



ANEC is looking for a volunteer to be a consumer representative in CEN TC 415 'Sustainable and Traceable Cocoa' / ISO/TC 34/SC 18 'Cocoa'

ANEC – the European consumer voice in standardisation – represents and defends consumer interests in the processes of European and International standardisation, and related policies and legislation. We represent consumer organisations from the EU Member States and candidate accession countries, and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries. ANEC was established in 1995 as a non-profit making association, funded by the European Union and EFTA. Its Secretariat is based in Brussels.

In order to fulfil its mission to raise standards of protection and welfare for all consumers, ANEC requires representatives who are willing to participate in standardisation on a voluntary basis. The representatives are members of ANEC Working Groups established in its areas of priority.

Although unable to offer a salary or honorarium, we do cover the travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses of our experts, in line with the rules laid down by the European Commission and EFTA Secretariat. Above all, we offer the chance to our experts to influence legislation and technical standards to the benefit of society.

We are looking for a consumer representative with expertise in the area sustainability requirements and verification to represent us in the final steps of the ongoing standardisation work related to sustainable cocoa at the European and International level (CEN TC 415 'Sustainable and Traceable Cocoa' / ISO/TC 34/SC 18 'Cocoa'). It is expected that the work will be carried out mainly by correspondence, with up to two physical meetings per year. At least one of the two meetings is likely to take place outside Europe.

Profile

- Proven technical expertise in in the field of sustainability; in particular regarding products requirements, traceability and verification (ideally with interest in the cocoa supply chain).
- Knowledge of European and international standardisation and an interest in consumer affairs;
- Strong communication and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English as a working language;

- Willing to work on voluntary basis (estimated time of 10 days per year) and to travel (expenses reimbursed);
- No conflict of interest between the role as an ANEC Representative and other responsibilities or work undertaken.

Role

Represent, promote and defend the interests of consumers in the area of sustainability

Draft technical comments for ANEC;

Contribute these comments into Technical Committee meetings (in person or by correspondence);

Report back on meetings to ANEC in a timely manner;

Provide advice on issues in the area to ANEC;

Participate in the ANEC Sustainability meeting (once per year).

Next Steps in the TC

The next meeting of CEN TC 415 and its working groups is due between 26 and 30 June in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

This meeting will also deal with comments sent earlier by ANEC.

A new ANEC representative would need to consider how our input has been taken into account and coordinate with ANEC Secretariat and national consumer representatives on the way ahead.

If further meetings are held in Europe and it is considered feasible by the new Representative, we would surely welcome his/her participation.

The completion of the standards is due by end of 2017.

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If you think you could contribute to our work, please send an up-to-date CV and letter of motivation (in English) to anec@anec.eu.

Deadline for applications is 26 May 2017.