



TMB LETTER – TS/P ON CLUSTERS

Dear ISO Members,

We hope this letter finds you well.

During the 96th TMB Meeting, held on 24–25 June 2026, the TS/P proposal on “*Clusters*”, submitted by SAC, was reviewed and discussed by the TMB due to concerns raised by TMB members and considering the relevance of the subject to ISO/TC 279 “*Innovation management*”.

Noting the comments received during the assessment, the TMB adopted TMB Resolution 69/2026.

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 69/2026

Adopted at the 96th meeting of the Technical Management Board, Madrid, 24-25 June 2026

Review of TS/P proposal on Clusters

The Technical Management Board,

Thanking SAC (China) for its work and proposal,

Noting the concerns shown by the TMB Members,

Disapproves the establishment of a new Technical Committee on *Clusters*, noting the relevance of the subject to ISO/TC 279 *Innovation management*,

Allocates the proposal to ISO/TC 279, contingent on the results of the ISO Members’ consultation to assess the level of engagement and interest in this field of work,

Requests ISO/TC 279 to consider the proposal and determine how the work can be taken forward,

Asks ISO/TC 279 to review and revise its title and scope if required, and submit the finalized versions to the TMB for formal ratification in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives,

Asks ISO/TC 279 to report back to TMB following its next plenary meeting.

Next Steps and further details:

- **ISO Members’ consultation:** As per our usual process, a 12-week ballot will be launched to all ISO Members to assess interest in the proposed area of work and the expected level of engagement.
- **Outcome:** If approved through the ISO Members’ consultation, the proposal will be allocated to ISO/TC 279 Innovation management. ISO/TC 279 will then consider the proposal and determine how the work can be taken forward, including whether its title and scope should be revised.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,
TMB Secretariat