

Base Document Proposal

How produced

The Document

Way forward

How produced (a)

First meeting of UK panel

Members gave brief summary of issues important to them

Agreed to produce list of 'broad brush' issues

Section headings/subheadings

Almost bullet points

Everybody produced their own points

Worked to a deadline a month away

Issue collated

Brian Wichmann, editor of Ada TR

Be inclusive

How produced (b)

Collation of issues circulated

Drill down one level

Everybody write an introductory paragraph for each heading/bullet point

Worked to a deadline

Everybody circulate the paragraphs they wrote for next panel meeting

Second panel meeting

Discussed paragraphs

Reach broad agreement on contents of next collective document

What goes in document?

Started with individual interests

People will work on what they are interested in

The same issue described in different ways

Only discovered as people work through issues

Issue not within our scope

Only discovered as people work through issues

Marketing

Document must be acceptable to others

Driving forces

What are we trying to achieve?

Predictable execution

Rarely got involved with specific language issues

Documents written by people who do the work

Document organization

What are the main headings, subheadings, etc?

This changed more often than anything else
Dramatic changes after every revision

Organization has not converged

Submitted document 'arbitrary' point in time

Tried to follow ISO rules where possible

Document contents

Broad coverage of all applicable areas of interest

General agreement almost from the start

Circled around wording saying closely the same thing

Not always internally consistent

Broad brush approach

Tried to be inclusive

Headings without an introductory paragraph

Ran out of time

Nobody sufficiently interested in writing a paragraph

Where next?

Submit to OWG as Base Document

UK not fixated on relative ordering of headers

Drill down to produce wording at the next level

Lessons learned

Many people new to this kind of work

People often don't know as much about a language as
they think

People say the same thing in different ways

Have to talk through the issue

Everybody has an opinion, few willing to write proposals