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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO/TS 14092:2020, which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- guidance on climate change adaptation has been added in [Annex D](#);
- the information has been updated throughout to reflect the current situation.

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Introduction

Preparing for risks posed by climate change and planning for adaptation at local government and community levels are essential for the safety and security of society, as well as for its economic, environmental and social well-being. Changes in the climate, often reflected by floods, heatwaves, droughts, coastal erosion and other impacts that have been identified across the globe, pose threats to people's lives, property and economic well-being, and to ecosystems. The United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has projected that global warming from past anthropogenic emissions will persist for centuries to millennia and will continue to cause further long-term changes in the climate system such as sea-level rise, with associated impacts.^[25]

This document provides guidance for local governments and communities on how to prepare for such threats and the associated risks. It recognizes that the impacts posed by climate change vary widely from region to region, and directly affect communities' well-being and local governments including the public services they offer, as well as the safety and security of individuals within their jurisdiction. It is the responsibility of local governments and communities to provide leadership in planning and preparing to manage these risks.

This document also describes how to develop an adaptation plan at the local government and community levels. The planning process details why and how to establish an appropriate (well-structured and collaborative) governance structure and the elements of the adaptation planning and implementation processes. These details include establishing a facilitation team, assessing risks and developing an effective plan, and importantly, monitoring the progress of adaptation implementation and evaluating its achievement with the aim of improving the plan. The step-by-step process presented enables the local adaptation plan to be tailored to suit the climatic, environmental and societal conditions in each case. Applying this document will lead to developing a robust, effective adaptation plan that can be implemented, promoting appropriate climate action today and in the future.

The following two standards are important and interrelated to this document:

- ISO 14091 gives guidelines for assessing the risks related to the potential impacts of climate change. It describes how to understand vulnerability and how to develop and implement a sound risk assessment in the context of climate change. It can be used for assessing both present and future climate change risks. Risk assessment in accordance with ISO 14091 provides a basis for climate change adaptation planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation for any organization, regardless of size, type and nature. ISO 14091 should be referred to in order to accommodate various user situations and conditions.
- ISO 14093 establishes an approach and methodology for a country-based mechanism to channel climate finance to subnational authorities to support climate change adaptation and to increase local resilience thereby contributing to the achievement of the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The country-based mechanism uses performance-based climate resilience grants (PBCRGs) which ensure programming and verification of climate change expenditures at the local level, offering strong incentives for performance improvements in enhanced resilience. ISO 14093 provides requirements and guidelines and is applicable to organizations such as national and subnational authorities, donors, companies, financial institutions and international organizations that are involved in implementing a country-based mechanism for channelling climate finance to subnational authorities to support climate change adaptation and resilience. ISO 14093 should be referred to appropriately to manage climate funds, etc.

It is important to note that the climate is changing, and planning and implementing adaptation is a continuous learning and improvement process that requires sustained attention and action. This document is designed to help local governments and communities in taking initial action to create a safe, socially and economically secure and sustainable society that is resilient to the current and future impacts of climate change.

The framework is designed in accordance with ISO 14090:2019. This framework is given in [Figure 1](#).

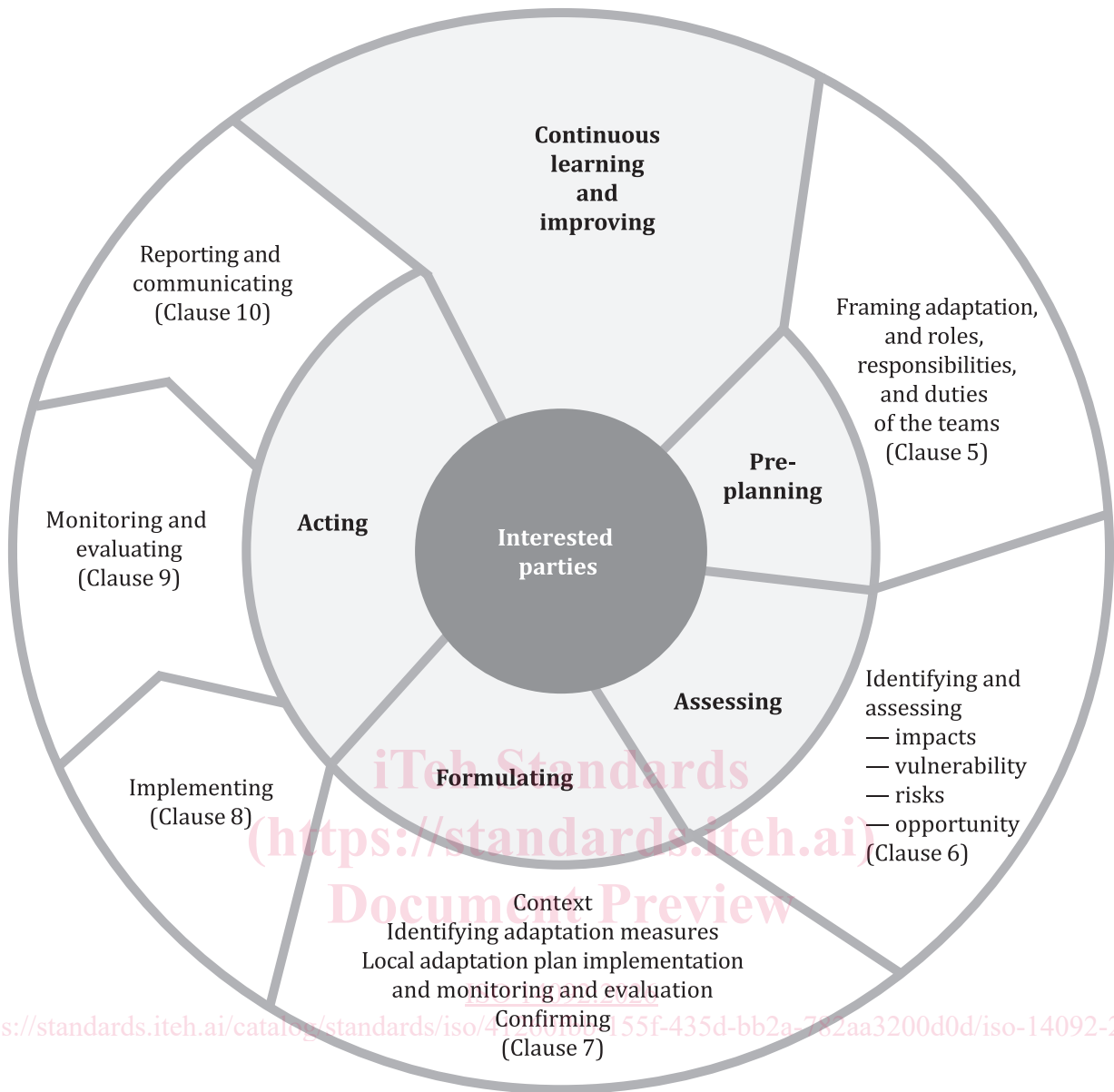


Figure 1 — Logical framework of this document

While the perspective of more vulnerable regions regarding climate change adaptation can be recognized as an important perspective, it has not been incorporated into this document. The local government and community should establish, implement and maintain an adaptation policy with consideration for vulnerable communities, including social and economic aspects in addition to climate risks in the right context.