

# **IQNET SR10 Social Responsibility Certification**

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IQNET SR10 is an international specification, developed by IQNET Association, providing the market a trustworthy and transformative tool to enable integration of social responsibility management into organization's business strategy and to communicate the achievements obtained through certification.

## **SR 10 CERTIFICATION**

The certification is the independent assurance that the social responsibility management system complies with the requirements set forth in the SR 10 standard. The certification scheme is supported by IQNET Association and monitored by IQNet Ltd. As a scheme owner, IQNET Association recognizes only SR 10 certificates which are complying with the established rules and issued by an authorized Representative.



## **The need for Social Responsibility**

An increasing number of organizations is becoming aware of the need to manage the impact of their activities on society and the environment. Their appreciation for the benefits of socially responsible management is leading them to take decisive action and reap the benefits that such a management delivers to their sustainable development.

Escalating demands and increasing pressure are being applied by societal stakeholders, urging organizations to adopt ethical business practices in a systemic and transparent manner. Simply complying to legislative requirements falls short of the greater objective to establish a socially responsible management as part of the organisation's fundamental strategy.

Catering to this growing need, ISO established the largest ever work group whose output was the ISO 26000 standard, as a guide to assist organizations adopt socially responsible practices.

ISO 26000 contains information and recommendations, but it does not contain provisions for determining the minimum requirements of the practical implementation for the social responsibility principles and cannot be certified by organizations that are willing to demonstrate compliance with such principles.

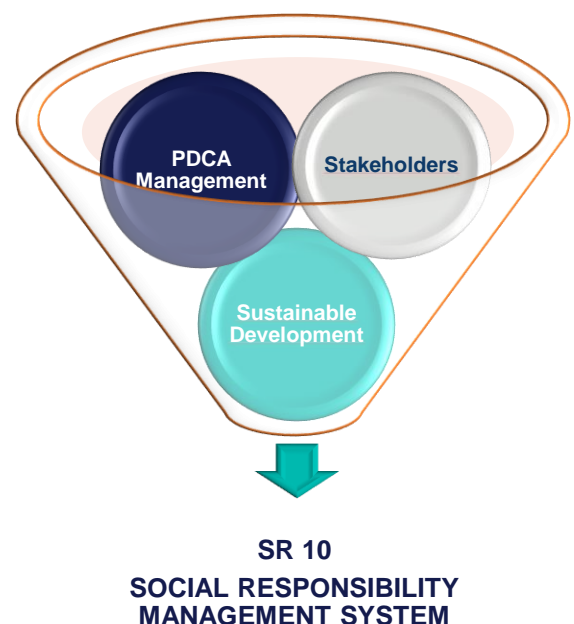
Organisations need models to support them integrating the recommendations, guidelines, and principles of ISO 26000 in their daily business.

IQNET SR 10 is an international specification which aims to integrate social responsibility management into organizations' business strategy and to communicate the achievements obtained through certification.

## **The IQNET SR 10 solution**

IQNET SR 10 is a specification created by IQNET Association, defining the requirements of a social responsibility management system which shall be complied with to satisfy societal stakeholders.

- is a management tool incorporating social responsibility requirements based on the PDCA cycle of continual improvement
- can be applied to all organisations regardless of their size, complexity, or business scope
- addresses all societal stakeholders
- is easily integrated with (and compatible to) other management system based on ISO standards, due to its harmonized structure
- condenses the principles and recommendations of ISO 26000 into a verifiable format and is aligned with relevant UN and ILO Conventions, UN SDGs and ESG standards
- is publicly available at <https://www.iqnet-ltd.com/en/audit---certification/sr10/resource-hub>.



## A PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

By becoming an SR 10 certified organization you are joining the conscious community who approach sustainability as vital not only to their growth but to their future survival.

You make steps towards effectively embedding the ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) factors within your activities.

You bring your own organizational contributions to the UN SDG (Sustainable Development Goals).

### The SR 10 Certification Process

SR 10 certification is deployed by IQNET SR 10 Representative certification bodies.

A list of certification bodies recognized as SR10 Representatives is available at <https://www.iqnet-ltd.com/en/audit---certification/sr10/representative-offices>.

The certification process consists of the following steps:

**Application:** An application is signed, and the certification planning process is initiated.

**Pre-Visit:** This service is optional and can facilitate the subsequent certification process.

**Certification Audit:** Two Stage Process

- **Stage 1** - System readiness review which can identify omissions or opportunities for improvement prior to the Stage 2 audit.
- **Stage 2** - Full system assessment to verify conformance of the management system to the requirements of SR 10.

**Certification Decision:** After the successful completion of the certification process, confirming the compliance of the social responsibility management system implemented with SR 10 requirements, your organization will be granted:

- The SR 10 certificate of compliance for the Social Responsibility Management System, issued by the certifying body (IQNET SR 10 Representative)
- The IQNET Certificate, internationally recognized by leading international certification bodies
- The usage license for the IQNET SR 10 Social Responsibility Management System certification mark of the certifier and for the SR 10 Recognition Mark of IQNet Ltd
- The publication in IQNet Ltd Database of SR 10 certified organizations available at [www.iqnet-ltd.com](http://www.iqnet-ltd.com)

**Surveillance Audits:** Periodic audits are conducted to ensure that the effective implementation of the management system is being maintained.

**Re-Certification Audit:** The certificate is valid for a maximum period of three years and is renewable upon re-certification.

### Benefits of a certified SR 10 management system

#### Leadership and Business Management Benefits

- Positions the organization as socially responsible
- Assists in effectively embedding ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance Factors) in own activities
- Supports own organizational contribution to the UN SDG (Sustainable Development Goals)
- Improves communication and understanding of expectations and needs of all stakeholders
- Promotes a more balanced decision-making process that involves all stakeholders
- Allows integration with management systems based on other standards (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 37001, SA8000, PAS 24000, etc.) and excellence models (EFQM, etc.)
- Improves the organization's risk management practices
- Increases employees' loyalty, involvement, participation, and morale
- Improves workers' health and safety
- Has a positive impact on the capacity to recruit, motivate and retain employees
- Generates innovation

#### Social and Environmental Benefits

- Reduces negative impacts on society and the environment
- Favors the promotion and start-up of SR initiatives and programs
- Stimulates the implementation of actions and initiatives that represent a positive impact on ecosystems and biodiversity

#### Financial and Commercial Benefits

- Improves competitiveness and contributes to accessing funding and relations with investors and partners
- Supports an organization to positively differentiate from the competition
- Strengthens the organization's image with clients, consumers, shareholders, investors, community
- Increases savings associated with enhanced productivity and resource efficiency, decreased energy and water consumption, reduced wastes, and the recovery of valuable by-products
- Prevents or reduces potential conflicts with consumers on products and services

### SERVICES AVAILABLE

Certification

Audit

Training

Capacity Building