes the importance of a well-thought-out plan to achieve success:***

- *Emphasizes a proactive approach and culture change*
- *Sub-section on accommodating workers with disabilities in recruitment, hiring, and onboarding*
- *Notes importance of promoting an inclusive non-judgmental environment toward workers with disabilities*
- *Notes importance of ensuring workers are not reluctant about reaching out for assistance*

**Make  
Changes**

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***This section emphasizes the importance of performance measurement:***

- *Notes requirement of reviews, audits and continual improvement in recruitment, hiring and onboarding, as well as accommodation*
- *Emphasizes use of both qualitative and quantitative data in the evaluation*
- *Notes importance of addressing deficiencies identified on a timely basis*

**Evaluate  
system**

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## Fireside Chat with Panel Members

### Questions for Consideration

#### 1. Recruitment, Hiring and Onboarding

- i. What are some of the key challenges that organizations have with recruitment, hiring and onboarding of persons with disabilities?
- ii. Are there contexts that are particularly challenging?
- iii. How might organizations use the standard to help overcome these challenges through their management system?

#### 2. Employment Life Cycle

- i. What are some of the key challenges for persons with disabilities in terms of continuity and advancement?
- ii. Are there contexts that are particularly challenging?
- iii. How might organizations use the standard to help overcome these challenges through their management system?

#### 3. Inclusive workplaces?

- i. What would you suggest organizations prioritize to help promote inclusive workplaces?
- ii. How might organizations' size, sector, and other contextual factors bear on priorities?
- iii. Do you have any specific recommendations for small organizations to take into consideration?

#### 4. Do you have any other guidance to provide organizations who are new to the area of recruitment, hiring and onboarding of persons with disabilities?

*We will also take questions from attendees on a continual basis through the chat box*



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## Questions / Discussion



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## Future Webinars

- January 25 (CRWDP), 2021: Continued Conversations on the Employer Perspective
- February 8 (CISWP) & February 22 (CRWDP), 2021: Insurance Provider Perspective
- March 8 (CISWP) & March 22 (CRWDP), 2021: Role of Healthcare and Disability Management Service
- April 5 (CISWP) & April 26 (CRWDP), 2021: Role of Healthcare and Disability Management Service



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